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## National News

### Craft a Kwanzaa Angel to Watch Over Your Holiday Celebration

Kwanzaa is the perfect occasion for families to come together and create something special for the holidays. Kwanzaa, a Swahili term that signifies "First Fruits of the Harvest," celebrated from December 26th through January 1st, is a time when African-Americans gather with family and friends to honor tradition, family and community and give thanks for life's bounty. Kwanzaa craft projects are a delightful way to get into the spirit of the season.

"Kwanzaa is a special time for African-American families to celebrate their heritage and crafting can be a great part of the celebration," says Don Meyer, Director, Consumer and Public Relations of the Hobby Industry Association (HIA). "There are many crafts that families can make to honor that tradition, while spending quality time doing something fun and creative together."

You can make a beautiful Kwanzaa Angel to watch over your family's holiday celebration for years to come.

- Materials needed to make Kwanzaa Angel:
  - Buckram, art-board, or heavy paper (9"x14") for body
  - Ceramic angel head, ceramic hands (3")
  - Colorful fabric: (20"x30") for skirt, (9"x14") for bodice, (6"x7") for sleeve, (1/4 yd.) for drape
  - Coordinating beading thread of choice
  - Gold fabric angel wings (12")
  - Colorful 3/4" wide wire-edge ribbons (three 16" lengths)
  - Coordinating F-wide wire-edge ribbon (28")
  - Fabric Scissors
  - Glue: craft, hot glue gun, and glue sticks for fabric coordinating thread
  - Sewing-needle

- Cut buckram into a triangle. Using craft glue, glue edges together to form a 9" high x 4" diameter cone.
- Hot-glue tip of cone into ceramic head.
- Fold skirt fabric in half, wrong sides together, to form a 10"x30" rectangle. Hot-glue or sew 14" raw edges together. Turn right side out and hot-glue or sew open end together to form a tube. Sew a gathering stitch along top of tube, 1/4" from edge. Slip tube over the head and pull thread to gather tightly at neck. Tie off gathering strings.
- Cut sleeve fabric in half, forming two 3"x7" pieces. Fold each piece in half, right side out. Turn 1/2" of one sleeve end up into sleeve. Hot-glue hand into this end of the sleeve. Repeat process for remaining sleeves. Hot glue sleeves to back of bodice.
- Thread beads by hand onto beading thread as desired for necklace. Tie necklace around top of bodice. Hot glue ends to back of bodice to hold in place.
- Gather drape fabric in center and drape fabric over each shoulder. Hot-glue or stitch drape to shoulder. Drape around back of arms, and gather at the waist. Secure around waist with 1" wide ribbon.
- Paint wings with acrylic paint and allow to dry.
- Hot-glue wings to back, making certain wings cover raw ends of sleeves and neckline.
- Drape 1/4" wide ribbons through angel's hands. Hot-glue to secure ribbons to palms of angel's hands. Lightly curl and twist ribbon ends.

## Black Students/ Middle Class Teachers

Author and educational consultant Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu has released a very thought provoking book on the educational plight of African American students. Many of us are aware of the academic achievement gap between White and Black students. At the elementary level there is almost a three standard difference and on the SAT there is a 200 point differential.

The book explores the probable causes for this disparity. They include low teacher expectations, inadequate time on task, a mismatch between teaching and learning styles, tracking, an irrelevant eurocentric curriculum, negative peer pressure, poor parental involvement, parental income and marital status, school funding, and genetics. Kunjufu analyzes the issue and provides a wealth of references.

I was amazed to read that the future of the Black race lies in the hands of White female teachers who constitute 83 percent of the elementary teaching force. There has been a 66 percent decline in African American teachers since the landmark Brown vs. Topeka school integration decision of 1954. The African-American male teacher has become a dinosaur. Kunjufu argues the problems are not resolved with those African American educators who lower expectations based on class. He also wonders why some teachers are against choice

while sending their children to private schools.

While Kunjufu has an Afrocentric ideology, he was not afraid to read and incorporate the research from the Heritage Foundation, Brookings and Manhattan Institute, and Education Trust. While many educators attribute the gap to the students being low-income, what explains the gap which is actually wider between middle-income Whites and Blacks? How do we explain the success of so many schools in low-income African American communities who have produced students well above the national average?

Kunjufu documents that the most important factor is not the background of the student but the teacher. Please do not think the author believes it's the race or gender of the teacher. Kunjufu clearly writes it's not race or gender, but expectations, time on task, and qualifications. This includes the teacher's college GPA, major, state exam proficiency, and historical teaching track record. This has a much greater influence on student performance than race or income.

His last chapter, models of success is worth the price of the book. I would encourage Black Students/Middle Class Teachers for all educators, parents, and community residents concerned about the future education of African American children.

## Rylander Distributes \$292.2 Million in December Sales Tax Allocations to Local Governments

(AUSTIN)—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today delivered \$292.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to local governments.

Rylander sent sales tax rebates of \$196.8 million to Texas cities and \$16.8 million to Texas counties. Seventy-six special purpose taxing districts received \$7.9 million and Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$70.5 million in sales tax revenue.

December sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected

in October and reported to the Comptroller in November. The state's share of sales tax reported during this period was \$1.3 billion.

For details of December sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit departments and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at [www.wmdow.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsun.html](http://www.wmdow.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsun.html).

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Jan. 10.



## Texas Tech Receives \$464,938 USDA Grant

by Larry Combest

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, announced Tuesday that Texas Tech University has received a \$464,938 grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture for its project that will help farmers better plan how to utilize their base acreage under the Farm Bill.

"After drafting the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, which put a new emphasis on and provided resources for the development of better risk management tools, I encouraged Texas Tech to help take the lead in developing risk management strategies for farmers," Combest said. "I am pleased that USDA has seen the utility of Tech's project, and I believe it will help farmers make smart business decisions in future crop years."

Tom Knight, a professor of agricultural and applied economics at Texas Tech, said the project will determine whether current models utilized for planning decisions are deficient in helping farmers manage their market risks under the

Farm Bill signed into law in May. Deficiencies are likely to be found in current models' abilities to help farmers manage their risks when planting alternative crops on base acreage allocated to other crops, given various market conditions.

"We're trying to look at the need for and the development of a risk management tool that would allow them to lock in and secure, at a relatively low cost, the counter-cyclical payment on their base acreage if they plant an alternative crop. It is intended to take out some of the risk involved in exercising the planting flexibility that you maintain in the current Farm Bill while protecting your counter-cyclical on the crop which you have as base acreage," Knight said. "We think it is a concern that is critical to cotton producers' right now."

The project is expected to take two years to complete, Knight said.

The projects were funded and awarded by the Risk Management Agency (RMA). The agency's extensive network of public and private sector partnerships annually generates new market-driven insurance products, educational

## LPD Mobile Office Goes to Bayless Elementary School

The Lubbock Police Department Neighborhood Services Unit will set up a mobile office at Bayless Elementary School 2115 58th Street, December 19-21. The office will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday for residents in the area to address neighborhood quality of life issues with City representatives.

The mobile office is housed in an RV and will be staffed each day by members of the LPD Neighborhood Services Unit to visit with residents about crime prevention and other safety issues. Representatives from other City of Lubbock departments will also be on hand at regular intervals to address such concerns as codes vio-

lations, health issues and housing.

Lt. Chris Powe of the LPD said, "This is a new program for the LPD. We did our first mobile deployment last month at Bayless Elementary, and it was very successful. We hope to build on that success as we move from neighborhood to neighborhood across the city."

In addition to questions and concerns about criminal activity in the area, the Neighborhood Services Unit also expects to hear from citizens who need a City response on anything from a dumpster to a pot hole. "We will be a central place for people to bring their problems," Powe said, "and we will make sure the problems are referred to the

proper department for action."

