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National News

A Historic Election

by Larry Combest

This year's election was historic. For only the third time since the Civil War, the party in power in the presidency picked up seats to the U.S. House of Representatives. I believe that their gains, and the Republican gains in the U.S. Senate, are a big win for the president, his policies, and Americans.

This year's election was the first time since 1923 that a Republican majority in the House of Representatives has expanded. I believe there are many reasons for the support that voters gave to Republican candidates this year.

I believe that people vote for candidates with whom they agree philosophically and who they believe are likely to solve problems facing them. As this election year demonstrates, I believe that Americans support the president's logical approaches and solutions to the problems our country faces today. I supported legislation to make corporations more accountable to their employees and stockholders. The House of Representatives also passed the president's historic across-the-board tax cut, which benefitted all American families. Every parent wants a quality education for their children. Improving education was one of the numerous legislative accomplishments completed during this session. I was an original cosponsor of the No Child Left Behind law, which gives more power to local schools and states, strengthens accountability, and improves failing schools.

The terrorist attacks against our country on September 11, 2001, proved that our nation's legislative priorities can change in an instant. Bipartisan efforts led to the boosting of our nation's defense spending, which helps ensure that our nation's military has the resources it needs to defend our country, and to the passage of the resolution supporting military action against Iraq, if that option becomes necessary. Although the events of that tragic day crystallized our nation's resolve, and partisanship temporarily was suspended in Congress, the tenor eventually changed back to what we unfortunately have come to expect before Election Day. With that change also came the all-too-frequent political concern of scoring points rather than solving problems. I hope that having the same party now holding the majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate will help return the focus of Congress to creating prudent solutions to our nation's problems.

Several important legislative priorities were passed by the House of Representatives, but stalled in the Democrat-led Senate. Clearly, this country's legislative agenda changed after the terrorist attacks on our country on September 11, 2001. I strongly supported a measure to create the Department of Homeland Security, which would improve our nation's intelligence capabilities. The Senate failed to pass this important legislation. The House of Representatives also passed legislation adding a prescription drug benefit under Medicare which gives seniors greater health care options. The Senate also failed to pass this legislation. I believe that the shift in power in the Senate will help us accomplish these important legislative goals during the 108th Congress, and to put in place an energy policy that our local independents need. The president also will have a much easier time ensuring that his judicial nominations will get a fair hearing, which has not occurred over the past two years.

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A Letter From Estacado Band Director: Thank You, Lubbock, TX

Dear Lubbock, Texas:

I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Community of Lubbock for your endless love, support, and contributions toward our program and our goal of performing at the 2003 Sugar Bowl. I am proud to announce that we have met our financial goals and we are going to New Orleans on December 28.

As I look back on our fund-raising campaign, I have several fond memories that I would like to share with you. First, each student was required to pay \$200 of his or her portion of the trip. This was a real sacrifice for some families, especially for families with two or more children in band. An individual or business sponsored students who couldn't

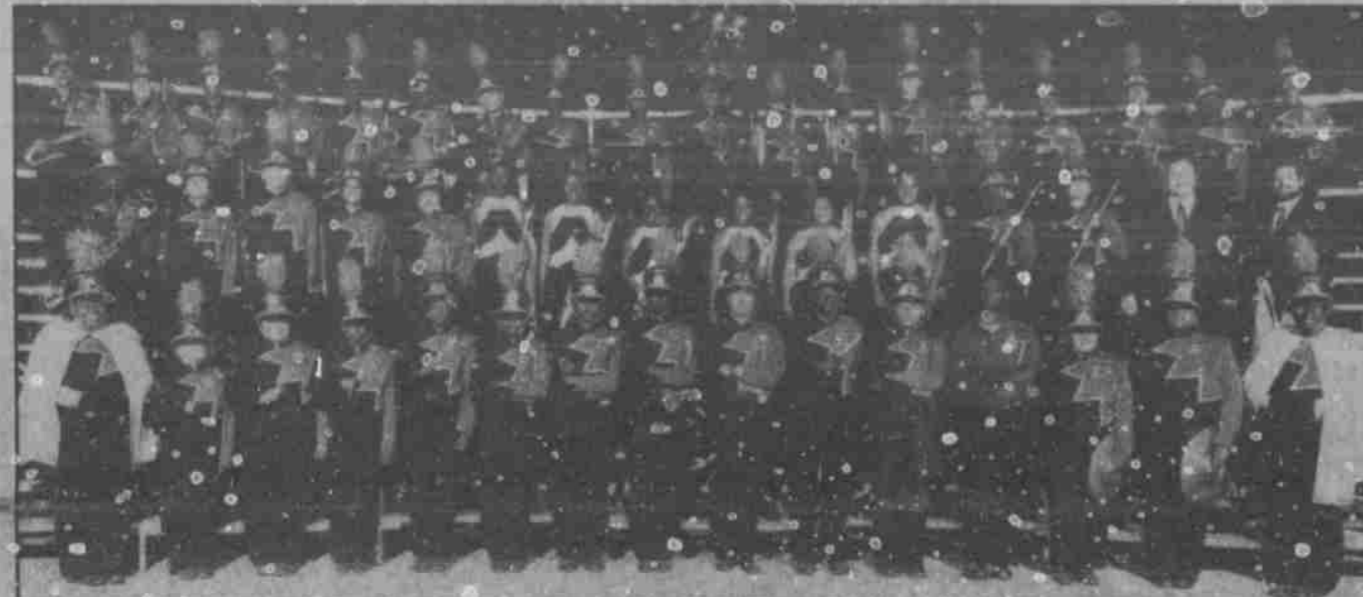
afford this deposit. In the last six months only \$8,500 was raised by contributions of \$400 or more, which means an average household or small business in Lubbock funded the bulk of our trip. I remember our first fundraiser was a Jazz Dinner for Valentine's Day. I was moved by the hundreds of people that came and ate at our benefit dinner during this Jazz Dinner. In fact, so many people came, we ran out of food! FROM WORKING AT Tech games, car-washes, split cards, selling everything and anything just to make a few more dollars, it has certainly been an adventure and it will all be worth it when we get to New Orleans!!

