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National News

Jordan Says He Only Agreed to Pay \$250K

CHICAGO—Michael Jordan contends in court papers that the woman seeking \$5 million from him agreed to take \$250,000 to keep their relationship quiet once tests determined he did not father her child.

The basketball star is suing Karla Knafel to keep her from collecting on an alleged extortion attempt. Knafel and her lawyer have countered that Jordan agreed to pay \$5 million for her silence so he could protect his image.

In court documents filed Monday, Jordan said Knafel demanded \$5 million—\$1 million immediately and the remainder after paternity testing—while she was pregnant in 1991. After the child's birth, according to Jordan, she and her lawyer agreed to a \$250,000 payment.

"Both Knafel and her original attorney clearly understood that this was the only agreement between them," Jordan's court filing says. It contends she and an attorney each wrote to Jordan spelling out the terms for installments for "the finalization of our agreement."

Knafel's attorney, Michael Hannafin, said she had a "plain, valid and enforceable contract" with the former Chicago Bulls star. Hannafin wants to question Jordan on Jan. 24 when his Washington Wizards are in Chicago to play the Bulls.

Knafel's counterclaim, filed Nov. 19, contends NBA referee Eddie Rush introduced the two over the phone while she was singing at a hotel in Indianapolis. Rush and Jordan were in Indianapolis for the Bulls game against the Pacers.

A sexual relationship began in Chicago in December 1989 and continued into 1991, according to her claim. Jordan had married his wife, Juanita, that September, but called the marriage a "business arrangement" to improve his image, Knafel alleges.

Juanita Jordan filed for divorce last January but later withdrew the case. She and Jordan issued a statement saying they were attempting reconciliation.

Funeral Services Set for Mrs. Ida Marie Davis-Johnson

Funeral Services for Mrs. Ida Marie Davis-Johnson have been set for Friday morning, January 3, 2003, at the New Hope Baptist Church.

Mrs. Davis died here Sunday, December 29, 2002. More on her in next week's issue.

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.

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Deputy City Manager Announces Retirement

Debra B. Forte, Deputy City Manager, announced her retirement to City Manager Bob Cass on Wednesday, effective February 18th. Her last day of work is Jan. 17, 2003, due to her unused vacation days.

Ms. Forte came to the City in 1995 from the City of Euless, where she held the position of Director of Fiscal & Human Resources. Her 25-year career also included municipal positions at McKinney, LaPorte, and Lake

Charles, Louisiana.

In notifying Mr. Cass, she referenced her recent marriage and a desire to be able to spend more time with her family. Ms. Forte said, "I am proud to have had a leadership role in the cost recovery initiatives of the City, the creation of Market Lubbock, Inc., developing the fire certification program, enhancing police facilities and salaries, and new educational programs for both employees and citizens."

City Manager Bob Cass

said, "It is with a mixture of sadness and gratitude that I note Ms. Forte's retirement from the City. Debbie's assistance has been invaluable to me, especially in our cost recovery initiatives. She has made a tremendous impact throughout the organization, and the community. We'll miss her, and wish her well."

Colomer USA Artistic Director Honored with 2002 Multitextural Global Ambassador Award

Pat Grant Williams, Artistic and Technical Director of Colomer USA, is a proud recipient of the prestigious 2002 Multitextural Global Ambassador Award in Chemistry and Multicultural Styling category. Williams, an internationally acclaimed hair designer, received the honors at the Showcase Beauty Show in Baltimore, MD on November 4. She was also a finalist for the Multicultural Hairstylist of the Year.

With more than 20 years in the beauty industry as both a hairstylist and salon owner, Williams, who owns and manages a salon in Silver Spring, MD, was recognized for her contributions in promoting multicultural hairstyling in the beauty industry. The Multitextural Global Ambassador Award is presented annually to beauty professionals who have continuously supported diversity in the beauty profession. Last year's recipients included CEO and co-founder of Paul Mitchell Systems, John Paul DeJoria, and the President and CEO of Sally Beauty Company.

Williams has used her trend-setting expertise in training and educating hundreds of stylists across

the country as artistic and technical director for Colomer USA, makers of African Pride, Creme of Nature, All Ways Natural, Revlon Realistic, Fabulaxer, Lottabody, 911, Ginseng Miracle, HerbaRich and Aroscei hair products. Before joining Colomer, Williams was an educator and platform artist for Revlon, headed education for Johnson Products, and was a consultant for Paul Mitchell.

Williams is president of Innovative Marketing of Independent Jobbers (IMIJ) Agency, a non-profit organization that mentors beauty artists to become stylists to the stars. She is founder and editor of "Patz Hair and Beauty Newsletter" and also serves on the Board of Examiners for the State of Maryland's Cosmetology Board.

Williams' accomplishments as an award-winning stylist are extensive. She was chosen by Mirabella magazine as one of the "Top 1000 Women of the Nineties," won the Grand Prize in Aveda's styling competition, was a winner of the Cofeur De Le Mondial in Paris, "on the Claitor hair color's "Total Look" competition, and The Black Hair Olympics competition.



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Heavenly Country Returns to the Cactus Theatre

Lubbock - Heavenly Country, the popular musical comedy written by Phil Price, returns to the Cactus Theater during the month of January. The play will run every Friday and Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. from January 10 through February 1.

Heavenly Country is the story of a New York Arts Critic who dies and goes to Heaven, only its Country Music Heaven and he is in "Hell!" The music includes songs made famous by country music legends including Hank Williams, Lefty Frizzell, Kitty Wells, Ernest Tubb, Hank Thompson, Patsy Cline, George

Jones and others.

Heavenly Country experienced sold-out performances during its debut in June 2001 as well as during its return to the Cactus for the entire month of January 2002. It has matched box office records for other popular Cactus shows such as Always, Patsy Cline and Buddy.

The play's original cast returns to headline the show. It stars many of the Cactus' favorite actors and singers and is a music and comedy romp that proves one man's heaven is another man's hell. The stars are Mike Morgan as William Pierpoint III, Kenny Maines as

Saint Peter, Jane Prince Jones as Honey Bee Sue Ann, Kurt Kiser as Bubba, David Gutierrez as Harley the Trucker, and Lance May as Jimmie Rodgers the Father of Country Music.

"The cast of Heavenly Country seems to have been Heaven sent," Price said. "They are perfect for the roles and Don Caldwell's arrangements of the two dozen classic songs come across as fresh as the morning's sunrise."

Tickets for the show are \$20. For more information or to make reservations, contact the Cactus Theater box office at (806) 762-3233.

Patricia Ann Robinson Receives Bachelor of Science Degree from UT

Patricia Ann Robinson, a 1998 graduate of Lubbock High School, received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Texas at Austin, Texas in the School of Social Work, on December 7, 2002, at the Hogg Memorial Auditorium.

She is the daughter of Michael E. Robinson of Lubbock and Betty J. Hartman of Houston, Texas.

While attending the university she worked at Austin-Safe Places and did and did her internship with Communities in Schools-Central Texas, Inc.

Ms. Robinson is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Omicron Theta Chapter.