Staff members from other City of Lubbock departments also will be on hand at the site to assist citizens with a variety of needs. Also, the RV will be a collection point for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots campaign.

The LPD will notify residents in the area of the mobile unit's location and operating hours by using the Emergency Notification System to place an automated call to citizens. "This worked extremely well last month," said Powe. "It's an excellent way to let people know we're going to be in their neighborhood."

## THIS SIDE OF GLORY: The Autobiography of David Hilliard and the Story of the Black Panther Party

CHICAGO—This Side of Glory: An Autobiography of David Hilliard and the Story of the Black Panther Party.

(Lawrence Hill Books, \$18.95) is the harrowing story of David Hilliard, ex-chieftain of staff of the Black Panther Party. Written with the participation of other Party members, this book provides firsthand accounts of Huey Newton's infamous shootout with the police, the murder of Fred Hampton, how Panther money was raised and spent, the sexual mores of the Party, and how illegal activities erupted and were controlled.

Hilliard tells his version of a story he believes was often twisted, misrepresented or not reported in mainstream media. Born in the forties, the twelfth child in a poor Alabama family, Hilliard quickly learned the limits of blacks' participation in American life. Witnessing the unfulfilled promises of the civil rights movement, Hilliard was propelled into the rebel-

liousness of the sixties and the Black Panther Party.

This Side of Glory reveals the Panthers' struggle for adequate housing, employment and education for black people in the face of police brutality and gov-

ernment infiltrations and disinformation. It also tells how the Party began to dissolve in the early seventies as police raids, gun battles, IRS investigations, trials, and prison terms decimated their ranks.



## Market Lubbock's New BioScience Initiative To Focus on Impact of Agricultural Terrorism

Think of terrorism and you first think of urban disasters—the toppling World Trade Center towers in New York City and the gaping hole at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

But think again about what terrorism might do to the farms and ranches of this nation and to all of us—whose lives depend on them. Think what a biochemical attack on crops or cattle or water could mean.

The United States Department of Agriculture in Washington will send an expert on agricultural terrorism to keynote the first forum meeting of the Lubbock Regional BioScience Initiative next month in Lubbock. Dr. Floyd Horn, who's from the office of the Administrator in the USDA Agricultural Research Service, will speak at 7:30 a.m. on January 9 at University Medical Center McInturf Conference Center. Cost of the breakfast, program, and an optional breakout session is \$12.50. Prepaid reservations are required and may be made by calling 723-8241.

Dr. Horn's presentation will be entitled "Agricultural Terrorism: How It Could Impact the U.S. Agricultural Industry." He is internationally recognized as an expert in science leadership, research-organization proficiency, the role of public sector science in the world-

wide marketplace, and rural development. He has led efforts to solve some of the most serious problems facing American agriculture. The breakout session for those attending the forum is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., with bus transportation provided for a guided tour of Scott Laboratories by Jason Derouen, the company's vice president for research. Scott Laboratories is a regional bio-science firm conducting medical device research and development. Its current fields of research are fear and pain management, temperature regulation, and obesity management.

The Lubbock Regional BioScience Initiative, a program of Market Lubbock, Inc., was recently launched by an award-winning group of volunteers to promote regional economic development support established companies, and foster entrepreneurship within the bio-science industries. The Initiative will also provide networking opportunities for companies and professionals in West Texas and in other U.S. and global communities.

Plans call for monthly forums, each with a distinguished speaker and a breakout session to showcase what Lubbock and this region already offer in the bioscience field.

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



# Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

## SWEATERS

By simply wearing a sweater, you can successfully and stylishly chase away the chills.

This fall there is something new, exciting and different happening with sweaters.

The fit is fabulous, the feel is warm, soft, comfortable and the look is absolutely... TO DIE FOR.

Decisions, decisions, decisions, so many choices, and you have numerous styles from which to choose... cardigans, tweed hooded cardigans, light and heavy weight full length sweater coats, leather jackets with knit sleeves, soft acrylic matching sweater sets, sweater shells, tunic



sweaters and beautiful sweater-pant and skirt sets.

Rediscover the joy and thrill of slipping into a colorful, wonderful, delightful and magnificent sweater. Fashionable sweaters, for work, for play, especially for you!

EMBRACE THE SEASON, HAVE FUN!

NEXT ISSUE... BEAUTIFUL EYES

FASHION TIP... ALWAYS WEAR A SMILE

FASHION, JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

## Prince Hall Shriners Announce Election of New Leader and New Community Outreach Initiatives

CLEVELAND, OHIO, November 19, 2002 - The Prince Hall Shriners, one of the oldest African American fraternal organizations in the United States, announced the election of its 36th Imperial Potentate (CEO), William F. Crockett, of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Mr. Crockett was installed at the organization's 109th Imperial Council Session in Washington, DC, August 22, 2002.

Upon his installation, Imperial Potentate Crockett announced that the primary community outreach initiatives during this administration would be Education and Youth Development, with emphasis on the development of local at-risk and high-risk youth programs throughout the United States. These programs will be instituted in partnership with The Community Benevolence Corporation, a nonprofit (501)(c)(3) corporation, which will provide technical and financial assistance to local nonprofit partners in conjunction with Prince Hall Shriners and their female auxiliary, the Daughters of Isis local temples and courts.

In addition, Prince Hall Shriners will continue to expand its Voter Registration and Education program, recognizing that if the social and nonpartisan political issues that most affect the constituency of the Prince Hall Shriners are to be met, voters must be registered and properly educated in areas of community interest that may be affected by the electoral process.

The national office of the Prince Hall Shriners is located at 2239 Democrat Road, Memphis, TN 38112.



William F. Crockett  
36th Imperial Potentate (CEO)

The Prince Hall Shriners are headed by William F. Crockett, who has over 30 years experience serving youth through non-profit organizations in executive and consultative roles.

Mr. Crockett has served as an executive in a nonprofit organization for more than 18 years and as consultant to youth programs based in inner-city communities, including faith based and community outreach programs.

Mr. Crockett earned an M.B.A. Degree in Systems Management from Baldwin Wallace College in 1976, with a G.P.A. of 3.79. He is a member of the Zeta Chapter, Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society for Business Graduates.

Rev. Crockett is an ordained minister, having attended the Ashland Theological Seminary, Cleveland State University. He is a member of Shiloh Baptist Church, one of the oldest churches in Cleveland, OH, where he has served as Superintendent of Sunday School, youth minister, and interim pastor. Rev. Crockett has served as Director, Baptist Ministers Conference Health and Welfare Fund, President, Chair, East Side Cleveland Clergy for United Way, and presently serves as president, for Bill Crockett Ministries, a community outreach ministry.

Mr. Crockett has been cited by SuccessNet as being influential black Cleveland, and has been inducted into the African American Hall of Fame in Alliance, Ohio.

He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

### CROCKETT ANNOUNCES VOTER REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION INITIATIVE FOR PRINCE HALL SHRINERS

The Prince Hall Shriners have been actively involved in voter registration and education in the communities across America for many years. The efforts to reach voters have been a priority for the more than 400 Shrine Temples and Daughters of Isis (female auxiliary to the Shriners) Courts.

In recent years, especially highlighted in the year 2000 debacle in Florida,

the issue of making "one-man-one vote" more than a cliché, has been prominent in the lives of African American citizens. The voting inequities of the past have not significantly diminished, and the seemingly intentional disenfranchisement of Americans of color in Florida gives prima-facie evidence of it.

The Shriners are aware of the major contribution the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has made in leading the fight to achieve parity in the voting arena, as well as justice in the delivery of services to all people. The Prince Hall Shriners have been proudly participating in the efforts of the NAACP through its temples and courts, as well as making financial contributions to the work of the organization.