Your generosity astounds me! It sincerely warms my heart to see an entire community come together

to support our young people. With all the negative press teenagers receive today, I assure you these children are what is right with America's youth. They are the leaders and the future of our community. This trip is a chance of a lifetime for them, and you have made it possible. We are your musical ambassadors, and we will represent you with pride, honor, and dignity.

On behalf of all sixty band students, Mr. Wilson, The Estacado Band Boosters, Estacado High School, Lubbock Independent School District, and I, thank you for making our dream a reality!!!

Sincerely,
Jason Levin
Director of Band



Elder Michael L. McWilliams Named Guest Speaker For Mission 1 of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church

Mission 1 of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its Annual Day on Sunday, November 17, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to come and help in the celebration as praises to the Lord are given.

The guest speaker for the annual celebration will be Elder Michael L. McWilliams, a former resident of Lubbock.

Elder McWilliams is son of Carolyn McWilliams and the late Joe L. McWilliams. He graduated from Dunbar-Struggs High School in 1991. After graduation, he attended Odessa Junior College, Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos, Texas, and the University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa, Texas where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He

also received a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and completed all course work for a superintendent certificate.

After graduating from UTPB, he was hired by the Midland Independent School District. While living in Midland, Elder McWilliams was a member of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ. He served as Administrative Assistant to the Pastor, Supt. W.C. Kenon. He was also the Youth Pastor.

After working for six years in the Midland School District, Elder McWilliams relocated to Fort Worth, Texas to assume the principalship at Mitchell Boulevard Elementary School.

He is married to the former Shanda Kenan, and they have two children, Kenan J. Louis, age 5,

and Kennedy Alyse, age 2.

Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.



Elder Michael L. McWilliams

Documentary Gives Account of Hubbers, Black Hubbers Baseball Teams

LISD TV Channel 12 has just released the first of what they hope to be several human-interest documentaries and is beginning to film the second production. The first film, titled the Lubbock Hubbers, "For the Love of the Game," is a historical view of the former baseball team.

The Lubbock Hubbers and the Black Hubbers were professional and semi-professional baseball teams in Lubbock from the early 1920s to the late 1950s. The Hubbers, a part of the West Texas-New Mexico League, were split into two teams -- a Class C professional White Hubbers for white players only, and the Black Hubbers, a semi-pro team for black players. Although the two teams rarely played each other, both brought out huge crowds to Hubber Park, currently the football field at Cavazos Junior High in north Lubbock.

The documentary is a one-hour set of interviews with original Hubbers and Black Hubbers players. The players share personal memories about their experiences and what it was like to be baseball players during that time. The second human-interest documentary will be about Mary and Francis Wilson and will largely be a history of the Lubbock LISD.

The Hubbers documentary will play on LISD's Channel 12 at different times over the next month. Anyone wanting a copy of the documentary can purchase one by mail, including the request with a check for \$17 to LISD TV at 1323 E. 24th St. Lubbock, TX 79404. Former Hubbers may receive a free copy of the documentary by contacting the television station.



Ruby Jay Passes Here Tuesday; Services Set For Saturday

Ruby Jay, who wrote the column "Ruby Jay's Column" each week in the Southwest Digest, passed away here Tuesday evening. A longtime resident of Lubbock, she always enjoyed letting her readers know who was visiting Lubbock and the various events being held in her church, New Hope Baptist Church, or various churches in the area.

Funeral services are set for Saturday morning, November 16, 2002, at the New Hope Baptist Church, at 11:00 a.m. Ossie Curry Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Her pastor, Rev. Billy R. Moton will officiate the services. More information on her will be in next week's issue.



Mrs. Annie Ree Sanders, Longtime Resident Succumbs Here Monday, November 11, 2002

Funeral services have been set for a longtime resident, Mrs. Annie Ree Sanders, for Saturday afternoon, November 16, 2002, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor. Services will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. Sanders was a wife, mother, church worker, and concerned citizen of Lubbock. More will be written about her life in next week's issue of the Southwest Digest.



Combest to Resign in May

WASHINGTON, D.C. US Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, released the following statement Tuesday:

"There have been a number of events that have happened to Sharon and me in the last year that have made us realize how fragile life and health are. They certainly caused us to rearrange our priorities and we want to spend as much time together while we have our life and health. In order for us to be able to spend that time together, I will submit my resignation from Congress effective on May 31, 2003. That

should provide ample time for individuals who wish to run for the office to make their intentions known and for there to be a special election to fill the seat."

"Through ten elections, me people of the 19th Congressional District have been very kind to us and words cannot express our appreciation for the confidence they have shown in us. We have so many wonderful friends and are looking forward to being at home in Lubbock to enjoy their friendship even more."

1st Annual Healthy Harvest Health Fair Set For Nov. 23rd

Graduate students of Texas Tech University's Department of Health, Exercise, and Sport Sciences will hold their 1st Annual Healthy Harvest Health Fair. The students who are in the Health Behavior and Health Promotion class are organizing a community health fair for the city of Lubbock. The health fair will take place on November 23, 2002 at the Cavazos Junior High School gymnasium. This health fair is open to the public and will feature a variety of booths filled with important health information, demonstrations, screenings, and giveaways.

Several invitations have been extended to the many health-related organizations, including: American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, Lubbock Department of Health, Women's Protective Services, Children's

Advocacy Center, United Blood Services, Covenant Lifestyle Center, Mental Health Mental Retardation, Texas Problem Pregnancy Information Center, March of Dimes, Lubbock Digestive Diseases, American Red Cross, Alcoholics Anonymous, Covenant's Heart Institute, Pulmonary Association of Lubbock, Dental Associates of Lubbock, Osteoporosis/Bone Densitometry, and Joe-Airington Cancer Center.

Those who attend can learn about healthier lifestyles and take part in a variety of free health screenings. All attendees will be in a drawing for a Kliff Kingsbury autographed football. For more information on this event, please call Michael at (806) 687-3255 or (915) 809-8252.

Fashion Fun

Shirley Coltrane

Artistic Hosiery

The great thing about the history of fashion, is that it keeps repeating itself. In regards to the pantihose, we're definitely stepping back in time, and aren't we stepping pretty.

The artistic pantihose returns, bringing with it yesterdays glamour, elegance and style, for todays beautiful fashion conscious women.

This time around the art on hosiery is designed to enhance this season current fashions, especially the embellished suits. Ladies you're going to feast your eyes upon plenty of sheer and ultra sheer delights.