Those who were in attendance were her aunt and mentor, Edith Quinney; grandmother, Thelma Robinson; Mary Newton, aunt; Michelle Robinson Marin, sister, and Logan Michael Motin, nephew.



Natasha Nicole Lampkin Receives BS Degree from UTA

Natasha Nicole Lampkin received her Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems in the College of Business Administration at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Ms. Lampkin received her degree in ceremonies on Sunday afternoon, December 15, 2002.

She is the daughter of Robert and France Lampkin of Arlington, Texas, and the granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Scott, Sr. of Lubbock.



United States Marine Corps Participation in the 2002 Bayou Classic was a Moving Experience

Mothers of American Military Serviceman and Women Honored Local Hero

The United States Marine Corps honored mothers of young men and women on active duty in the United States Armed Forces at the recent State Farm Bayou Classic in New Orleans. Recognizing mothers of United States servicemen was an idea conceived after the nation struggled with the aftermath of the Pearl Harbor, Mothers banded together to provide services in support of men and women fighting in defense of the country. Today, mothers across America are being acknowledged and celebrated for their courage, devotion and support

of uniformed sons and daughters. The United States Marine Corps honored Mrs. Diane Ross of Louisiana with the nation's Blue Star Mothers banner. Her son Lance Cor, oral Isaiah Ross who attended Grambling University, was alongside her at the ceremony presided over by Marine Corps representatives Brigadier General Ronald S. Coleman and local district Commanding Officer James D. Christmas.

Additionally from the Bayou Classic, local Marine Sergeant Job Armenta was honored with the

prestigious Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his heroism in rescuing a three-year old girl from a fire at a Baton Rouge duplex this past April 16th. The young sergeant who was serving at the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at Southern University at the time, unselfishly broke into a window of a burning duplex. Despite his own injuries, he courageously came to the rescue of young "Little Addy" Watson whom he carried to safety.

Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

New Year's Fashion Resolutions

THE NEW YEAR is just around the corner, and with the entrance of two thousand and three, one should start thinking about certain things differently, for the better.

Regarding fashion, I asked a few people to share with me their NEW YEAR FASHION RESOLUTIONS. THESE ARE THEIR WORDS.....

- SHANISS BOLTON... I'm going to work on controlling my impulsive buying.
- JOYCE ARCHER... With every outfit I have on, I'm going to have matching shoes and hand bag.
- VHCY FIFER... This year I'm going to buy more, more, more

-ALICE PINKARD... Since I am in the fashion business, I'm going to sell more, so I can buy more.

-NITA WRIGHT... Ladies I'm going to wear more red lipstick, HOT TAMALES, to be exact.

-MAVIS SMITH... Create a fashion budget, because I always over spend, when it come to clothes.

-SHIRLEY ROBERSON... I will continue to shop until I drop, but I'll always shop smart.

WHAT'S YOUR FASHION RESOLUTION ?

NEXT Issue... CAPS HAPPY NEW YEAR! Tip... Always wear a smile Fashion... Just for the fun of it



Army & Air Force Hometown News

Air Force Senior Airman Michael R. Amado has graduated from Airman Leadership School at Cannon Air Force Base, Clevis, N.M.

During the five-week course, airmen are trained to understand their positions in the Air Force organizational structure, leadership, communication skills, and professional of arms, which are needed for professional development to be effective noncommissioned officers.

The course is designed to prepare a better equipped airmen to serve as supervisors, managers and rating officials as they progress in their enlisted military careers. The school is the first of three levels of professional military education programs used to develop and cultivate leadership and supervisory skills, and is a required course for airmen to complete prior to being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

Amado is an aircraft armament systems journeyman assigned to Cannon.

He is the son of Rex and Bonnie Amado of N. Hazeldine Road, Casa Grande, Ariz.

His wife, Yvonne, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Salinas of N. Avenue L, Lubbock, Texas.

The senior airman graduated in 1996 from Casa Grande Union High School, and received an associate degree in 1998 from Central Arizona College, Casa Grande.

Air Force Airman Dionne M. Crenno 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 at ceremonial 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. She is the daughter of Viola C. Ramirez of Ninth St., Lubbock, Texas.

Crenno is a 2000 graduate of Lubbock High School.

Air Force Airman Zachary A. Lundberg has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six week 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 Vince and Karen Lundberg of County Road 7650, Lubbock, Texas.

Lundberg is a 2002 graduate of South Plains Academy, Lubbock.

Army Pvt. Donnie R. Deriman has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, physical fitness, basic first aid, and Army history, tradition and core values, and special training in human relations.

He is the son of B.W. and Lisa Dorman of 41st St., Lubbock, Texas.

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

Army National Guard Pvt. Lucas R. Ashmore has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions.

Ashmore is the son of Sharla Brake of 83rd St., Lubbock, Texas, and Ronny Ashmore of N. Mockingbird Lane, Abilene, Texas.

He is a 1998 graduate of Frenship High School, Wolforth, Texas.

Army Pvt. Casey C. Turbeville has graduated from the AH-64 attack helicopter repairer advanced individual training course at Fort Kustis, Newport News, Va.

Soldiers were trained to remove and install aircraft subsystems assemblies such as engines, rotor gearboxes, transmissions, mechanical flight controls and their components; service and lubricate aircraft and subsystems, prepare aircraft for inspections and assist in performing special inspections. Perform limited maintenance operational checks and assist in diagnosing and troubleshooting aircraft subsystems using special tools and equipment as required; use and perform operator maintenance on tools and equipment. Prepare forms and records related to aircraft maintenance and perform air crewmember duties as required.

He is the son of Pamela J. Herndon of W- 80th Ave., Arvada, Colo., and the brother of Cody Herndon of 81st St., Lubbock, Texas.



JAY'S CORNER

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2012 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care" and Pastor Billy R. Moton is pastor. Our doors are always open for those of you who are looking for a church home. Come and be a part of our congregation, you will be glad you chose to do so. May God continue to bless each of you in this New Year! God is able.

Services began the last Sunday of the year in 2002 with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m. with all teachers 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 for review of the morning lesson. Prayer was also given.

The morning devotion was conducted by Sister C. Quigley and Sister Annie Mae McBride, with the assistance of the Praise Team. What a time in the Lord!

The New Hope Choir marched in the morning processional singing out of their hearts and souls. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Cheryl Sellers. After the singing of a selection, the morning scripture was read by Sister Mattie Beaty. Sister Lottie Barrow gave the morning prayer. There was another selection by the New Hope Choir. The responsive reading was done with congregation standing and led by Sister Lottie Barrow. The morning hymn was "Am On The Battlefield For My Lord." What a time in the Lord!

Pastor Moton gave his final pastoral observations for the year. He always has something positive to tell the congregation. We wish you the very best in the year of 2003, Pastor Moton. May God continue to bless you and your family.

After the singing of another selection by the New Hope Choir, Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Jesus Is The Pass Word To Power." His scripture text was Matthew 28:18. It was a very fine sermon.

After the invitation to discipleship was extended, Sister F. Stokley read the morning announcements. Sister E. Dyer welcomed all visitors to the services.