Upon election as the 36th Imperial Potentate of Prince Hall Shriners, William F. Crockett, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, announced that Prince Hall Shriners will concentrate on increasing its local efforts, in cooperation with the major ongoing efforts of the National NAACP. In support of this high priority, the Imperial Potentate appointed former NAACP Executive Director, Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, who is also a Prince Hall Shriner and Most Worshipful Grand Master of Tennessee, as an Executive Advisor to the Imperial Potentate. Dr. Hooks, who is world-renowned for his charitable and benevolent work, brings a wealth of experience to the challenge of voter registration and education.

In naming Dr. Hooks, Mr. Crockett emphasized that education is a critical part of the voting process, especially among African Americans and other minorities, who suffer disproportionately because of insensitive politicians being elected throughout the country. In this regard, the Imperial Potentate believes that Prince Hall Shriners and Daughters of Isis should study the issues that affect the Prince Hall Shriners constituency; collaborate with the NAACP and other national organizations to form such coalitions as may be necessary to influence the political process.

Although the Prince Hall Shriners are not a politically partisan organization, it is an organization dedicated to dispensing charity and assisting in benevolent purposes, including supporting individuals who have common interests.



## JAY'S CORNER

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the membership is blessed to have as their pastor, Rev. Billy R. Moton. If you are looking for a church home, then come by any Sunday morning and worship with the membership.

As you may know, Ruby Jay is deceased, but this writer, Clarissa Jay, will continue as she would have done so. We learned so much from Sister Jay, until we went to keep this column running each week. As Sister Ruby Jay would say: "God is able!"

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with all teachers at their posts of duty. After thirty minutes of instruction, teachers and students marched to the main auditorium. High points of the morning lesson were reviewed. Prayers were given.

Brother and Sister Hardin Barrow led the morning devotional period at 10:45 a.m. They were assisted by the Praise Team.

The New Hope Baptist Choir marched in the morning procession. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Wilson. After the singing of a selection by the Senior Choir, scripture was read by Sister Joan Y. Ervin. Sister Margaret Moton gave the morning prayer. There was another selection sung by the Senior Choir. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother Michael Brock.

The morning hymn was "I'll Fly Away." Pastor Moton gave his weekly pastoral observation. He always has something positive to say each week. We thank God for this "Man of God."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "God Keeps On Proving Himself To Me." His scripture text was Judges 6:17-20 and 37-38. What a marvelous message.

After the invitation discipleship was extended, announcements were read by Sister Brenda Gipson. Brother R. J. Givens welcomed all visitors who were in attendance.

This week's special prayer requests are from Sister Rosie Reddie, Brother Rayjond Stovall, who was released from the hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas. He is the father of Sister Dorothy Stovall, Sister Shassidy Harris, niece of Minister McCutcheon, is also ill.

The Fifth Sunday Mission program will be held Sunday afternoon, December 29, 2002, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Let us support Sister Beatty when she calls on you. We hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas.

Special New Year's Eve Services will be held at St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street. Services will begin at 10:00 p.m. The message of the hour will be delivered by Rev. Wilbur Tanner, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church. Let us make plans to attend this worship service.

Remember, Jesus is the reason for the Season. So lets not get wrapped up in presents and forget why we celebrate Christmas.

The last meeting of the Federation of Choirs met last Sunday afternoon at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Several church choirs were absent. Why not make a better effort to attend these monthly meetings.

Next month, the Federation of Choir will meet at St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street. Rev. Solomon Fields is host pastor.

If you unable to attend church services, you have an option to hear the New Hope Baptist Church weekly broadcast on Sunday mornings over KJAK, 92.7 FM, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

## 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 four - one each quarter - \$10,000 scholarship giveaway. Children of all ages will be able to participate during the course of the year. The first giveaway is open to newborns to 3-year-olds.

Enter 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. 2, 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 as listed below.
- The contest is open to all children born between January 1, 2000, and January 2, 2003, to parents 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 Harris 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 valid birth certificate and a reproducible photograph of the child must accompany each entry form. Also, every form 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, misdirected, 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. Those 64 names will be

held (32, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1) weekly until the winner is announced on Friday, 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 quarterfinalists, \$500 Savings Bonds to the four finalists 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, displaying 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.

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# HOME FIRES





# CHURCH DIRECTORY



**WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS**  
"THE SINS OF THIS WORLD"

MATTHEW 13:36, 37, 38. JESUS SAID, BEHOLD, A SOWER WENT FORTH TO SOW, AND SOME FEEL A SOWER, THE GRAINS, AND THE THORNS SPRING UP, AND COVER THEM, HE THAT RECEIVED SEED AMONG THE THORNS IS HE THAT HEARETH THE WORD, AND THE CARES OF THIS WORLD, AND THE DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES (CHURCH GAMES), CHOKE THE WORD, AND HE BECOMETH UNFRUITFUL.

WE KNOW THAT GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, TO GAVE HIS ONLY SON, JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS, FOR THE SINS OF EVERYONE.

JOHN 3:17. JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON (JESUS) INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.

THEN JESUS TOLD THE CHURCH, GO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS TO THE WORLD, BUT THE CHURCHES PREACHED CIVIL RIGHTS, TO MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS.

GALATIANS 6:7. BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP (RECEIVE).

YOU CAN TAKE A BUCKET OF CORN TO THE FIELD, AND SOW IT, BUT WILL YOU REAP IT? YOU WILL NOT! A PICK-UP TRUCK TO BRING IT IN YOU AGAIN, MUCH MUCH MORE!

JESUS SAID, I'M THE WAY, THE TRUTH, TO ETERNAL LIFE, BUT THE CHURCHES WAS CONCERNED, ABOUT BRINGING OUT CIVIL RIGHTS.

PROVERB 14:12. THERE IS A WAY WHICH SEEMETH RIGHT UNTO MAN, LAND, BUT THE END THERE OF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH WAS THE SNOW BALL, TO DISOBEYING THE LAWS OF THE NOW IT IN HOMES, CHURCHES, WHITE HOUSE, IT HAS GOTTEN OUT OF HAND.

MATTHEW 15:13, 14. JESUS SAID, EVERY PLANT, WHICH MY HEAVENLY FATHER HATH NOT PLANTED, SHALL BE ROOTED UP. LET THEM ALONG, THEY BE BLIND LEADERS OF THE BLIND, AND IF THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND, BOTH SHALL FALL INTO THE DITCH.

(REAPING THE DEVILS RIGHTS: WOMAN RIGHTS, GAY RIGHTS, RUN-AWAY CHILDREN RIGHTS, NO SPANKING RIGHTS, KKK RIGHTS/DRUGS IN SCHOOL RIGHTS, ABORTION RIGHTS, WHITE RIGHTS, BLACK RIGHTS, SHACKING RIGHTS, CONDOMS IN KINDERGARTEN RIGHTS, KILL THE ABORTION DOCTOR RIGHTS, KILL THE FAMILY RIGHTS, SUICIDE RIGHTS, NO PRAYER IN SCHOOL RIGHTS, DROWN YOUR 5 CHILDREN RIGHTS, BOMB THE FEDERAL BUILDING RIGHTS, KILL OVER A CARD RIGHTS. —NOW LOOK AT AMERICA!)

FROM THESE RIGHTS, CAME THE NO PRAYER IN SCHOOLS, THEY HAVE STUDENT KILLING, AND DRUGS, ASK WHO WAS THE FOOL?

ROMANS 1:21, 22. BECAUSE THAT, WHEN THEY THE CHRISTIANS KNEW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL, BUT BECAME VAIN (IDOLATROUS) IN THEIR IMAGINATION (DREAMERS), AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED, PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS.

\*\*\*\*\*YES THE CHRISTIANS ROBBED GOD!\*\*\*\*\*  
THE ONLY RIGHT, GOD WANT FOR ALL PEOPLE, IS TO WORSHIP HIM, JESUS WENT TO THE CROSS, SO MANKIND'S SINS WOULD BE FORGIVEN THEM.