Rhinestone pantihose galore, stones in many colors and different shapes, arranged in unusual patterns.

In fact, it will not be difficult at all to select the exact same decoration on your hosiery, that you have on your suit! How great is that!



The art work varies from beaded beads, to stars, to beautiful breath-taking roses, or maybe a single rose, or better yet, a single black line down the back of the pantyhose... remember that one? I LIKED IT THEN...AND I LIKE IT NOW!

Ladies, lets not be shy, what ever statement your suit is making let your pantihose make the same statement.

BUSY SUITS, BUSY HOSE, BEAUTIFUL BUSY BLACK WOMEN!

Rediscover the true meaning of being totally dressed from your head to your toe.

NEXT ISSUE... Fabric flowers blooming

Tip... Always wear a smile! Fashion, just for the fun of it

Lubbock Area Students Named to Honored Group

Lubbock area residents are among 86 students inducted this fall into South Plains College's Kappa Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, international honor society for students in two-year colleges.

Students must be full-time, have maintained a minimum 3.25 grade point average and have completed at least 15 semester hours at the college to be considered for induction.

"This is a tremendous honor for these students, and we commend them for their selection to Phi Theta Kappa," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president.

Erin Flanagan, PTK chapter president, and Dr. Kelvin Sharp, vice president for academic affairs, gave the welcome and introductions during a recent induction ceremony.

Warren Jackson, 2001-2002 international PTK president and a junior at Texas Tech

University, served as keynote speaker and spoke on the importance of PTK membership. He received his associate of arts degree from Shawnee Community College and is pursuing a bachelors degree in political science with minors in speech communication and history.

"These students have been inducted into a chapter that has been recognized both statewide and internationally," said Gary Pofforbaroff, associate professor of English and chapter sponsor. "SPC's PTK chapter has received the Five-Star Program Award at the state and international PTK conventions for chapter activities and service to the campus and community for the past six years."

SPC's PTK chapter is among 82 chapters in Texas and more than 1100 chapters nationwide. PTK's membership numbers approximately

88,000 members.

Lubbock PTK initiates are Traci Brown, Amy Bray, Katherine Cook, Richard Corvian, Debra Creeby, Darryel Croxton, Renata De Leon, Courtney Dematties, Andria Ducej, Matthew Gallagher, Cassie Gee, Tika Ray Hamlet, Gabriel Hernandez, Sabrina Hiett, Michelle Ivey, Angela Jauregui, Ben Mercado, Garron Lee Morgan, Jr., Melissa Peterson, Khanh Pham, Tina Ramirez, Rebecca Saluri, Rebecca Self, Cindy Solis, Cindy Stuart, Daric Thompson, Luciano Zavala, Alexandria Zerrata and Edna Ziba.

Area PTK initiates are Brad Hutcherson and Marsha McCullers from Wolforth, Tammie Runyon from Ransom Canyon, and Jared Baldwin and Joshua Bloys from Shallowater.

"Stellar" Lubbock Economy Attributed To John Montford, Bobby Knight, David Sharp

Lubbock, according to Karr Ingham, is still the "shining star" in the economic sky of Texas. Ingham, an Amarillo-based economist who produces quarterly reports for American State Bank and Lubbock Power and Light, says, "Nobody in Texas is faring as well as Lubbock in terms of growth"; and he gives a major share of the credit to John Montford, Bobby Knight, and David Sharp.

Ingham will join ASB and LP&L officials for a news conference at 11 a.m. Wednesday (November 6, in the lobby of American State's main bank at 1401 Avenue Q. They'll comment on Ingham's 3rd Quarter report for Lubbock, which shows, among other things, an amazing 107 per cent boost in home construction.

Buyers for those new houses come from a variety of sources, says Ingham, with the local economy strengthened by a host of favorable factors—the Texas Tech expansion generated by former Chancellor John Montford, such projects as the United Spirit Arena, the national attention drawn by Tech basketball coach Bobby Knight and such events as the Vatican art exhibit diversification of the traditionally agriculture-based economy, and the transfusion of new jobs promoted by Market Lubbock Inc. and its president, David Sharp.

Above all, says Ingham, "People in Lubbock are confident they're going to have jobs."



JAY'S CORNER

(Editor's Note: Since this column was written, the writer, Ruby Jay, passed. She passed Tuesday evening at the Lubbock Rehabilitation Center. We wanted to continue this column as it is was her last. This space will continue to be dedicated in her memory. Ed)

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

Our church theme: Matthew 9:18 — "If you have faith enough to believe it, God has power enough to do it."

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m. with all teachers present and at their post of duty. For thirty minutes, students received instruction about the morning lesson. At 10:15 a.m., all teachers and students marched to the main auditorium where high points of the morning lesson were given. There was prayer as well.

Last Sunday was Youth Day at New Hope, and the Youth Department was in charge of the morning devotions at 10:45 a.m. They were assisted by the Praise Team. What a time!

The Youth Choir marched in the morning processional singing out of their little hearts and souls. Altar prayer was offered. A selection was sung by the Youth Choir. Brother Leonard Wilson read the morning scripture. Prayer was given by Sister Jasmine Brickey. After the singing of another song, the responsive reading was done with the congregation and led by Brother Byron Smith. The morning hymn was "Jesus Loves Me."

After Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observation, there was another selection sung by the Youth Choir. Pastor Moton, sermon was entitled "Don't Limit Your Blessings." His scripture was II Kings 4:1-8. What a message.

After the invitation discipleship was extended by Pastor Moton, the morning announcements were read by Sister Sheena Smith. Brother David Williams welcomed all visitors to the church services.

Pastor Moton and members of New Hope Baptist Church were special guest at the First Appreciation Services for Rev. Danny R. Roe, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Make Room For A Man Of God." His scripture text was II Kings 4:9-11.

Prior to the conclusion of the services, Pastor Moton asked for Brother Harry Stokley to make a few remarks. He has made a miracle recovery from his recent heart operation. "God is able!" Said Brother Stokley.

Let us not forget the "Women In Red Banquet" set for Friday evening, November 15, 2002, at the University Medical Center, McJannet Center. Special guest will be the Brotherhood of New Hope. Guest speaker will be Rev. Cheryl Saunders. The theme is "Cleansed by the Blood."