A special Officers Training Workshop will be held January 14 through 16, 2003 from 7:00 p. m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Antioch Baptist Church in Hit Houston, Texas, Rev. Nathan Johnson is pastor.

This week's special prayer requests are from the following: Sister Rosie Reddic, Brother Raymond Stovall, who has been released from the hospital and father Sister Dorothy Stovall; Sister Marion Alien, Sister Margie Runnels and Sister Dorothy Diamond.

For our bereaved families: "Blessed are the dead; which die in the Lord from henceforth; year saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Revelations 14:13.

If you are unable to attend church services then tune in to the New Hope Baptist Church, morning services on KJAK, 92.7 FM on Sunday morning, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Young people of the Patterson family—Avis Elise Williams, T. J. and Zaireus, have returned to their various residences. They were here for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Patterson.

May each of you have a Happy New Year! God is able and all things are possible if you put your trust in the Lord. Let's hold our heads up in 2003, because God is not through with us yet!

Happy New Year!

It's The A-J's Make Kids Count

\$10,000 Scholarship Giveaway For Ages Newborn - 3-Year-Olds

In 2003, The Avalanche-Journal and its Make Kids Count partners will again hold our one each quarter \$10,000 scholarship giveaway! Children of all ages will be able to participate during the course of this year. The first giveaway is open to newborns to 3-year-olds.

After using the coupon below, follow all the rules and get your entry to us by Jan. 3, 2003. This contest is open to children born between Jan. 1, 2000 and Jan. 3, 2003.

Give your child a chance to win a \$10,000 savings bond for college!

SCHOLARSHIP GIVEAWAY RULES

- The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, as part of its Make Kids Count project, will provide a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond to the winning child who meets all eligibility requirements listed below.
- The contest is open to all children born between January 1, 2000, and January 3, 2003, to parents (or parent) who are U.S. citizens and residents of The Avalanche-Journal's home newspaper delivery area, which includes 36 counties in West Texas and five counties in Eastern New Mexico.
- Employees of The A-J and Morris Communications Corporation and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.
- No purchase is necessary.
- Official entry forms will appear regularly in the Avalanche-Journal through Jan. 1, 2003, or can be obtained at The A-J Information Center, 710 Ave. I, Lubbock, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- A copy of a legal birth certificate and a reproducible photograph of the child must accompany each entry form. Also, entry forms must be completed in their entirety. Only one entry per baby will be accepted.
- Deadline for entry is 2 p.m. Friday, January 3. Entries received after January 3 will not be accepted. Entries can be mailed to MAKE KIDS COUNT SCHOLARSHIP GIVEAWAY, P.O. Box 491, Lubbock 79408, or dropped off at The A-J Information Center.
- All contestants agree to allow their names, pertinent birth information and photographs to be published in The Avalanche-Journal without further compensation.
- The Avalanche-Journal is not responsible for submitted entries that are forwarded, late, lost, undelivered, damaged, illegible, incomplete or postage due.
- Contest winner will be determined through a series of random drawings. From the total number of entries, 64 names will be drawn as finalists. These 64 names will be published (32, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1) weekly, all the way to an announcement on Tuesday Feb. 25, 2003.
- In addition to the \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond awarded to the winner, The A-J will present a \$5,000 Savings Bond to the runner-up; \$1,000 Savings Bonds to the other two quarter-finalists; \$500 Savings Bonds to the other four entries who make the round of eight; and \$100 Savings Bonds to the other eight entries who make the round of 16. All Savings Bonds will be issued in the names of the winning children after conclusion of the contest.
- The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal may adopt or amend rules and regulations governing the procedures for claiming, dispersing and supervising the awards.
- By entering, each contestant or their representative, acknowledges acceptance of the rules and agrees to be bound to them.
- Decisions of the contest organizers are final.

Child's Name _____ Parents Name _____

Parents Signature _____

Child's Date Of Birth _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Home phone _____

Grandparents Name _____

Grandparents Name _____

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S PICTURE AND A COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE! If you would like the photo returned, include a self-addressed stamped envelope. All other photos will be thrown away.

Mail to: Scholarship Giveaway Age: Newborn - 3-Year-Olds Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, P.O. Box 491, Lubbock 79408

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WE CAN SEE THE SIGNS OF CHRIST RETURN, THEY'RE ALL AROUND: THERE IS NOT A PROPHECY IN SCRIPTURE IN THE BIBLE IT CAN BE FOUND!! MATTHEW 24:34 JESUS SAID, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, THIS GENERATION SHALL NOT PASS, TILL ALL THESE THINGS BE FULFILLED. HEAVEN AND EARTH SHALL PASS AWAY, BUT MY WORDS SHALL NOT PASS AWAY. WE HAVE THE FATHER KISSING THEIR CHILDREN, AND CHILDREN THE SAME. WE'VE LOST THE FAMILY'S LOVE, THE WHOLE WORLD IS INSANE!!! MATTHEW 24:12,13, JESUS SAID, AND BECAUSE INIQUITY SHALL ABOUND, THERE WILL BE MANY WHO WILL FALL AWAY, BUT HE THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTO THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED. THE PEOPLE HAVE LEFT THE TEMPLES AND WORSHIP GOD: THEY WON'T COME OUT FOR FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, AND BASKETBALL, IT DEWAS THE THOUSANDS!!! 2 TIMOTHY 3:4,5, LOVERS OF THEMSELVES MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD; HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS, BUT DENYING THE POWER THEREOF: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY.

***** WILL SPORTS ROB GOD? ***** ALL THE WORLD IS SICK, AND THE DRUGS DON'T MAKE THEM OK. IT TIME TO TAKE IN JESUS, BEFORE YOUR WORLD IT WILL DECAY!!! ISAIAH 2:5,6, THE LORD SAID, WHY SHOULD YE BE SCRICKEN ANY MORE? YE WILL REVOILT MORE AND MORE, THE WHOLE HEAD IS SICK, AND THE WHOLE HEART IS ENTICED FROM THE SOLE OF THE FOOT EVEN UNTO THE HEAD, THERE IS NO SOUNDNESS IN IT. THE DIVORCE COURTS ARE FULL, THE FAMILY PERSON LOVE'S ONLY ONE, WON'T GIVE IN TO SAVE THE FAMILY, THAT PERSON LOVES MONEY. 2 TIMOTHY 3:2, THIS KNOW ALSO, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME, FOR MEN (AND WOMEN) SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES. (AMERICA IS IN THE MIND OF DEGENERATES, EVERYONE IS GOING THE WRONG WAY! THEY SAY WE'RE FREE TO DO AS WE PLEASE, THE DRUGS, THE MURDER, THE YOUNG OLD, THE DRUG DEALERS, THE SICK SEX ON TV, STREET KILLING ARE A ALL TIME HIGH. MEN ARE NOW SAYING: THE WAY OUT IS SUICIDE!!!) DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT BY? IT TIME TO COME TO JESUS. HE DIED FOR ALL OUR SINS, NOW IS A GOOD TIME AND A REASON!!! REVELATION 1:8, JESUS SAID, I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE ENDING, SAITH THE LORD, WHICH IS, AND WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME, THE ALMIGHTY. GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET, SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITER BY EVANGELIST BILLY B. MORRISON, IF YOUR BROTHER IS CHRIST JESUS.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Senator Lott: A Wake-up Call to Black America"

The political fall of Senator Trent Lott should not be looked on as an accomplishment for people of color and especially black males. The events surrounding the ridding of Senator Lott from power should be of grave concern to Black America. How could the United States Senators of both Democratic and Republican parties be unaware of the political polymorphous perversity of one of their own so-called elite?