JOHN 3:16. JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM (JESUS) SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

"CHURCH, ITS ALL BECAUSE OF YOU, YOU LEFT ALL OF GOD'S PLANS, LOOK AROUND, RIGHTS HAVE BROUGHT TROUBLE, ALL OVER THIS LAND.

REVELATION 2:4-5. JESUS SAID, I HAVE SOMEWHAT AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE THOU HAST LEFT THY FIRST LOVE; REMEMBER THEREFORE FROM WHENCE THOU ART FALLEN, AND REPENT, AND DO THE FIRST WORKS.

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



**from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith**  
"Your Sins Will Find You Out"

"The children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim: And they forsook the Lord."—Judges 2:11, 12

The story is told of a missionary shooting a crocodile with surprising results. The missionary is said to have shot the crocodile and move close to the supposedly dead animal. When the missionary approached he saw and eye open, so he aim his rifle and "killed" the crocodile again. Moving yet closer, a bit of movement in the creature caused the missionary to kill that deadly beast one more time.

Sometimes our sins seem like that crocodile. We are exhorted to "put to death" our sins. But even when we think we have done that, when we think we have got a pet sin licked, suddenly it can take on new vitality.

A case in point: In December of 1999, General Robert Guéi seized power in a bloodless coup in Ivory Coast, Africa. He declared that he was not interested in power, but that he wanted "to sweep the house clean." He claimed that for nearly 40 years the government had been taking

political prisoners and fomenting ethnic intolerance. He accused the deposed president of economic mismanagement and widespread financial corruption.

General Guéi claim that he was going to make the country a fine place to live and said "once we know the house is clean and politicians can dance without slipping, we will withdraw after holding transparent elections."

General Guéi did not follow through on his promise to bring about change and slipped into the sins of the past. He was condemned by the international community for "gross violations of the democratic practice" and for trying to manipulate the outcome of presidential elections. General Guéi was deposed.

Just when the old political crocodile seem to be dead, movement cause the new president to cancelled his audience with the pope and rush home. Laurent Gbagbo, Cote d'Ivoire's pious strongman was in Rome when the early morning hours of September 19, 2002, mutinous troops took to the streets of three Ivorian cities. Loyal soldiers swapped bullets and skulls with the mutineers. Civilian covered

indoors, unable to tell friend or foe.

The report is that 270 people died. The interior minister was killed. Robert Guéi, who the government claim was behind the coup attempt died in a fire as he made his way to the national television station to proclaim himself president. State television show what is said to be a normally dapper Mr. Guéi lying dead on the side of the road in T-shirt and jogging trousers, with a single bullet hole in the side of his head.

The insurgents are said to have found some support in Ivory Coast's north which is predominantly Muslim, and of a different ethnic groups than the largely Christian southerners.

Residents are fleeing the Ivory Coast in fear of their lives under the protection of U.S. and French as of Friday, September 27, 2002. The sins of the past have taken on a new vitality.

In the Book of Judges "the Lord raised up judges" to deliver the Israelites from their oppression. However, each time a judge would die, the people would turn away from the Lord and chase after the false gods of their pagan neighbors, who would oppress them. The Israelites like the Ivorians, would cry for help; God would send another judge; they would be faithful for a while, and then the cycle would repeat itself.

The Israelites would keep on repeating the same old sin even after the pagan idols were destroyed. It was if the Canaanite gods held sway over them.

God can rescue us from the vicious cycle of sin. Whenever we become serious like those ancient Israelites about wanting help, there is help available. That help is in the Spirit of God.

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"America Bless God!" A round-up prayer for our nation.

"Let's Pray"  
Lord forgive us of our sins. Heal our land. Help America recover her loss and restore our nation unto You. We join together in prayer for those who govern and serve in our great land. We pray for President Bush, his cabinet, Congress and their family members. Give them divine protection and favor with all nations and the courage of a champion to prevail by overcoming evil with good all over America.

Father, we pray for our great state of Texas. Fathers we pray for Texas, the Governor and the Government agencies, the staff, news media, fire fighters, policemen, rescue workers, and all their families. Give them the mind of Christ and wisdom to govern in the days of uncertainty, divine courage and protection.

"Victims & Families"  
Father, as a nation we pray for the families who were victims of the terrorist attack on America and for those who risked their lives to save others. Comfort them as they recover. Anoint them with joy and praise to lift their heavy burdens. Restore their souls and meet their needs.

"We Pray For The Military & U.S. Allies"  
Strengthen our military and all our allies who joined forces to protect our country and other countries from attacks. We ask for you to deploy your heavenly host to camp about them as a shield of protection. Cause this world to triumph over evil and glorify your name.

"We Pray For Communities,

Missionaries & Ministers" Father, unite believers in the communities and churches for your name sake. Protect them from every deadly and evil act of the enemy, and every attempt to commit harm. Conform your word among the true Christian Community and show the world that you're the true and living God. Help our Ministers and Missionaries to realize they have mission fields sitting in their congregations. Give them divine favor and protection. Forewarn them of any impending dangers, and direct their steps. Allow our servants of God to rule in the midst of their adversaries; for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for victory.

"We Pray For The Enemies of America" Father, give us the mercy and grace to forgive our enemies as you forgive us. Vengeance belongs to you alone Lord. Unite us in prayer to stand. Touch the hearts of every evil individual and pour out your Holy Spirit in this world and let her yield a mighty harvest for your glory. Amen.

Thanks for reading, Saints. We will meet in the home of Sister Annie Mae McBride, 402 Walnut Avenue, on Saturday morning, October 5, 2002, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

If you have food for the Food Drive, call Sister Christene Burlison at (806) 762-8033.

Sister Dorothy Hoody president; Sister Christine Burlison, vice president; and Sister Joyce Ross, secretary. Keep driving and praying. Precious People!

## Black Educator's Dedication, Commitment Shine in Her Students

Woman Takes Leap of Faith That Pays Off With Her Own Christian Academy

By Carol J. Castaneda

ALEXANDRIA, VA - After more than 30 years as teacher and principal, Mercedes Morrison broke out on her own, doing what some teachers' only dream of: she started her own elementary school.

Morrison began to follow her calling, chasing a dream to provide education the way she knew in her heart students learn: through individual attention, dedication and Christian beliefs.

"I just realized it was time to leave ... and that I was going to start my own school," Morrison said as she sat in the entranceway of her school just off Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. "I had standards and goals that I wanted to obtain my own way, things I knew I could do if I had my own school."

At great financial risk and with a little planning, Morrison followed her heart and started her own Christian elementary school in September 1999. She named it Agape Christian Academy. Agape means unconditional love in Greek. That first year, Morrison started the school from an empty warehouse in Springfield, VA. Having realized her dream, she now needed everything from blackboards to chalk to desks. At the time, she had no idea where she would get them. In the end, they came almost like her faith: as an unconditional gift.

With donations from her former student's parents and even her own parents, who helped with about \$200,000 of the initial funding, she was able to pull together the school with an astounding 190 students that first year. Many of them were former students who followed Morrison to her new educational perch. By June 2000, Morrison moved her thriving school to Alexandria's Mount Vernon area, where the 69,000-square-foot, three-story building is currently located. "Here, we get to know our children," said Morrison, who grew up in Richmond, VA, and moved to Alexandria in 1970. "There is a strong family atmosphere. Here, student's deficiencies are embraced. We see children with learning problems. It's not their problem; it's our problem."

The teachers help students overcome their deficiencies, one by one, and teach them that their lives are not just happenstance. "We tell them that their being is for a reason," said Morrison. "What they do now is of great importance."