The Women Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church is sponsoring "Christmas In Uganda, Africa." Ladies are asked to help them in this effort by bringing one or both items: blank kets or elbow macaroni. Deadline is Monday, November 25, 2002, for shipment soon thereafter. For more information, contact Sister Joan Y. Ervin, president.

Let us not forget our sick and shut in citizens. Among them are Sister Rosie Reddic and Brother Raymond Stovall, a patient in North Little Rock Hospital. He is the father of Sister Dorothy Stovall.

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On a separate sheet of paper:
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- 1) No purchase necessary. Nomination forms will appear periodically throughout the year in the Avalanche-Journal and at Make Kids Count sponsor business around town. Forms also are available at The A-J Information Center, 710 Avenue J.
- 2) Nomination forms can be mailed to: Spotlight On Kids, P.O. Box 4971, Lubbock, TX 79409, or can be dropped off at The A-J Information Center, 710 Avenue J.
- 3) All information, including a reproducible photograph of the child, must be included. INFORMATION AND PICTURE WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE A-J WITHOUT VERIFICATION AND SIGNATURE FROM A NEARBY OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. Photos will be returned ONLY if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.
- 4) Only one Spotlight On Kids nominee will appear in the A-J each day.
- 5) Selection will be made by A-J personnel based on the completeness of information, parental approval and the merits of the nominee, including family contributions, citizenship, volunteerism, classroom activities and accomplishments, good behavior, church involvement, caring for others, etc.
- 6) All nominees agree to allow their names, and photographs to be published in The Avalanche-Journal without further compensation.
- 7) The Avalanche-Journal is not responsible for submitted entries that are forwarded, lost, late, misdirected, damaged, illegible, incomplete or postage due.
- 8) By entering, each contestant or their representative agrees to the acceptance of the rules and agrees to be bound by them.

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HEBREW 11:1 THE OLD MANS HEARD AND HEARD BUT HEY DID NOT BELIEVE. HE REPENTED HIM ON THE WICKEDNESS OF THE STORK IN HEAVEN KNOWETH HER APPOINTED TIMES AND THE FURROWS AND THE CRANE AND THE SWALLOW OBSERVE THE TIME OF THEIR COMING BUT MY PEOPLE KNOW NOT THE JUDGMENT OF THE LORD.

THE DEVIL GAVE AMERICA HER RIGHTS AND THE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN DECEIVED. HE DID THE SAME THING WHEN HE CAME TO THE GARDEN WITH ADAM AND EVE.

GENESIS 3:4,5 THE SERPENT SAID UNTO THE WOMAN YE SHALL NOT SURELY DIE: FOR GOD KNOW THAT IN THE DAY YE EAT THEREOF THY EYES SHALL BE OPENED, AND YE SHALL BE AS GODS, KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL.

AMERICA AT ONE TIME TRUSTED IN GOD, LIKE ADAM DID IN THE GARDEN, BUT LIKE ADAM AMERICA WANTED TO GO HER OWN WAY, TO BE MODERN.

Jeremiah 17:5 Y THUS SAITH THE LORD CURSE BE THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN MAN AND MAKEH FLESH HIS ARM, AND WHOSE HEART DEPARTETH FROM THE LORD, BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN THE LORD, WHOSE BOOTH SHALL BE AS A TREE.

AMERICA WANTED TO DO HER OWN THING, SHE WANTED TO BE FREE, BUT NOW HER SIN IS HER BURDEN, SHE IS NOW IN MISERERE.

EZEKIEL 18:30 THE LORD SAID, REPENT, AND TURN YOURSELVES FROM ALL YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS: SO SHALL MY SHALL NOT BE YOUR RUIN.

*****AMERICA FOLLOW A DREAM!*****
AMERICA FOLLOWED A MAN, WHO SAID HE HAD A DREAM, NOW SHE IS BUT ONE BIG NIGHTMARE, THAT IS THE WAY IT SEEMS.

Jeremiah 23:25-28 THE LORD SAID I HAVE HEARD WHAT THE PROPHETS SAID, THAT PROFESY LIES IN MY NAME, SAYING, I HAVE DREAMED, I HAVE DREAMED, HOW LONG SHALL THIS BE IN THE HEART OF THE PROPHETS THAT PROFESY LIES? YEA, THEY ARE PROPHETS OF THE DECEIT OF THEIR OWN HEART, WHICH THINK TO CAUSE MY PEOPLE TO FORGET MY NAME BY THEIR DREAMS WHICH TELL EVERY MAN TO HIS NEIGHBOUR, AS THEIR FATHERS HAVE FORGOTTEN MY NAME FOR BAAL, THE PROPHET THAT HATH A DREAM, LET HIM TELL A DREAM, AND HE THAT HATH MY WORD, LET HIM SPEAK MY WORD FAITHFULLY, WHAT IS THE CHAFF TO THE WHEAT?

FROM THAT DREAM CAME DISOBEDIENCE, IN ALL THIS AMERICAN LAND, ITS IN THE CHURCHES, HOMES, SCHOOLS, WHITE HOUSE, ITS OUT OF HAND.

GALATIANS 6:7,8 BE NOT DECEIVED, GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP FOR HE THAT SOWETH TO HIS FLESH SHALL OF THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION, BUT HE THAT SOWETH TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING.

*****CURSED IS AMERICA!*****
THE WAY BACK TO THE LORD, IS TO HUMBLE YOURSELF AND PRAY, BUT AMERICA IS IN TROUBLE, AND WILL NOT SEEK THE LORD'S FACE.

DEUTERONOMY 28:16-20 THE LORD SAID, CURSED SHALL THOU BE IN THE CITY, AND CURSED SHALL THOU BE IN THE FIELD, CURSED SHALL BE THY BASKET AND THY STORE, CURSED SHALL BE THE FRUIT OF THY BODY, AND THE FRUIT OF THY LAND, AND THE INCREASE OF THY KINE, CATTLE, AND THE FLOCKE OF THY SHEEP, CURSED SHALL THOU BE WHEN THOU COMEST IN, AND CURSED SHALL THOU BE WHEN THOU GOEST OUT, BECAUSE OF THE WICKEDNESS OF THY DOING, WHEREBY THOU HAST FORSAKEN ME.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B J MORRISON, MY BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS.

from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "If You Are Black, Get Back"

It was seen on television in living rooms of homes, the web, and across the world 211 Haitians migrants fleeing their homeland for what they hope a better future for their lives and their offsprings.