The negative inward beliefs and political action toward Blacks executed by Senator Lott and sanction by the silence of the United States Senate says something about the character of what is supposed to be the most elite political body in the world. I suppose it is true: "You can't make a race horse out of a jackass." I was always taught that if the President of the United States was a bonehead and the House of Representatives who usually lived up to their usual political repressive behavior the United States Senate with their level head would counteract the two. I was somewhat dismayed with the Senate in how they handled former President Clinton. But the political scheme that the GOP has concocted on the pretense of inclusiveness and what they have allowed to happen under the cover of "politi-

cal darkness" against a riot of people different from them in color and physical features are an abomination to God who made humankind. There is not a Black United States Senator in this "lily white" social club.

What bear watching is the new GOP senate leader who has been picked from a group of men whose records are the same or worst than Senator Lott's. Senator Lott was given a public repudiation by President Bush (and rightly so) that was followed by his silence on what Lott had said, led to Lott's political leadership demise. However, waiting in the wings with political ambition were Lott's so-called friends that share his views but wanted his power.

What really disturbing is this political ploy and play will be used to attract minorities and so-called minorities to both Democratic and Republican Parties, but more intently to the GOP. The Republican Party is said to be seeking new ways to win support among constituencies with different agendas. The GOP goal is to seek working women and Hispanics and immigrants (I wonder does this includes Britian) into the Party. The Republican Party knows that they can depend on its overwhelmingly white and heavily male coalition but both Democratic and Republican Parties know they need Black voters to keep them in power. Most

Hispanics who recently have been identified as a minority group and for the most part, ethnically belong to the Caucasian group, can go either way or whatever wind is in their favor.

The reports are that civil rights leaders and black politicians as well a great number of other Blacks, did not celebrate the fall of Senator Lott but are looking to broaden their attacks on the Republican Party. While acting in solidarity, the NAACP, the Congressional Black Caucus, the Leadership Conference on Civil Right and other group acted by telephone calls, faxes and e-mail said Senator Lott resignation from his leadership post might have changed the Republican Party face, but not its soul. They want to "see" a change in Congress that goes beyond a shift in the current Senate Republican leadership."

While I agree with these civil

rights leaders, I do not believe that an attack "only" on the Republican Party is right. These leaders need to examine and search the soul of the Democratic Party including the racist and its Black leadership. Sometimes Blacks who have "made it," so to speak, forget their brothers and sisters who are still struggling. Two wrongs do not make a right. I can't help but remember that white male on a major television program having the guts to say nationally "As Americans (white, black, brown, yellow), 'United we stand, divided we fall.'"

White Americans of all persuasions need to understand that Black Americamare not going anywhere! This is our country and we will fight to defend our place on American soil. Black Americans need to wake up to the fact that we must become political and financial sound.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

If you work in every office in the House of God. If you treat all men with respect, help the poor, pray three times a day and intercede for others. If you have made up your New Year's Resolutions and walk in faith. Also a strong believer, all this means nothing. Its the object of your faith which really counts, and the object in Jesus. Have faith in God. Mark 11:22.

There's power in the name of Jesus. This year, please don't use this name casually. It has the power to change you in one split second, to deliver you from all problems. Leave your problems in 2002 by just having faith in God. Just say from the heart: "Oh, how we love to call your name Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!"

Are you hurting?? Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Oh, precious Jesus. How do you feel now?

Remember, make Jesus the object of your faith. Not your problem. Have a blessed New Year!

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut in as well as those bereaved family members. God is able.

Don't forget your drive by prayers as you go to and from your daily duties in the New Year. Your prayers are so precious and do it by calling on Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!

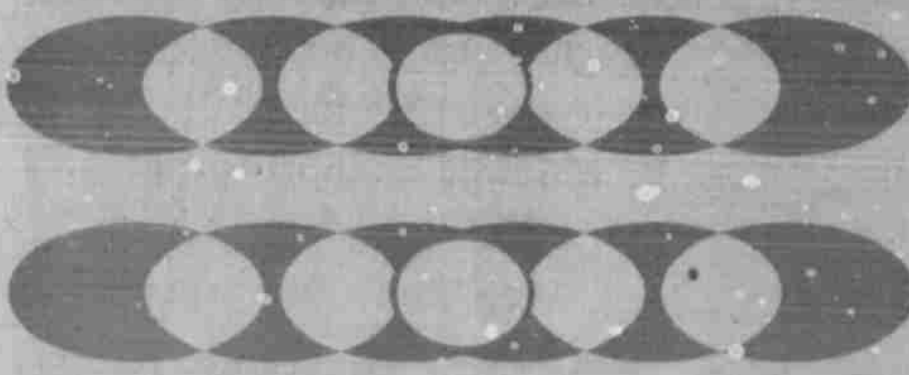
The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, January 4, 2003, in the home of Sister Christene Burleson, 2407 East 9th Street, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come and be with us with our first meeting of the New Year. Come and be with us.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Joyce Ross, secretary.

Return Mrs. Ora Jean Key's Book of Poems

Mrs. Ora Jean Keys advised the Southwest Digest last week she loaned her Paul Lawrence Dunbar Book of Poems to someone unknown last summer. She can't recall who the individual was who received the book.

If you have any idea who could have her Paul Lawrence Dunbar Book of Poems, please call her at (806)-744-0849.



Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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

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

"God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Man Our Brother"
Pastor: Danny R. Poe

I KNOW I'M SOMEBODY

cause God don't make no junk!!

May God Bless Us All!

Happy New Year!

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can do only a little. Do what you can. --Sydney Smith

In Remembrance...



Tony Adams

Funeral services for Tony Lee Robinson Adams were held last Saturday morning, December 21, 2002, at Greater St. James Baptist Church with Pastor E. L. Harris officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Mr. Adams died Tuesday, December 17, 2002.

He was born March 24, 1967, in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated from Dunbar High School and worked at Rainbow Foods.

He is survived by his parents, Terry and Patricia Adams of Lubbock, Texas; three sisters: Tina Adams, Mason of Dallas, Texas; and Tisha Adams and Tracie Adams; both of Lubbock, Texas.



Bobby Giddings

Slaton, Texas — Funeral services were held for Bobby Lee Giddings last Monday afternoon, December 23, 2002, at Ivory Street Church of Christ with Leander Johnson officiating.

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

Mr. Giddings died Wednesday, December 18, 2002.

He was born August 15, 1951, in Merkel, Texas. He moved to Slaton, Texas two years ago from Point Blank, Texas. He had attended public school in Denver, Colorado and served in the U. S. Navy from July 1969 to June 1971.

He is survived by a brother, Billy Ray Giddings of Abilene, Texas.



Larry McBrewer, Jr.