The ability to talk about religion and Christianity is one of the things that drew teacher Sharon Cerce to Agape Christian Academy. "I have parents who want to see their children excel academically,

socially and spiritually," said Cerce. "They wanted to see their children reach their full potential. We have a very high level, challenging curriculum. It takes a lot of work from children and their parents. It's a lot like an extended family."

Students get a great deal of individual attention at Agape, where the student-teacher ratio is 23. Having smaller classrooms has paid off. Students' test scores averaged in the 80th percentile last year. Just like public schools, the students take the Stanford 9 test of achievement.

Former student Ashley McNeil, 19, who is now in her second year at Spellman College in Atlanta, where she is majoring in economics, remembers Morrison well. Morrison was Ashley's principal at Christian Center School in Alexandria.

"Mrs. Morrison is open to all questions and willing to explain things when we didn't understand," said McNeil. "She's very warm and caring and dedicated to education and to her students. She was concerned about our overall well-being. She doesn't want to see any of her students fail. She will create extra programs to help them and provide tutors or after-care programs with their teachers, or herself if she has to."

Morrison took those same principles and educational beliefs to her own classrooms at Agape Christian Academy.

There, bursts of student laughter erupt as children walk through the hallway to computer classrooms, science lab, art, music, physical education, Spanish-language classes and other classrooms where core subjects such as history and math are taught. Lessons on public speaking, how to read a textbook and how to effectively use library resources are part of the curriculum.

The K-6 school, which has a choir and a computer club, also has preschool classes for 3- and 4-year-olds. To meet the busy lifestyles of today's parents, there's before- and after-school supervision.

But like other new ventures, the school struggles with financial funding. Enrollment dropped to 143 when Morrison had to raise tuition, which starts at \$4,300. Even so, Agape's tuition is still well below other private schools.

As Morrison seeks financial support through donations and grants, she is committed that her faith will help see her through these financially rough times.

"There's a passion that keeps me going," Morrison said. "I wouldn't be comfortable doing something else even if I wanted to stop. I can't stop. I enjoy and believe in this school even when things get rough. When I see the

progress that children make from day to day, it gives me the inspiration to continue."


For more information about Agape Christian Academy or to make a donation, please call the school at 703-360-1996.

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**Seven Principles of Kwanzaa**

The African American Studies students at Richland Community College hosted a Kwanzaa Celebration on Tuesday, December 3. The event took place from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Shilling Salons I & II.

The year's theme was "A Tribute to Negroes Past and Present." A Kwanzaa feast followed the program.

Umoka (Unity)  
Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)  
Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility)  
Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics,  
Nia (Purpose)  
Kwumba (Creativity)  
Imani (Faith)



## Rosa Parks: 47 Years Later

On Dec. 1, 1955, the courageous actions of one middle-aged black woman in Montgomery, Ala., marked a turning point for the civil-rights movement in the United States. On that day, Rosa Parks defiantly refused to comply with the city's racist policy of segregated seating on public buses. As a result she was thrown in jail, a move that sparked a year-long protest and had a ripple effect throughout the country.

The acts of Rosa Parks on that fateful day have become a staple of black history presentations and a part of the legend of the civil-rights struggle. Her defiance helped lead a radical transformation of racial policies and practices in the South, the death of Jim Crow segregation and, ultimately, the inclusion of disenfranchised blacks in electoral politics. But over time, some of the facts about Rosa Parks have gotten lost in the translation.

First, many accounts of the

1955-56 Montgomery Bus Boycott cast Rosa Parks as someone who almost inadvertently stumbled into the history books. The popular story describes her as a tired seamstress who one day simply refused to move when asked to give up her seat to a white passenger on a city bus, as was the custom.

But her actions were neither simple nor spontaneous. Parks was a politically savvy woman who had held office with the local NAACP branch and was an active member of the organization. Montgomery organizers had been looking for ways to challenge the segregation policies on the city buses for some time. Black women had been in the forefront of these efforts, since domestic workers used the buses daily. Parks had participated in discussions about how to launch such a campaign, including the idea of a boycott. She may not have known how things would turn out as a result of her actions 45

years ago but she definitely understood the potential. It was a conscious political act, not an accident.

A second myth about the boycott is the idea that Parks was a lone heroine. That's how we Americans seem to like our heroes and heroines — tough, solitary individuals. However, historical reality paints a different picture. Parks did not act alone.

One group which was pivotal in launching the boycott was the Women's Political Council of Montgomery, led by Jo Ann Robinson, a teacher at a local black college. Robinson drafted and made copies of the leaflet calling for a bus boycott on the night of Parks' arrest. She approached the black male leadership in the city for its support and approval. Robinson then worked with activist E.D. Nixon and others to build enthusiasm for the boycott in the community.

## Blacks Must Add Missing Ingredients to the American Melting Pot

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On a recent visit to Stockholm, Sweden, I took a daylong bus trip for tourists. It featured some of the most important historical and cultural sites the nation had to offer. It also made me think about what may be lacking in America, particularly among African-Americans.

My tour guide, who was extraordinarily knowledgeable, aided me in coming to this important realization. She took such joy and pride in describing her nation's culture and history that it made me realize that this is a missing ingredient in the African-American experience. African-Americans have worked

to build the United States in almost every capacity imaginable. Think about it. We have fought in our nation's wars, we have died here and abroad defending our nation and we have represented our nation abroad. But do we feel the same sense of joy and pride about the United States that a European-American feels? Shouldn't we?

Of course, we should! But, for a variety of reasons, many of us do not love this land, ourselves, and others living in it the way we should. There are deep psychological causes built into the explanation of why we are not always exuberant about being American. There is, of course, the history of slavery. We also cannot forget the marauding dogs and the water hoses of the Civil Rights Era or reverse-affirmative action. There are white supremacist hate groups as well as allegations of continued discrimination in the worlds of education, employment and

finances. Clearly, these historical phenomena affect the way we view ourselves and how we perceive our place in the nation.

This prompts an oft-cited realization. It is paramount that we love ourselves before we can begin to entertain the idea of loving our fellow citizens and the nation as a whole. The "Black is Beautiful" phase used in the Civil Rights Movement forced us to look at ourselves and begin to love and respect each other even though we had brown skin and kinky hair — traits we had been taught to hate.

But this phase did not last long enough to facilitate our going beyond just surface considerations in our behavior modification. We did not study our history long and well enough to come to love and respect our magnificent contributions to the formation of America.

These contributions, and the contributions that we continue to make, should force us to realize

## Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

**Question:** What does gospel mean?

**Answer:** The word gospel comes from the words good spell. The original words came from the linguistic period of time referred to as Middle English. This time period was from 1150 A.D. until 1475 A.D. The English was intended as a translation of the Greek euangelion from which we get our word evangelism. The word originally meant good tidings. It has reference to the fulfillment of the coming Messiah. This coming Messiah would deliver His people from any and all oppression and bring them into His kingdom where they would experience eternal joy.

*We don't have to pay the price for our sins if we trust in Jesus to pay the price for us.*

who were here when the rest arrived. To a greater or lesser degree, we all can appreciate the good news of liberation from oppression.

The first four books of the New Testament are referred to as the Gospels because they give a narrative of the life of Jesus the Messiah. In a modern context, black spiritual music is referred to as gospel music. The term is appropriate because it depicts the life of the Messiah and when you hear the message you are indeed the recipient of good news.

But, the foundation of good news is not just the story about Jesus or the music about Jesus. The truly good news is about the death of Jesus. This seems to be a contradiction, but the good news tells us that Jesus died for us. Ezekiel 18:1-4 teaches us that the soul that sins must die. God in His grace, mercy and justice allowed His Son to die in our place. Our sins separated us from God (Isaiah 59:1,2). In order to remove the sins that condemned us Jesus had to die in our place and satisfy God's eternal law. This is the foundation of the gospel. We don't have to pay the price for our sins if we trust in Jesus to pay the price for us. He died in our place, because He died we can live forever in heav-

en with Him. The gospel is good news because God made Him who knew no sin to become sin on our behalf. God made us righteous by the death of Jesus (II Corinthians 5:20,21). He allowed Jesus to take our place. It is hard to see why people don't surrender to the good news of the Bible. Jesus saves! You cannot remove the sins that separates you from God, only the Savior can wash away sins (Acts 22:16).