This daring escape for the promised land from Haiti was made on a 50-foot wooden vessel Tuesday, October 19, 2002. This daring trip northward in the Atlantic ocean takes eight or more days depending on the weather conditions.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The country has been plagued by political violence for most of its history. Most people have to survive on less than a \$1 a day. The poverty of Haiti is so devastating. Many risk their lives on a raging ocean in ill-prepared vessels to come to what is seen as heavenly America.

Haiti is located on the island

of Hispaniola, between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic ocean, west of the Dominican Republic. The ethnic or racial population of Haiti is 95% black and 5% mulatto and white. Its religious makeup is 80% Roman Catholic, 10% Baptist, 4% Pentecostal, 1% Advents and the other percentage are other. More than one half of the population practice some form of voodoo. Haiti has strange bedfellows.

Why would one even care about these people who practice voodoo and where AIDS is taking it daily tolls and there is a mixture of voodoo and Christianity and language is French?

I can think of many reasons that we should care and the first is that we are all brothers and sisters of the Supreme Being on planet earth. The Haitian face discriminatory policies adopted by the past and present adminis-

tration. The Cubans are treated with dignity and respect when they seek asylum in the United States. Not so with the Haitians. Haitian applying for asylum must wait in United States detention centers for their cases to be heard instead of being released to friends and relatives like the Cubans. The claim for treating Haitian difference than any other people in the world that seeks asylum in the United States are that they are trying to discourage an exodus from the impoverished nation.

The policy of the past and present administrations appears to be knee deep in discrimination because of Negroid racial features against the Haitians. It appears that the cliches "If you are Black, get back!" "If your hair is kinky and nose broad you are (whatever) overall" is alive and well toward the Haitians. If you are a Cuban refugee and your hair is straight and your lips

are thin and you are brown, you are free to travel and seek private legal counsel to remain in the United States.

What is happening today to Haitian cannot be solely blamed on the Bush administration. The lackluster behavior of the Clinton administration toward the Haitian does not speak well toward fair treatment for all people regardless of their race, creed or color. In 1997, legislation was introduced allowing Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, and Guatemalan immigrants to apply for suspension of deportation, and many lawmakers asked that Haitians be also included. This was not to be. The Nicaraguans, Salvadorans and Guatemalans and others refugees from the same region of the Haitians were granted reprieves but not Haitians. "Is there equal justice under the law" if your racial stock is Negroid? Would there be justice if the Haitian were of

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Ephesians 5:19

SPECIAL HEALTH PROGRAM SET FOR Greater St. Luke Baptist Church

The public is invited to attend the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Sunday School General Assembly on Sunday morning, November 24, 2002, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The church is located at 306 East 26th Street.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Paula DiBenedetto, RN-NSN, Assistant Professor, Texas Tech Health Science Center School of Nursing.

Her subject will be "Advantages of A Nursing Career, Including registration, grants, loans and many other benefits."

Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are recognizing the writings of Evangelist Sister Annie Day:

"My Attitude Is My Life" by Evangelist Sister Annie Day

I promise myself to be so strong that nothing can disturb my peace of mind, and to talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person I meet.

To make all my friends feel that there is something in them and to look at the sunny side of everything and make my optimism come true.

To thank only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best. To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as I am my own. To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To give so much time to the improvement of myself that I have no time to criticize others. To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

My attitude — Is My Life!

May God continue to bless this great lady in life who has many God given talents. Thanks for reading, God's people. You will receive a blessing.

For all of you who are sick and bereaved, God only knows what you're going through, and you shall overcome. Read Mark 11:22-26 and II Chronicles 7:14.

"Are you holding a grudge against anyone?" Forgive them today! LET'S PRAY THAT MEN AND WOMEN WHO LOVE THE Lord will continue to pray for this country, the United States of America, regardless of the Political party. Look to Jesus and not the Party.

Let us not forget our drive by prayers as you go to and fro in the community. Make sure one of lift those drive by places is our local school. May God continue to bless each of you.

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



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In Remembrance...



Elnora Collins

Slaton, Texas — Funeral services for Elnora Collins were held Tuesday morning, November 12, 2002, at Triumph Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. H. L. Brawley, pastor, officiating.

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

She passed away Saturday, November 9, 2002.

She was born February 2, 1915, in Bryan, Texas. She married Leonard Collins in Slaton. He died February 24, 1990. She moved to Slaton many years ago. She kept house for numerous Slaton residents and cared for many children.

She was a former member of the Gospel Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, and recently became a member of Triumph Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.



Gracie Smith

Funeral services were held for Gracie Sanders Smith last Wednesday afternoon, November 6, 2002, at the Ossie Curry Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, officiating.

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

She passed away here Sunday, November 3, 2002.

She was born in Lubbock, Texas on December 23, 1924, and has always lived in Lubbock. She graduated from Dunbar High School in 1942 and did earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in home economics from Prairie View A&M College in 1946. She was a professional seamstress, child care worker, and homemaker. She and served as secretary-treasurer of the Mount Gilead Baptist Church in Lubbock.

An infant son, Craig Wayland, preceded her in death.

TTU to Celebrate the Opening of the Eng-Phil and Education Complex

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech University's College of Education, Departments of English and Philosophy and the University Writing Center will celebrate the official opening of the English-Philosophy and Education Complex Friday (Nov. 15), in the courtyard of the complex, located at 3008 18th St.

"It is a very important and proud day in the history of the College of Education and the history of Texas Tech University," said Gerald Skeog, Ed. D., dean of the College of Education.

As part of the festivities for the event, a dedication ceremony and reception will take place at 3:30 p.m. Tours of the complex will take place from 2 to 5 pm. Food and entertainment will be provided throughout the event.

The dedication is the university's official notice to the public that the building is ready for visitors," said Sam Dragg, Ph.D, professor and chair of the Department of English. "It is a celebration of all the human energy that has been given to this project."