Funeral services for Larry McBrewer, Jr. were held last Saturday afternoon, December 28, 2002, at Hope Deliverance Temple Church of God in Christ with Elder Charles Tanner, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. McBrewer died Monday, December 23, 2002.

He was born March 22, 1978, in Lubbock, Texas. He was an honor roll student at Estacado High School, where he graduated in 1996. He participated in football, track, and soccer.

He is survived by his parents, Pearl Lee and Larry McBrewer of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Trina Sheppard of Lubbock, Texas; three sons: LaShundrick and Keandre, both of Lubbock, Texas, and Tamarique of San Antonio, Texas; and his grandparents, Hallie Sheppard and Mary Woodruff, both of Lubbock, Texas.



Lillian Mills

Funeral services for Lillian B. Mills were held at the Agape Temple Church of God in Christ on Monday morning, December 23, 2002, with Bishop W. H. Watson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She died Friday, December 20, 2002.

She was born November 30, 1907, in Henderson, Texas. She was a retired schoolteacher from Rusk County, Texas. She lived in Clarksville, Texas until 1993, when she moved to Lubbock.

She is survived by a sister, Velma Lemons of McDonald, Georgia; and a brother, Mascolo Montgomery of Wichita Falls, Texas.



Michael Earnest Roberts

FORMER LUBBOCK RESIDENT SUCCUMBS IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
MICHAEL EARNEST ROBERTS

Tacoma, Washington — Funeral services were held for Michael Earnest Roberts on Monday morning, December 23, 2002, at Alien Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Tacoma.

Burial arrangements were under the direction of Mountain View Funeral Home of Tacoma.

Mr. Roberts died Monday, December 16, 2002.

He was born July 25, 1951, in Austin, Texas. He moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1952 and attended Wheatley Elementary School and Dunbar Junior and Senior High Schools. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi Valley State University, and a master of education in administration from Western Washington University.

Mr. Roberts began his teaching career as band director of Estacado High School in 1988. He moved to Tacoma where he became the band director and later, assistant principal of Jason Lee Middle School. He also served as assistant principal at Stewart and Hunt ME

Middle Schools, and band at Melivaigh Middle School.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela Roberts; a son, Michael Roberts, II; four daughters: Karecia Miller, Kimberly Barnes, Ardeea Simmons and Brittany Simmons; his mother, Harvey Esther Roberts; three brothers: Ramon Roberts, Joey Roberts, and Phil Lillich; a sister, Roylea Gossett; and three grandchildren.

Christmas Tree Recycling Campaign

The Solid Waste Services department is announcing its Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to reduce the amount of waste taken to the landfill and to provide beneficial reuse of the discarded fresh-cut evergreen Christmas trees.

Christmas trees should not be placed in dumpsters or in alleys. Roll-off containers (30 - 40 cubic yard open top) will be placed at the Recycling Drop-off Centers and Holland Gardens for the placement of the fresh-cut evergreen Christmas trees.

Residents are encouraged to take their trees to one of the 4 Christmas tree drop-off locations located throughout Lubbock.

Dates and Locations of drop-off sites:
December 26, 2002 through January 7, 2003.
Southside Recycling Drop-off Center, 1631 84th
Northside Recycling Drop-off Center, 208 Municipal Drive
Elmwood Recycling Drop-off Center, 2002 Elmwood
Holland Gardens, 3739 50th Street

During December 26 through January 7, the Recycling Drop-off Centers will accept the trees 24 hours a day. The roll-off containers will be placed outside the gates for access and convenience.

Please remove plastic coverings, all decorations, and bases or tree stands from trees before taking them to the Christmas tree drop-off locations. Those items should be placed in the garbage dumpsters for proper disposal.

In addition, for citizens needing assistance with tree removal, Keep Lubbock Beautiful and local Boy Scouts will offer to pick up your tree on Saturday, December 28 and Saturday, January 4. Please call 775-2293 before 5 p.m. on Friday to schedule this service. Donations will be accepted.

**Strength for Today
hope for Tomorrow**
by Gerald Jackson

Question: Is Jesus God?

Answer: I am amazed at the times this question is asked by Christians who have been in the faith for some time. The answer to this question is basic to one's salvation.

Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men." (Philippians 2:5-7) Jesus did not take anything from God by declaring Himself equal with God.

Thirdly, Jesus proclaimed Himself to be God.

When the Jews questioned Jesus about His lineage the Lord proclaimed Himself to be God. When the Jews claimed Abraham as their father Jesus replied, "Your father

Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." The Jews there said to Him, "You are not fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am. Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple." (John 8:56-59)

Consider the ultimate proof. They crucified Jesus because He said He was God. The Jews were trying to trap Him and also trying to bring false testimony against Him. They said to Him, "If you are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask a question, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." And they said, "Are you the son of God, then?"

And He said to them, "Yes I am." And they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth." (Luke 22:67-71) He was crucified for claiming to be equal with God and so He is.

Finally, Jesus says, "for unless you believe that I am He you shall die in your sins." (John 8:24) Jesus is God. He is not a created being. He is not an angel. He is not mortal man. He is the God of the universe who came to live among us as a man so we could understand who God is (John 1:18). This truth gives us strength for today and hope for tomorrow.



PARKWAY DRIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The theme in the gospel of Matthew is Jesus the Messianic King. The gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus as a servant. In the book of Luke we see the humanity of Jesus. In the gospel of John the theme of his writing is the deity of Jesus. In these four gospels we see Jesus as King and servant; man and God. In the gospel of John Jesus will answer this question for us.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In John 1:1 we have the first declaration that Jesus is God. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The word used here for "with" means face to face. Jesus then stands face to face with God. The purpose is to show equality with God.

Secondly, Paul makes a similar declaration about Jesus in Philippians. "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied

Throughout the month of January, Christmas trees will be accepted at all City of Lubbock Recycling Drop-off Centers.

The Centers are open:
Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The 2001 Christmas Tree Recycling Campaign resulted in the collection and reuse of

approximately 32 tons of fresh-cut Christmas trees. Trees are ground into mulch, which is available to City residents at the Recycling Drop-off Centers.

For more information on this program or for additional year-round recycling opportunities, please call the Solid Waste Services department, 775-2482.

To advertise your business in the Southwest Digest, call 762-3612!

FREE Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Program

Is your home well protected? Even if you have detectors, do you have enough for the size of your house and are they well-functioning?

The Lubbock Fire Department has FREE smoke and carbon monoxide detectors available to Lubbock homeowners. Currently, detectors are being provided to homes in specified areas of town, but your area may be next. To see if you qualify, call Captain Marlin Hamilton at

775-2642

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- Participants receive 8 free visits to the LifeStyle Centre, which include sessions with a personal trainer.

For program enrollment, call: (806) 725-5460
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Covenant Center for Outpatient Diabetes Education

In addition to our program, we also have a **Monthly Support Group** MONDAY, JANUARY 13 5:30 p.m. "Jump Start the New Year." Presented by Kelli Paschall, M.S., RD, LD, CDE, Dietician

Knitting Education/Conference Center (atop Covenant Medical Center's West Parking Garage, 21st Street & Louisville Ave.)