May this good news give you strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

Grace and peace  
Gerald P. Jackson



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Any people who have oppression in their heritage can appreciate the idea of the good news of deliverance and salvation. Every American should be able to appreciate liberation. Every single group of people who came to this country has had oppression in their ancestry. From the Anglos who came for religious freedom and freedom from an oppressive caste system, to the Africans who were brought here under the weight of slavery, we all have oppression in our ancestry. This oppression includes the Native Americans

that we have played an extraordinary role in making the United States what it is today. Fully understood, this realization will give us an internal and external sense of value and worth.

The true value and worth of ones deeds, however, are only perceived when they are recognized and praised by others. Yes, Asian, European, Hispanic, and Native American groups within our nation must acknowledge the contributions of African-

Americans. And, of course, we must acknowledge theirs. It is through this type of mutual recognition and respect that unity of purpose and love can be engendered, which can transform how we perceive ourselves and others within this melting pot and produce a sense of joy and pride in being American.

It is only when the entire nation has a sense of joy and pride in being American that we will all be willing to do what is

right by ourselves and each other. To date, there have been the missing ingredients. We must add them to the mix if we are to survive as a nation. Right now is as good a starting point as any for filling in these missing ingredients.

### In Remembrance...



**Eula Clemons**

Funeral services for Eula Clemons were held Wednesday, December 18, 2002, at Parkway Drive Church of Christ with Gerald Jackson officiating.


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

She died Thursday, December 12, 2002.

She was born September 28, 1929, in Bastrop, Texas, and moved to Slaton about 50 years ago from Bastrop. She attended Evans High School in Slaton and graduated from Lubbock Christian College in 1973.

She was a member of Alpha Sigma Delta Kappa Gamma and a member of the Lubbock Retired Teachers Association. She taught school for 25 years at Hardwick Elementary School. She retired in 1995. She received many awards and certificates.

Ms. Clemons is survived by three brothers: L.G. Solomons of Abilene, Texas, Charles L. Curtis of Lubbock, Texas and Elmo Curtis of Fort Worth, Texas; and a sister, Estelle Brooks of Austin, Texas.



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# COOKING CORNER

## Bringing a Taste of Fall Into Your Kitchen

(NAPS)—Who doesn't love the smell of fresh, hot apple crisp baking in the oven on a chilly fall night? These days, it's hard to find the time to make homemade baked goods, yet the flavors of autumn are hard to pass up. But with a little preparation and the right oven, you can bake with autumn fruits and vegetables and still have time to enjoy the fall season away from your kitchen!

"There are many ways to enjoy the tastes of fall without spending your entire day cooking in the kitchen," says Jill Means, senior consumer scientist with Maytag's Center for Home Solutions. "For instance, the Maytag Accellis™ 2X range cooks a meal in as little as half the time of a traditional range because of its rapid-cook technology allowing you more time to spend with your family this fall."

Means goes on to explain, "The Maytag Accellis 2X is a full-size oven that uses rapid-cook technology, which combines conventional radiant heat and low-level microwave energy to provide foods that are browned and crisp, yet moist and flavorful. This full-size oven allows you the best of both worlds—delicious foods and quick cooking."

Try these family-oriented tips for enjoying fall fruits and vegetables from Maytag's Center for Home Solutions, dedicated to providing solutions for your home:

• Visit the local farmer's market where you can choose from an array of farm-fresh fruits and vegetables. Try experimenting with favorites such as baked squash, which traditionally bakes in 60 minutes, whereas in a Maytag

Accellis 2X, it can be baked in only 30 minutes. A wonderful fall side dish for any meal.

• Celebrate Halloween by preparing pumpkin treats with your children. Expand beyond the traditional pumpkin pie and make some kid-friendly pumpkin bread, muffins or bars. Make mini-muffins that take 20 minutes in a traditional oven and only 10 minutes in the Maytag Accellis 2X.

• Escape the busy sounds of the city and plan a trip to a local apple orchard. Tour the orchard, drink apple cider and of course, grab a basket and pick the apples! When you get home, create your own family fun by bobbing for apples or making a fall favorite: homemade apple crisp.

For more tips on quick cooking from Maytag's Center for Home Solutions, log on to [www.maytag.com](http://www.maytag.com).

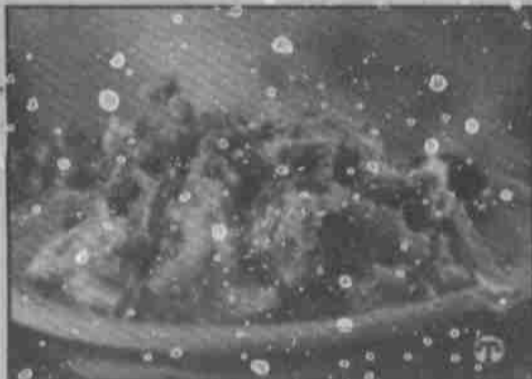
Maytag's Quick Homemade Apple Crisp  
 5 cups of sliced, peeled baking apples (Granny Smith, Rome Beauty or other tart apples are recommended)  
 3 tbs. sugar

Topping:  
 3/4 cup quick rolled oats  
 1/2 cup brown sugar  
 1/4 cup flour  
 1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
 1/4 tsp. nutmeg  
 6 tbs. butter  
 1/4 cup chopped pecans (optional)

Mix apples and sugar. Put in 2-quart baking dish. For topping, in medium bowl combine the quick rolled oats, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in pecans.

Sprinkle topping over apples.

Accellis 2X Baking Instruction: Select "Baked Goods" speed option, 50 Auto Set. Time is automatically cut in half. In 25 minutes the apple crisp is ready. For conventional baking, instructions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and bake for 45-50 minutes or until apples are tender and topping is golden.



## "Times Square" Lemon Square

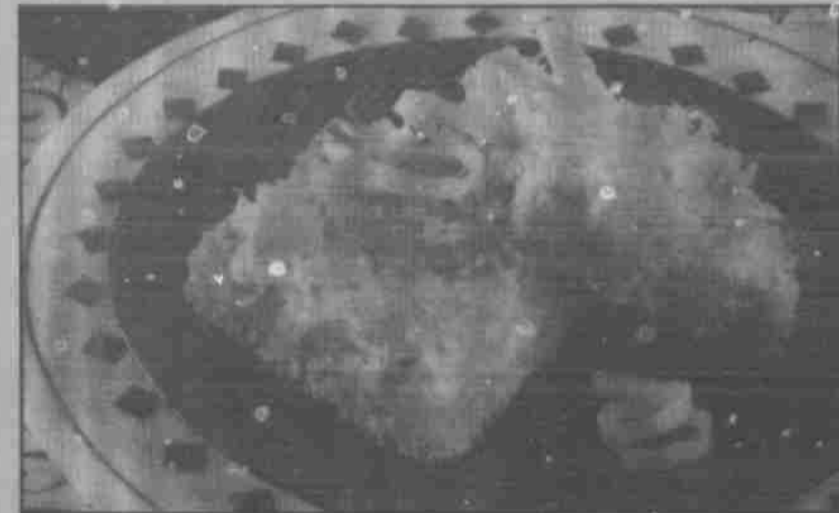
What would a New Year's Eve celebration be without watching the ball drop at the stroke of midnight in New York City's Times Square? This year's New Year's Eve celebration in New York is sure to be even more monumental with the special celebration of patriotism and pride in our American traditions. Since most of us won't have the opportunity to participate in the celebration by personally "being there" why not celebrate New Year's Eve from the comfort of your home.

The culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand have developed a luscious lemon dessert that's perfect for a New Year's celebration at home or away. Delicious "Times Square" Lemon Squares are simple to make.

This new recipe combines biscuit and baking mix with butter, sugar and coconut to make a chewy cookie crust. Fresh lemon juice gives the custard-like filling

(divided)  
 1/2 cup plus 2 cups sugar (divided)  
 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened  
 2 cups shredded coconut (divided)  
 4 large eggs

Grate peel from lemons to equal 2 teaspoons; set aside. Squeeze juice from lemons to equal 1/2 cup; set aside. In mixer bowl, beat 2 1/2 cups biscuit mix, 1/2 cup sugar and butter until soft dough forms. Add 1 cup coconut, mix to combine. Press dough on bottom of 13x9x2-inch baking pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350° for 28 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned and set. Meanwhile, in mixer bowl, beat remaining 2 cups sugar, 1/4 cup biscuit mix, eggs, lemon juice and lemon peel until well combined. Pour over hot crust. Bake 20 minutes more or until set. Remove from oven, increase oven temperature to 400°. Sprinkle remaining 1 cup coconut over



a sunshine-fresh flavor. With toasted coconut on top and a lemon curl garnish, these festive bars are sure to impress your family and friends.

Go ahead and indulge—enjoy these "Times Square" Lemon Squares to celebrate New Year's—and you'll enjoy a fresh-tasting start to the year 2002.

"Times Square" Lemon Squares  
 2 lemons  
 2 1/2 cups plus 1/4 cup Pioneer Butter/Biscuit and Baking Mix

bars. Bake 8 to 10 minutes more or until coconut is light golden brown. Cool, cut into squares. Garnish with fresh lemon curls\*, if desired. Makes 24 squares.

\*Make a lemon curl garnish with a kitchen tool called a zester. Pull the zester around the lemon to make continuous strips of peel. Wrap the peel around a straw and place in ice water for a few minutes. Remove straw from the peel and place lemon curls over each serving.

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## "It Has to be Up, For Us, By Us, If Not Us, Who?" Part 2

By Eodit P. Richardson

As stated in the last issue in order to make our long denied communities to be competitive in the market place, the leadership and initiative must come from within the community. For the first ever in Lubbock, we have the vehicle to do so with the Mayor's North & East Lubbock Commission who will be making their presentation in a few weeks.

The new big boy on the block is business and industry. While government is the small boy down the road, business and industry have become the industry ocean. The U.S. Government funds are drying

up like a cream. Remember business and industry owns it all. If you don't believe, check out Enron!

Too survive and thrive in today's world, we must learn to do for self what we have depended on others to do for us. Too long we have done this, and now we must learn to be competitive at the market place with our goods and services. Then, and only then, we will not have to depend on others to lead us to the "Promised Land." You say we can make it on our own.

Our goal and objectives should be to become taxpayers and not a tax burdens. Get a job, not an aid check. Put a check in your pocket, not aid at the station.

Over the last few decades, we have lost a couple of generations, through drugs. Drugs are responsible for most of our young people's problems with

the law. This includes drive by shootings, death of many rivals in the drug and gun culture, plus the loss of life. Many it does not admit as well as innocent children who happen to be at the scene of the stupid violence.

Now, this has gone too far! It's time for the total community involvement. It is just plain stupid to let this happen in our neighborhoods, and moan and groan and cry under our breath and do nothing about it.

When you call in and report these kind of activities, your identity is not revealed. Keep in mind, law enforcement can't get on what they do not know.

**NUFF SED, WHY NOT?**



## In Cinque'

by Renetta W. Howard

It appears that many Americans, Republicans, Democrats, Black and White are concerned about the racist remarks of Senator Trent Lott. He has been denounced by friend and foe about his statement made during Senator Strom Thurmond's birthday celebration. If he was thought of as a racist in the beginning, why is everyone so upset? He has apologized by telephone and in person for making his statement. He has said that it was not taken the way he meant it. It came out wrong. Haven't we all said things at one time or another that came out wrong?

Human beings often say

things that 'come out wrong; not the way we meant them! Now we all know that Trent Lott is human. He felt so comfortable in his surroundings that what he said just came out wrong. It is a fact that when we are with our families and very close friends that our language takes on a familiar, common and often unsophisticated style. We often are more careful about what we say when we are around strangers. We use our best, most formal and appropriate decorum.

There are a few of us, who during this time of year, began to partake of the holiday 'cheer.' Attendance at a party is often good enough reason to have some 'cheer.' Many bad mistakes, some life threatening, have taken place under the influence of 'cheer.' It causes some of us to let our hair down, and we speak our sober mind or act on our sober dreams.

We will probably never know what was really on Trent Lott's mind or what really was his sober dream, but we do know what he said and he has been properly 'tongue lashed' from all corners of the United States where there are members of the minorities and is being pressured by many, to step down from his elected posts. Neither President Bush, nor the Republican party want him to step down. His foes are 'digging up dirt' to attempt to discredit him further. Only he and his God really know what he meant by his statement. Personally, I have always felt that "what you do, speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say." I plan to focus on Trent Lott's activities. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and see if the Senators actions are in line with his apologies.

## THIS N THAT

**CHRISTMAS STILL ON THE WAY!** THIS N THAT ..... after wishing for ..... A SONIC DRIVE-IN ..... on the corner of East 19th Street and Martin Luther King Blvd. .... it appears as though it is still on the way.... Last week ..... THIS N THAT ..... visited with the Sonic people ..... and was told as soon as the ..... GAS PIPE IS RELOCATED ON THE PROPERTY ..... plans will be taken to ..... THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT ..... for their okay ..... and then it should be as good as good.... Oh ..... Yes ..... THIS N THAT ..... is still looking and is very happy with the development last week.... Things are still looking up for ..... EAST LUBBOCK!

**MAYBE LESS THAN SIX WEEKS TO OPEN!** THIS N THAT ..... has learned of another business ..... MLK BURGERS ..... located east of United Supermarket ..... should be open within the next ..... SIX WEEKS.... This will also add much to this area of the city.... THIS N THAT ..... is just pleased with this development.

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# Tyrese: 2000 Watts

Theoretically, for a recording artist to reach the summit of his profession, hard work, total dedication, enormous talent, and an untapped will to succeed are essential. When sizzling sensuality, dapper, handsome features, a chiseled hard body, intelligence, charisma, and a soulful, passionate, show-stopping voice are added to the equation, the sky's the limit - the artist is TYRESE.

Taking himself, his music and his impressive vocal career to an even higher level, the RCA Music Group recording phenomenon truly has the awesome R&B power of 2000 WATTS, his electrifying, much anticipated sophomore set, featuring the seductive, body-bouncing Damon Thomas (Babyface, Dru Hill) and Harvey Mason, Jr. produced lead single, "I Like Them Girls."

Needless to say, worldwide "them girls" like (no...love) TYRESE too. It's been that way since they saw him singing the praises of Coca-Cola on a now famous TV commercial a few years ago. Now, building on that auspicious introduction and the mass public adoration it perpetuated, he has a bestseller self-titled debut 1998 album to his credit (which spawned the smash hits "Sweet Lady" and "Lately"); he's graced billboards and major magazine layouts modeling designer labels like Guess, appeared in numerous national TV commercials, acted with series star Brandy in "Moesha," hosted the highly popular "MTV Jams," did a memorable cameo appearance in the MTV movie "Love Song," and has a pivotal role in John Singleton's forthcoming feature film "Baby Boy."