Faculty and staff moved in the new facility in July 2002. At the start of the fall semester, students had the opportunity to attend classes in the complex's two buildings. With classic Spanish Renaissance architecture, the complex is 311,000-square-foot and has authentic Ludowici clay roof tile. Karen Jacobsen, director of external relations at the College of Education, said the complex has the largest classroom space on a public university campus in Texas. The total cost for the facility is \$38.4 million.

"The facility is conducive to student learning as well as the work professors do in terms of teaching, research and service," Skeog said.

The English-Philosophy Building has five computer classrooms, one observation room, two lecture halls and 40 classrooms. The College of Education facility houses three computer and technology labs, one lecture hall and 30 classrooms including three distance-learning classrooms.

Strength for Today
by Gerald Jackson
hope for Tomorrow

Question: Why does it seem like churches are dying and not growing?

Answer: (Part Three) Another reason churches are declining is due to the lack of the word of God.

Fewer people are placing a premium on the need to know and understand the Holy Scriptures. God's word is the spiritual food on which we are nourished, if we are not being fed we cannot

help but die. Try going without the food that nourishes your physical body and see how long you live. Imagine only eating a meal once maybe twice on Sunday. Your next feeding time may come on Wednesday if you are really motivated. How long do you think you would live feeding so infrequently?

However, for many Christians this is the extent of the spiritual feeding we receive. We may get a sermon on Sunday morning and if we are really spiritual we may get two sermons on Sunday. Then we may return for a mid week service and get a little more spiritual food. With such a small amount of nourishment you will be on death's threshold within a matter of weeks. The same consequence will occur if you are not feeding the spirit. It is clear to see the importance of feeding on the word of God at all

times. Permit me to approach the necessity of God's word from another angle. Only in God's word does He reveal Himself to humanity. If we really want to get to know God, we have to spend time in His word. In the Holy Bible

God reveals His heart and mind to His people. We are given a glimpse of how great our God truly is, we have a hint of His power and majesty. The sweet singer of Israel understood how great our God is, "I will

bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear it and rejoice. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exult. His mane together." (Psalm 34:1-3). David's conversation was continually about God because he knew Him personally. His confidence was in God because He knew God's power and ability. Because of David's conversation about God's beauty and majesty and his confidence in God's power and ability David's enthusiasm for God was contagious. When You come to know who God really is, you want to be close to Him and His people.

In the Bible we learn about the price of salvation that was paid for each of us. Isn't the price paid for our salvation costly enough to

want to motivate us to show our appreciation for what God did for us? The greater our understanding of the sacrifice, the greater the gratitude we ought to show. I am convinced that if people could see the glory of heaven compared to the horror of hell you would not have to go out looking for lost souls, we'd have to knock the walls down to accommodate everyone. God gave His best for us (Romans 8:32), surely we can give something to Him in return. Let's keep the message of the cross before all people in order that people can come to be saved through Jesus, our Lord, thereby we have strength for today and give hope for tomorrow.

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COOKING CORNER

Mega-Muffins Make Mom A Winner

Mary Jones, a mother of six has won a national recipe competition with her Turkey Mega-Muffins, a creation inspired by bread pudding that turned into dough. Jones, who beat out 1400 contestants with her muffins, wins a \$2,500 shopping spree in Minneapolis, including round trip airfare and accommodations for two.

Jones credits her family of tasters who gather annually to brainstorm recipe ideas and test them. The tradition involves Jones, her mother, her uncle (who flies across the country), and other family members. Her winning entry was a simple and savory combination of turkey, cornbread stuffing mix, cream, eggs and cranberries, baked in popover pans like muffins. For an added delight, a spiced cranberry sauce tops them off. After six years of entering the contest at the Indiana State Fair, Jones says she never imagined a national win and calls it a "Cinderella story."

This recipe competition is an annual tradition at more than 70 state and county fairs across America. Contestants enter any original appetizer, casserole, stew, stir-fry, salad or sandwich. During 2001 and again in 2002, all recipes must use at least one can of SPAM.

Oven Roasted Turkey. The challenge comes with limits on ingredients (no more than 10) and cook time (no more than 30 minutes). Recipes are judged on taste, appearance and originality.

Winning recipes and contest information can be found at www.spam.com. To be a part of the competition, check for the contest at large state and county fairs.

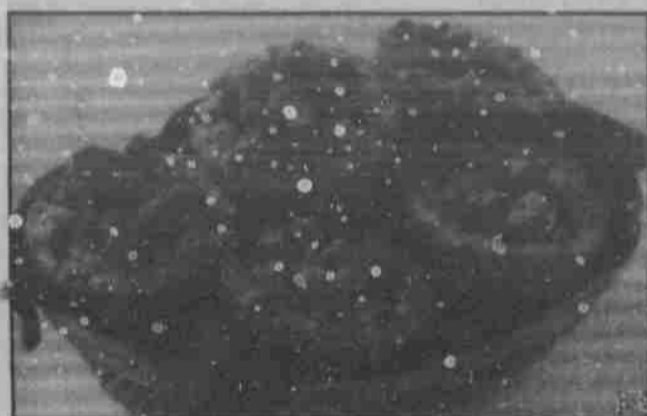
Mega-Muffins

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 (6-ounce) package cornbread stuffing mix
- 1 (12-ounce) can SPAM

Oven Roasted Turkey, cut into 1/2" cubes
1/2 cup sweetened dried cranberries
Heat oven to 350°. In large bowl, combine eggs and cream. Add stuffing mix, SPAM and cranberries. Stir until evenly mixed. Allow to set for 5 minutes. Lightly grease an extra large muffin or popover pan; fill 2/3 full. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until set in center. Let stand for 5 minutes before removing from pan. If desired, serve with Spiced Cranberry Sauce. Makes 6-8.

Spiced Cranberry Sauce (optional)

- In large bowl, combine the following:
- 1 cup jellied cranberry sauce
 - 3 tablespoons frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
 - 1 tablespoon honey
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice



Ready For a Rodeo Roundup?

When your cowboys or cowboy-wannabes have been "in the saddle" all day long, they'll be ready to sit down to a hearty meal of beef, beans and biscuits, whether it's served around the campfire or around your kitchen table. Cowboy Beef and Beans is just the meal to satisfy their appetites.