No reservation required. Free to the public.

COOKING CORNER

Give Breakfast a Wake-up Call This Morning

(NAPS)-At the start of another busy year, it may be time to rethink breakfast. There's no doubt, breakfast is an important meal for both kids and adults (it supplies energy to start your day and may help you concentrate so you can be more productive), but often there's not enough time in the morning to sit down and eat at the table.

If you're looking for some food ideas you and your family can take on the run, Kraft Kitchen's Andrea MacAlpine recommends these grab-and-go recipes:

Grab & Go Breakfast Muffins

1 cup flour
1 cup POST Honey Bunches of Oats Cereal
1/2 cup sugar
1 Tbsp. baking powder
1 cup peanut butter
1 cup milk
STIR flour, cereal, sugar and baking powder together in a large bowl.

MIX peanut butter, milk and egg in a small bowl. Stir into flour mixture with a few handfuls add-ins* until just moistened.

DIVIDE between 12 muffin cups and bake at 400°F for 20 minutes or until golden. Cool.

* Try add-ins like chopped and peeled apples or pears, frozen berries, mashed bananas, drained pineapple tidbits, dried cranberries, dates, apricots or raisins. Nutrition Info (per muffin): 230 calories, 11g fat, 27 g carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, 7g protein.

Breakfast Munch Mix
2 cups POST Spoon Size Shredded Wheat
1 cup dried pineapple
1 cup (combined total) toasted

almonds and shredded coconut MIX together in a large, resealable plastic bag or container. Keeps for 1 week.

Nutrition Info (per 1/2 cup serving): 180 calories, 7g fat, 29g carbohydrate, 1g dietary fiber, 4g protein. Variation: Try your favorite POST cereal in place of Shredded Wheat.

Traveling CREAM OF WHEAT

1 packet Instant Cream of Wheat Hot Cereal Original Flavor
1/2 cup milk
Raisins or dried cranberries

EMPTY cereal into travel mug or thermos. HEAT milk in microwave until steaming; stir into cereal.

ADD handful raisins or dried cranberries. Cover and don't forget to take a spoon. Makes one serving.

Nutrition Info: 270 calories, 2.5g fat, 56g carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, 8g protein.

Tips To Get A Head Start

To help start your day with a wholesome breakfast, consider these tips:

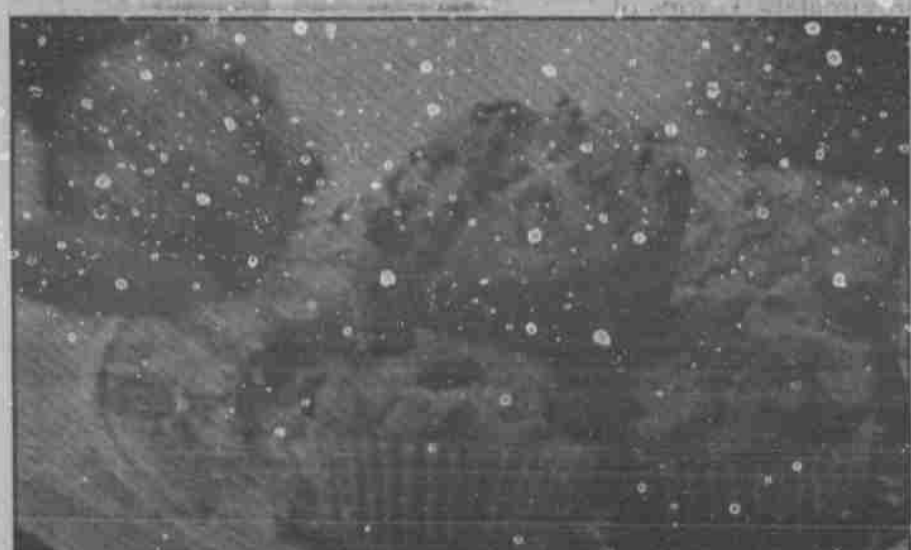
- Combine the above recipe ideas with a piece of fruit and a carton of milk or yogurt for a well-rounded meal.
- To make more time in the morning, go to bed 15 minutes earlier and set the alarm 15 minutes earlier than normal.
- For a quick and easy morning snack, grab a BALANCE bar on your way out the door.
- If you eat on the run, stock up on specially designed containers and plastic eating utensils.

For more delicious recipes and ideas on healthful living, visit www.kraftfoods.com.

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<p>1 lb. Bag</p> <p>Albertsons Garden Salad</p> <p>89¢ each</p> <p>SAVE \$1.10 EA. WITH CARD</p>	<p>Fresh! Produce</p> <p>Albertsons Russet Potatoes U.S. #1 5 lb. Bag</p> <p>99¢ each</p> <p>SAVE \$1.50 EA. WITH CARD</p>	<p>6 oz. Albertsons Tuna or Good Day Bread 24 oz. Limit 3</p> <p>3\$1 for 1</p>
<p>12 Pack Pepsi, Diet Pepsi or Mt. Dew 12 oz. Cans or 6 Pk., 24 oz. Bottles</p> <p>2\$6 for 1</p> <p>SAVE \$1.98 ON 3 WITH CARD</p>	<p>Fresh or Italian Bread Fresh From Our Bakery</p> <p>1.49 each</p> <p>MADE FRESH DAILY</p>	<p>8 oz. Albertsons Yogurt Assorted Limit 3</p> <p>3\$1 for 1</p>
<p>Good Day Paper Towels Single Roll Limit 3</p> <p>3\$1 for 1</p>	<p>Albertsons Cereals Toasted Oats or Frosted Fruit, 15 oz., Raisin Bran 20 oz., Corn Cakes 18 oz., or Bran Flakes 17.3 oz. Limit 4</p> <p>99¢ each</p>	<p>Albertsons Block or Shredded Cheese 8 oz., Assorted</p> <p>2\$3 for 1</p>

Prices Effective January 3 through January 9, 2003



Mexican Skillet Dinner

This quick, delicious and nutritious main dish will spice up a family meal or friendly gathering any day of the week.

1 pound lean ground beef or groundturkey
3/4 cup 3 Minute Brand Old Fashioned Oats
1 package (1.25 oz.) low-sodium taco seasoning mix
2 cups prepared salsa or picante sauce
2 1/2 cups water
1 cup uncooked elbow macaroni
3/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
chopped tomatoes, optional
sour cream, optional

Cook ground beef in large skillet until browned, drain well. Add oats, seasoning mix, salsa and water, bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and add macaroni. Cover and cook 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in green pepper and cook 2 to 3 minutes longer or until macaroni is tender. Garnish with tomatoes and sour cream, if desired.

Makes 6 servings.

Saucy Meat Loaf

Mix up this slightly spicy meat loaf in minutes and bake for a wonderful rendition of a traditional favorite. Slice leftovers for incredibly hearty sandwiches!