The obviously ambitious, totally tireless 22-year-old is certainly busy as his quest to cover as much creative ground as possible. However, despite his many successful endeavors, singing in general, and 2000 WATTS in particular, are TYRESE's biggest and most important priorities. "Singing was and still is my first love, and it opened the doors for me in all of the other show business-related things that I do," says the warm, friendly, down-to-earth Watts, Los Angeles born and bred star, who is clearly pleased with the results of the months of extremely hard work that went into recording his second solo album. "We put everything into making it not only a good album" he insists, "but one we're all really proud of."

The prideful "we" TYRESE refers to are the outstanding writers and producers who assisted him in making

2000 WATTS the high voltage urban contemporary masterpiece it is. The stellar list includes: Babyface, Jermaine Dupri, Rodney Jerkins and Diane Warren. "When you want the best songs, you get the best producers to work with you," says TYRESE, who co-wrote most of his excellent new album's material.

Choosing just a few of the great songs that populate 2000 WATTS is like asking a loving parent to pick their favorite child. It's almost impossible. Nevertheless, the following are prime examples of why long before we bid adieu to 2001, TYRESE will no doubt be one of (if not the) hottest, chart-topping male R&B/pop star in the country.

Here are some of the musical reasons why: "I Like Them Girls," a sexy, bounce-beat anthem of female appreciation, serving up tastefully seductive lyrics; powered by TYRESE's strong voice and blazing performance; "Off The Heazy," a fine-tuned, party-powered crowd pleaser, produced by platinum hit-maker Jermaine Dupri (who also turns in a solid guest rap), "I Ain't The One," a danceable, synthesized jam about an ill-fated romantic encounter with a gold digger, "I'm Sorry," a lush, dreamy new millennium ballad, "There For Me (Baby)," a cool, Babyface produced melodic journey into the heart of TYRESE's soul, and "What Am I Gonna Do," a sweet love song about the exquisite joy and subsequent pain of falling into unrequited love.

Universally relatable, there are certainly aspects and facets of TYRESE's real life included in the lyrical content of 2000 WATTS, a fact he has no qualms embracing. "I'm saying exactly what I want to say on this album," he explains. "Basically, if you want to know who I am and what I was going through at the time I was making this album, you'll hear me sing about it. But what's more important is for people who listen to it to feel they've been through some of the same situations."

The test of a true artist is the innate ability to make people identify with them and their songs. To do so means totally giving oneself to everything they vocalize. "You see, I don't just go in the studio and sing," TYRESE elaborates, "I give it my all I go for blood and sing like I'm making my last record. Hopefully, that's what people will hear when they listen to my new album. Unlike myself, some people stop their feelings and emotions from coming from within because they're so concerned about their outer looks. But



me? I'll be in the studio making a million thousand ugly faces because the only thing that matters is that I let the feeling out."

From the start, it was clear that TYRESE was destined to make something special of himself, despite having to early on deal with personal and family problems. Being forced to fend for himself, and having to often fight to survive in LA's impoverished, crime-ridden Watts ghetto, made an impact on him, but never stopped him from trying to better himself or his position in life. "It wasn't easy and I had to watch my back all of the time, but I always believed in myself, and that I could make it out of there."

"Now," he says smiling, "my family and me are fine and closer than we've ever been." TYRESE, who grew up with his mother, two sisters and an older brother, remembers singing from the time he could talk. "Music was just born in me," says the graduate of LA's Locke High School. "Listening and loving everyone from Stevie Wonder to Marvin Gaye to Jodeci and Donny Hathaway, I found myself wanting to express myself with as much honesty and soul as they had. So when I got a chance to audition for that Coke spot, I went all out to get it. Although, he amusingly recalls, "I almost missed it by being two and a half hours late." Pleading with the casting people to sign for them despite his tardiness,

TYRESE was allowed to do so, sang his heart out, got the job, and the rest, as they say is still history in the making.

Impressed with his now famous commercial, it wasn't long before the RCA Music Group, one of 20 labels vying for his services, signed TYRESE to a lucrative recording contract. Once TYRESE the album was released in '98, the then 19-year-old singer's star shot into orbit. A number of hits, standing ovations, an American Music Award and Grammy nomination, plus acting and modeling triumphs later, he continues to thrive artistically and mature personally. The fact is, TYRESE 2001 has come a long way from having Coca-Cola on a city bus. He's now one of the most recognized and respected multi-dimensional stars of his generation. He's the founder of the 2000 Watts Foundation, an organization he created through which he'll build a state-of-the-art community center in his birthplace. Nonetheless, he remains quite humble. "Reaching this point in my career is something I'm really grateful about," says the smooth groomed, chocolate Don Juan of R&B. "I also know that I couldn't be where I am without the help, support and love of my family, friends, fans, and most of all, God."

## TCTA Gives Muleshoe ISD Principal Administrator of the Year Award

AUSTIN - David Jenkins, principal of Muleshoe High School, has been named 2002-03 Administrator of the Year in the middle/secondary school category by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association. TCTA presents administrator awards annually in three categories to honor exemplary education leaders.

TCTA is an association for Texas teaching professionals, which was founded in 1927 and now has more than 45,000 members across the state. Administrator of the Year awards have been presented since 1931, and nominations may be submitted by any of the Association's 211 local affiliates.

Another Muleshoe resident, MISD School Board Trustee Cindy Purdy, also has won a TCTA statewide award, being named as TCTA's 2002-03

School Board Trustee of the Year. Jenkins has been in public education for 34 years. He has been with the Muleshoe ISD and at Muleshoe High for eight years, initially serving as assistant principal and taking over as principal in 1997. He previously served in New Mexico schools as an administrator, teacher and coach.

Jenkins was selected for the award based on a nomination submitted by the Muleshoe Classroom Teachers Association, a local affiliate of the statewide TCTA. Nominees are evaluated according to their leadership skills; relationship with teachers; commitment to site-based decision making; support of teacher participation in professional activities; and interaction with community leaders and district parents.

In nominating Jenkins, the

Muleshoe CTA praised his commitment to teachers and students, including his generosity in providing needed instructional materials, such as supply budgets for department leads and replacing conventional computer labs with wireless laptops to enhance availability to all teachers; initiating programs that give students course credits for both high school and college; coordinating the FACT Consortium, a group of seven area districts working together to expand curriculum opportunities and share resources; and incorporating Interactive Television (Distance Learning) courses into the curriculum. He also was credited with initiating programs to help at-risk students and other youngsters before they are at risk of dropping out of school.

In choosing Jenkins, the judges noted that he involves teachers, students and parents before making major decisions for the campus, and that he, "completely immerses himself in student activities." He was praised for the ways in which he interacts with others, shares ideas, maintains a positive outlook, and plans staff development using input from faculty.

TCTA will honor Jenkins and Purdy on March 8 in Austin, at an awards luncheon that will close the association's 48th annual convention. Some 600 educators from across the state will attend the TCTA convention, where they may participate in a "Visit to the Capitol" to meet with legislators to share views on education issues, and attend professional enrichment seminars on topics such as new restraint/time out rules for special education students, TRS benefits and health insurance developments, the state's new student accountability system, and a review of resources for leading physical activity for students in kindergarten to grade 6.

At the awards luncheon, TCTA will recognize other educators for excellence, including additional Administrator of the Year winners Aurora V. Martinez of the McAllen ISD, winner in the elementary school category and Patricia A. Smith with the Midland ISD, winner in the central office category; Betty Williams of Texarkana as Retiree of the Year; and Ramon Saenz, Jr., of McAllen as TCTA Faculty Representative of the Year. TCTA also will present three awards to recognize journalistic excellence in the coverage of education issues. 2002-03 Silver Apple award recipients to be honored are Diana Reinhart and The Beaumont Enterprise; B.J. Pollock and The Herald-Coaster in Rosenberg; and Natalie Tysdal and KLTV, Channel 7, in Tyler.

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