Cowboys have traditionally added coffee to many foods they have cooked over the campfire, and this recipe is no different. Chuckwagon cooks believe that coffee "wakes up" the flavor of foods. In this recipe, brewed coffee is used to dissolve the brown gravy mix, and it makes a flavorful gravy for the beef and beans. Brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce and Dijon mustard add flavor, too. The flavors are simple, but bold!

Once the beef and beans are thickened, top them with Roundup Bacon Biscuits. "The addition of both sour cream and milk makes these biscuits moist and delicious," says Maggi Walstrom, culinary professional for Pioneer Brand. "Roll out the dough, brush it with butter and top it with pieces of crispy bacon and shredded cheese. Then roll up the dough like a jellyroll, cut it into slices, and place the slices on top of the beef and beans to bake." This dish is prepared and baked in a large cast-iron skillet—the cowboy's original one-dish meal-maker.

Cowboy Beef and Beans

- The flavors in this recipe will keep your cowboys coming back for more.
- 1 1/2 lb. lean ground beef
 - 1 cup chopped onions
 - 1 package (2.75 oz.) Pioneer No Fat Brown Gravy Mix
 - 1 1/4 cups brewed coffee (cooled to room temperature) or water
 - 1 can (15 or 16 oz.) pork and beans (undrained)
 - 1 can (15 or 16 oz.) red kidney beans (drained)
 - 1 can (15 or 16 oz.) navy beans (drained)
 - 1/2 cup catsup
 - 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
 - 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- In 12-inch cast-iron skillet*, cook and stir beef and onions until beef is brown and onions are translucent. Dissolve gravy mix in coffee

and add to beef mixture. Heat to boiling. Cook over medium heat for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in remaining ingredients except biscuits; heat through. Remove from heat. Prepare Roundup Bacon Biscuits; arrange on top. Bake at 400° for 18 to 20 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

*If you don't have a cast-iron skillet, cook beef mixture in 12-inch skillet, then transfer to 13x9x2-inch baking dish that has been coated with cooking spray. Top with biscuits and bake as directed.

Roundup Bacon Biscuits

- 3 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
- 6 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- 1 cup finely shredded Cheddar cheese (4 oz.)

Measure biscuit and baking mix into mixing bowl; set aside. Stir together sour cream and milk; add to biscuit and baking mix. Stir until dough forms a ball. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix. Knead 7 to 10 times. Roll out to 12x8-inch rectangle. Spread top with butter. Sprinkle with bacon and cheese. Beginning at one long side, roll up dough (jelly-roll style). Cut into 1-inch slices; place over beef and bean mixture. Bake as directed.

Helpful Tip: When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cups. Using a metal spatula or straight-edged knife, level off the top.



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Ingredients:

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- 1 Kiwi Fruit
- 1 Braeburn or Fuji Apple
- 1/2 cup Celery, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup Red Pepper, cut into strips
- 1/4 cup Walnut pieces, toasted
- 1/4 cup Green onions, thinly sliced
- 2 Tablespoon Parsley, chopped
- 3 Tablespoon Strawberry vinegar
- 1 Tablespoon Olive oil

Preparation Method:
Cook rice according to package directions. Drain and cool. Peel kiwi fruit and cut into 1/4 inch thick slices. Cut slices in half to form half circles. Core and dice apple into 1/2 inch cubes. In a salad bowl, toss together rice, kiwi fruit, apple, celery, red pepper strips, walnuts, green onions and parsley. Mix together vinegar and oil; drizzle over salad. Toss to mix well. Cover and refrigerate 1-2 hours to allow flavors to blend before serving. Makes 6 servings.

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"The True Reason for Black History"

By *Ledie P. Richardson*

throughout the year," according to historian John Hope Franklin. ("...down to his death in 1950, he continued to express the hope that Negro History Week would outlive its usefulness.")

Instead, in 1976 Negro History Week became Black History Month. Many in the media take notice of this month, giving it a boost by publishing articles all about African Americans and airing special programs for and movies. Museums and libraries hold special exhibits, lectures and events. And of course there are of omnipresent parades and food festivals. As Lynn Elber, the Associated Press television writer recently wrote, "television barely dips a toe into the breadth and depth of black experience, so some amends are made in February."

Amends is the word. Black History Month has become a ready-made excuse to ignore African American history for the other 11 months of the year. It's little more than bone to throw to us, not amends enough.

Our evolving story should be told - it cannot just be bottled up and packaged in the shortest month of the year (or any other month for that matter).

At a 1998 symposium on the value of Black History month, The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education noted that it has become a "marketing weapon" allowing advertisers and book publishers to boost sales and then abandon them for the remainder of the year. There are also special marketing efforts directed to the African American communities during the month for products like liquor, cigarettes and sodas, according to the Journal.

Broadcast networks and cable channels can dust off old movies and show and re-show tied programs, add a few original programs and then forget about any

covers the remaining 11 months.

What is lost in this commercialization of the essence of Woodson's dream - to recall the contributions of African Americans in history, industry, the arts and sciences and all aspects of our country.

Grade school students benefit from the Black History Month curriculum, but most citizens don't gain much of an appreciation for African Americans in February - or any other month, for that matter. For the record, February is also American Heart Month, International Boost Self-Esteem Month, International Embroidery Month, Library Lovers Month, National Cherry Month, National Children's Dental Health Month, National Snack Food Month, and last but not least, Return to Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month.

M. Dion Thompson of the Baltimore Sun, who supports the continuation of Black History Month says, "(It is coming and I don't know what to do, the calendar is going to be crammed with more events than I could possibly attend, even if I were cloned.")

And that's the problem. We're kidding ourselves if we think that by designating February as Black History Month we're really doing anything to honor African Americans or to combat racial prejudice in this country. For it is this prejudice that continues to divide us.

So, I will boycott Black History Month and instead of a month of perfunctory gestures, I will have a 1 year long effort of recognizing African Americans who I made and continue to make a contribution.

We've just finished celebrating Black History month, but do we truly know why and how it began? The writer has never really supported Black History month or any ethnic History celebration monthly, but go alone because it is a Necessary evil in order to get some information on our historic past and background.

If we would have been taught true American History, there would be no need for Black History month and America would have the truth. Instead of the Poison Fed to Americans as history, but mostly what America was not fed.

Here is an article written by Akilah Monifa of the Pacific News Service:

Time to Abolish the Farce of Black History Month

Black History Month has turned into a mundane, meaningless and commercialized farce.