1 1/2 pounds ground beef
1 cup 3 Minute Brand Quick or Old Fashioned Oats
1 1/2 cup milk
6 tablespoons catsup, divided
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 1/2 teaspoons salt; optional
3/4 teaspoon chili powder
1 tablespoon packed brown sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine ground beef, oats, milk, 2 tablespoons catsup, onion, egg, Worcestershire sauce, salt and chili powder, mix well. Shape into loaf, place in 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Bake 1 hour. Combine remaining 4 tablespoons catsup and brown sugar. Spread over meat loaf. Bake an additional 15 minutes or until no longer pink in center.

Makes 6 servings.

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<p>Fresh! PRODUCE</p> <p>Green Bell Peppers Large</p> <p>2\$1 each</p>	<p>Cucumbers Crisp</p> <p>2\$1 each</p>	<p>Green Onions Bunch</p> <p>2\$1 each</p>	<p>Fresh Express Green & Crisp Salads, 12 oz.</p> <p>2\$4 each</p>	<p>Fresh Gourmet Croutons, 5 oz. or Almond Toppers 3 oz., Assorted</p> <p>2\$3 each</p>	<p>T. Marzetti's Salad Dressings 15 oz., Assorted</p> <p>2\$5 each</p>
<p>Sweet! Grape Tomatoes 1 Pint Carton</p> <p>1.99 each</p> <p>WITH PREFERRED CARD</p>	<p>Fresh! Spl. each Bunch</p> <p>99¢ each</p> <p>WITH PREFERRED CARD</p>	<p>Fresh! Yellow Squash</p> <p>99¢ lb.</p> <p>WITH PREFERRED CARD</p>	<p>Fresh Tangerines Florida Green</p> <p>1.29 lb.</p> <p>WITH PREFERRED CARD</p>	<p>Washington Green Apples Gala, Jonagold or Braeburn</p> <p>1.49 lb.</p> <p>WITH PREFERRED CARD</p>	<p>Monterey Mushrooms 8 oz. Sliced Clean & Ready</p> <p>1.69 each</p> <p>WITH PREFERRED CARD</p>
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A TIME TO REFLECT

By Eddie P. Richardson

phone, and lying to out to the neighbors, friends, and others - making those days a showpiece. The first Thanksgiving dinner was, as one can imagine, much different from what it is today. The possible of a hot turkey, dressing, and the trimmings as we have today. My how things have changed and gotten out of hand. The true meaning has been overlooked and forgotten. The first Thanksgiving dinner was more than likely deer, goose, seafood including lobster, sirup and crab - because it was the area where seafood was beautiful at that time. There was also corn and other vegetables grown in the area with a non-commercial flair. No matter what we do not have, no matter the problems with America, no matter of our shortening, we still live in the greatest country on the face of the earth. All of us owe to our country, state, county, and city what we can contribute to make things better for all, instead of

begging, complaining, moaning and groaning. It is important we come to the table and bring something. We are not poor. We have been trained to believe that we are in order to keep us down and in our so called place. If we would pool our resources, work together, learn to love, respect and trust each other, we would see a major difference soon. We buy the best brands of everything we want. We spend over 400 billion dollars with others. Why not worth ourselves? We should all take as our personal creed: "If it is to be, it is up to me." Live and believe it, live by it, and have faith in God and it will make a difference. It will make things better for America as well as take a toll of the welfare and relief rolls and place them on the tax rolls.

HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!

As 2002 winds down and 2003 approaches, it is time for us to reflect and give thanks for what we have and the good that has happened to us. We need to stop complaining about what we do not have, and did not achieve. If we go back in time and look at the beginning of Thanksgiving, we are a long ways from what is was, not a commercial event, but a blessed day of Thanksgiving for a successful crop. To some extent a settling of difference between the Indians and the Pilgrims. Thanksgiving, Christmas (not XMAS), and Easter were chosen to be observed as a sacred and important day, but that all went down the drain with commercialization, being impressive, being

Don't Look for Sense Where There Is None

by Shelton Richman

Presidents, their cabinet officials, and their press secretaries show how much they respect the American people by how they use the English language. To be more precise, they indicate how much they disrespect the American people by how they abuse the language. All presidents lie. We know that. But when a lying president has some regard for the intelligence of the American people, it shows in how he says things. The lies are sophisticated and harder to penetrate. But when a president and his men believe the American people are a gang of idiots, it also shows in how they say things. The lies are silly on their face. The speakers sound like they are talking to children. They talk as though they don't expect us to remember what they said yesterday - or even 10 minutes ago. The Bush administration is setting records for both disrespect and abuse of the language. It's getting tiresome. We're not all idiots. The coming intensification of the decade-long war with Iraq has been the occasion for obfuscation that almost defies belief. What exactly is the administration's policy? That depends on who is speaking and to whom. For many months and even years, President Bush and others in his cabinet have called for the ousting of Saddam Hussein as president of Iraq. The term they used was "regime change." This campaign accelerated after 9/11. But when people here and abroad objected

that this would mean a war that would slaughter innocents and have catastrophic secondary consequences, Mr. Bush had to change tactics. To get "our allies" and the UN Security Council on board, he calculated that he would have to stop talking about regime change and start talking about disarmament. So that's what he did. His speech to the UN in September did not call for Hussein's overthrow by internal or external forces. But what about regime change? How does the administration explain the switch in objective? Simple. It just denies there has been a switch. In his speech from Cincinnati recently, Mr. Bush tried out a new line: regime change did not necessarily mean that Hussein had to go. He just had to agree to an impossible list of demands, which Mr. Bush thinks he'll never agree to, leaving literal regime change as our only option. This of course caused some confusion. What exactly is the policy? Secretary of State Colin Powell tried to clarify things when he told NBC's Tim Russert that Hussein could stay in power if he disarmed. "All we are interested in is getting rid of those weapons of mass destruction," Powell said. Really? What about the other demands and all the earlier declarations that there was no alternative to regime change? This tossed the ball back to the president. Was there a change in policy? No, Mr. Bush said, showing that he, like Lewis Carroll's Humpty-Dumpty, can use words to mean whatever he likes: "If he [Hussein] were to meet all the con-

ditions of the United Nations that in itself would signal the regime has changed." So that's what Mr. Bush means by regime change. Well, not exactly. Mr. Bush doesn't expect Hussein to get rid of his weapons, so in that case, regime change means ouster. Follow that? Just when this verged on hopeless confusion, White House spokesman Art Fleischer came along to help us out. "The policy is regime change, however it is defined." Come again? "However it is defined?" That sounds eerily like "it depends on what the definition of 'is' is." The real folly here is in trying to make sense of the day-to-day utterances of these men. It can't be done. What we can do is divine a deep logic by keeping in mind that Bush & Co. want war with the weak Saddam Hussein no matter what. Their task until the bombs start falling on Baghdad is to quiet any concerns of the American people and, if possible, to sign up some coalition members. Efforts to get the Security Council's blessing are aimed simply at avoiding a hassle. They would rather fight their little war without the idiots carping from the sidelines. Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va., editor of Ideas on Liberty magazine, and author of "Ancient History: U.S. Conduct in the Middle East since World War II and the Folly of Intervention."

A LETTER TO ALL WOMEN

From MARY

(Editor's Note: This hand written letter was given to T. J. Patterson as he made his rounds in the Lubbock County Jail as he has done for more than fifteen years. This letter was presented to him and was asked by an inmates which we are calling Mary, to be made public for other females in our community.)

"WHATA LETTER MEANS"

You can never know what a letter means until you've been where I've been and seen what I've seen. I am confined to a world of steel bars and white walls. Where no one come to see and call. Where I sleep. I wake up alarmed thinking my kids or someone in my family or my house have been harmed. Though they just are a dream. I come to realize as I look out barred windows. And tears fill my eyes.

I wait on mail or visitations but nothing from me. So I stare at the walls wondering when will I be free. Without a letter, a note or just a card when no one writes and my time is hard. So please sit down and write me a letter. It may make my world a whole lot better, because you can never know what a letter can mean till you've been where I've been and seen what I've seen.

Sincerely,
Mary

THIS 'N THAT

HOPE ALL GOES WELL FOR YOU! THIS N THAT... is hoping each of YOU... will have a very... happy new year... and that much will come your way in... 2003... No doubt... THINGS... could have been better for all of us in... 2002... but lets... THANK GOD... for all the... GOOD THINGS... which came our way... At the same time... lets be thankful for have been accomplished... Lets all put the year of... 2002... behind us... and look forward to this new one... 2003.

CONGRATS TO ZAIRREUS PATTESON! THIS N THAT... wants to say... CONGRATS... to one of our own... ZAIRREUS DESHANN PATTERSON... who not only graduated from... Texa. A&M University in the College of Engineering... on Friday, December 20, 2002... but had another first in his young life... as he was... ORDAINED... as a minister at the... ST. MATTHEW BAPTIST CHURCH... in College Station, Texas... by the pastor... REV. MELVIN O. COOPER... and the Council... It was a... VERY MOVING SERVICE... and one... in which... THIS N THAT... will never forget... SHAKING A MORNING PRAYER FROM ZAIRREUS PATTERSON! THIS N THAT... noticed this written prayer in the bathroom of young... ZAIRREUS DESHANN PATTERSON... in his apartment in College Station... and thought it made sense to pass on... it reads as follows: -O- GOD... early in the morning... I CRY TO YOU... help me to... PRAY AND CONCENTRATE... my thoughts on... YOU... I cannot do this... ALONE!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BALBER SAYS: MAY EACH OF W YOU... have a... VERY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR... and that you be... SUCCESSFUL... in all that you do in... 2003!

DID YOU THINK ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS DURING HOLIDAYS! THIS N THAT is always hoping everyone in our community has a place to lay their head each night... As like in other city in the U.S.A... there are those who are... HOMELESS... and need an opportunity... to live a... DECENT... as any American... but it is not... TRUE FOR ALL OF US. Hopefully... there will... ROOM... for all of us in this city and country... in which we live. NEW U.S. CONGRESSMAN NEED VISIT EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT... is hoping the NEW ELECTED U.S. Congressman from District 19... when the election is held WILL VISIT THE CITIZENS OF EAST LUBBOCK... as this JR SOC has not been a... VISIBLE EFFORT... for many years. So whoever the CANDIDATES... are... REMEMBER... the citizens of... EAST LUBBOCK... will be watching and listening to what you will do. If you think people are not paying attention... just call... TRENT LOTT! Not only is this true of the the District 19th Congressman... but it is true in other areas as well...

ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL BAND, WE APPRECIATE YOU! THIS N THAT... wants the members of the... ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL BAND... to know that we that we... really appreciate -them... for their efforts in... RAISING FUNDS... for their recent bus trip to... NEW ORLEANS, LA... where they participated in the... 2003 NOKIA SUGAR BOWL... If you ask these... young people... they will tell you that... IF YOU WORK REAL HARD AS A TEAM... THERE IS NOTHING YOU HTIIRN CANT DO!- THIS N THAT... says... WE APPRECIATE EACH OF YOU! If you get a chance to visit these young people... then do so when next semester... and you will be glad you chose to do so...

SONIC IS NOT FAR AWAY! THIS N THAT... really believes... it won't be long now... before the new... SONIC DRIVE IN... will be seen at the corner of... EAST 19TH STREET AND MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD... It just takes taix a little time... and it will become a... REALITY! When there are developments... THIS N THAT... will advise...



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Striping of City Streets Continues as Weather Allows

As the weather allows, the City's Traffic Engineering Department continues to put down new stripes to improve the visibility of traffic lanes on Lubbock's streets.

The City uses a combination of paint and thermoplastic overlay to delineate traffic lanes. The main lines are painted and the short guidelines around intersections for double left turns are a mixture of paint and thermoplastic.

Work crews are not able to apply the paint when the temperature dips below 40 degrees or

when it is raining or snowing. During the month of November, workers painted 48 miles of striping. Thirty miles were on main thoroughfares and 18 miles were on collector streets.

City Traffic Engineer Jere Hart said, "The most helpful thing that people can do is call us and tell us the specific location where the striping has faded. We will continue to work throughout the winter, and it will help us to know where the worst fading has taken place." In addition, many of Lubbock's major roadways are maintained by

the State and the City will coordinate with the Texas Department of Transportation.

The City is currently in the process of painting University from 19th Street south to the city limit. Next on the schedule are 50th Street, Quaker, Indiana, and 82nd Street, in that order. This work could take up to two months depending on weather conditions.

There are 947 miles of paved streets in Lubbock; and striping is a year-round project. To report a problem, call 775-2142.

Tips for Winterizing Your Home

The City of Lubbock Water Utilities reminds Lubbock residents now is the time to winterize your home. Here are some hints that might be helpful.

1. Disconnect all outside hoses from hose bibs and wrap hose bibs.
2. If your going out of town

for the holidays, set your heater thermostat no lower than 55 degrees and expose under the sink pipes by leaving doors open. This is particularly true of sinks located on outside walls.

3. Turn off automatic sprinkler systems and water manually. Bermuda goes dormant

in winter and fescue only needs to be watered once every two weeks assuming we have no moisture such as rain, fog, snow, etc.

4. Insulate any hot water heaters located in garage or non-heated areas. Hot water freezes faster than cold water.



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Grant Writing Seminar

RCS Grant Writing Systems will be holding their 6-hour seminar entitled "The Joy of Writing Grants" in Lubbock at 9:00 am at the Holiday Inn (801 Avenue Q.) Thursday, January 9, 2003. The system they teach has been instructed across the country and has been very well received. Many participants have gone back and are now bringing in grant dollars to their communities. The seminar is open to municipal and county workers as well as school teachers and administrators and non-profit employees. There is a registration fee and group rates are available. Call toll free 1 888 829-0837 to reserve a seat or to obtain further information.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Education Spending in Texas

According to the latest figures from the Texas Education Agency, only 51 cents of every education dollar is going into classroom instruction.

About 90 percent of the \$28.6 billion spent on education in 2001-02 covered operating expenses, such as payroll, contracted services and supplies.

Roughly 10.4 percent went toward non-operating costs, such as debt service.



SOURCES: Carol Keeton Pylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Education Agency.

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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Lubbock Area Client Council Second Saturday • 1:00 pm • Mac Simmons Community Center • Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G. • Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4pm • Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday - 7:30 • 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 8th St.

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

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