The celebration was started in 1926 by the educator Carter G. Woodson as "Negro History Week." Woodson selected a week in February because that is the birth month of two heroes, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

Woodson's purpose was to recognize the importance of Black History to America. He never intended the celebration to continue.

Woodson "Yervently hoped that soon the history of African Americans would become an integral part of American history and would be observed



To Save Lives and Money, Give People Access to Medicines

by *Larry Lucas*

You hear a lot these days about how we have to cut spending on medicines, especially in the Medicaid program. But the truth is that medicines can save money as well as lives, and the most cost-effective as well as the most humane thing to do is to give people access to the medicines they need to get well and stay well. Various studies and demonstration programs back up this proposition. Here are some examples:

- A \$1 increase in spending on prescription drugs saves nearly \$4 in avoided hospital costs, according to a study by Columbia University economist Frank Lichtenberg. And switching patients from older drugs to newer medicines yields even greater savings, Lichtenberg found. For example, if you use a 5-year-old drug instead of a 15-year-old drug to treat a condition, the cost of the drug will increase by \$18, but other medical spending, such as doctor and hospital costs, would decrease by \$129.

- A leading medicine that reduces cholesterol levels costs about \$3 a day. Reducing cholesterol can cut the risk of heart attacks by about one third and can help people avoid cardiac bypass surgery—which can cost up to \$75,000 and require a long recovery time. In the U.S., 1.1 million heart attacks occur each year resulting in 460,000 deaths.

- Lower cholesterol levels could mean 366,000 fewer heart attacks and more than 150,000 lives saved.

- A program that included increased drug spending for Medicaid asthma patients saved \$285,000 in one state alone by keeping people well and out of emergency rooms and urgent care centers.

- A study in Health Economics found that costs declined by \$822 per treated employee when

depressed workers were treated with prescription medicines. Savings from improved productivity and the reduction in work loss and medical costs far outweighed the cost of the drug.

- Increased use of medicines helped save both dollars and lives in a year-long disease management program for 1,100 patients with congestive heart failure. Pharmacy costs increased by 60 percent while hospital costs declined by 78 percent. The net savings were \$9.3 million. In addition, the patients' ability to perform the activities of daily living went up 15 percent and the death rate dropped from the expected 25 percent to 19 percent.

- A study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) found that treating stroke patients promptly with a clot-

ting medicine nets an average savings of \$4,400 per patient by preventing brain damage and reducing the need for hospitalization, rehabilitation and nursing home care. According to NIH, greater use of this medicine could save the health care system more than \$100 million a year.

- Giving patients access to innovative new AIDS drugs saved the Department of Veterans Affairs \$18 million in one year by reducing hospital costs.

These are only a few examples of how modern medicines can save money as well as lives—and a few good reasons why legislators and policymakers should think twice about cutting drug expenditures.

Larry Lucas is Associate Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

I AM THE BLACK CHILD

"I am black child! All the world awaits my coming. All the earth watches with interest to see what I shall become. Civilization hangs in the balance, for what I am, the world of tomorrow will be. I am the black child! You have brought me into this world about which I know nothing. You hold in your hand my destiny. You determine whether I shall succeed or fail. Give me, I beg you, a world where I can walk tall and proud for I am the black child..."

I feel I must say to you that all of us are not interested in drugs and vulgar rap music... I say to you adults this evening, pray for us. Forbid us not from participating and from being included. Know that our generation needs more love, more understanding, and we certainly need some more inspiration. We need the same kind of inspiration that Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and many other gave to you.

Many times, adults accuse us of being apathetic, but I say to you that for the most part we are not apathetic, that we are concerned about today's issues. We are concerned about education. We are concerned about apartheid and about our brothers and sisters in South Africa. No, we are not apathetic, but I must tell you some of us are uninspired. So, I challenge each of you adults to work a little harder at loving us more; work a little harder at understanding us better; and then, work a little harder at inspiring us, at providing us with good inspiration - for what we are the world of tomorrow will be."

We hear you Wilero. We are touched by your eloquence and you render honor to African American children. Let us all get to work to live up to your challenge.

THIS N THAT

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HARD TO BELIEVE! THIS N THAT ... is still trying to figure why the two Black State Representatives ... HELEN GIDDINGS ... of Dallas ... and ... GLENN ... of Fort Worth ... jumped on the band wagon with the newly projected ... SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE ... TOM CRADDICK ... of Midland ... In looking back over the years ... the present Speaker of the House ... our friend ... PETE LANEY ... of Hale Center ... supported these two ... but when it appears as though things are changing ... they jumped the ship ... THIS N THAT ... wonders why they jumped so fast ... Only time will tell ... One thing ... the late ... DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ... believed in was to ... never give up so early in the fight ... THIS N THAT ... is still wondering what happen for this to happen ...

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BIZ MARKIE on Tour

Legendary rapper Biz Markie hits the road with soul-singing sensation Jazmine on the most anticipated concert tour of the year, Seagram's Gin Live 2002. Well regarded by the music community for his contribution to the genre during its early years, Biz will amaze a new generation of fans when he travels with the tour to the hottest nightspots nationwide.

Biz first caught the public's eye in 1985 when he performed human beat box backup for rapper Romance Shante at the age of 15. Shortly thereafter, Biz landed his own record deal that allowed him to take center stage and showcase his unique performance style. His unmistakable rhyme delivery and over-the-top persona, which included a healthy dose of humor, helped garner him the respect of his contemporaries in the rap field. When the single "Just a Friend" was released in 1989, the song helped Biz reach a new audience. The video, which featured Biz in a powdered wig and pounding away at a piano Liberace style, was placed on heavy rotation on MTV and helped him break into the mainstream.

Biz has worn many hats that have kept him busy throughout the years. He co-founded his own production company

BizMont Entertainment with longtime friend and manager Monte Warner. Biz has also found great success as a deejay, performed at more than 250 parties and shows last year alone. He has spun and served as M.C. at events for Diana Ross, Sean "P-Diddy" Combs and Jack Pinkett Smith among a host of others. Boasting a collection of over 80,000 records, Biz's deejaying style is eclectic and exciting, like the man himself.

In between deejaying, running a production company and acting, he was featured in this year's film *Men In Black II*. Biz also found time to record a new album. To be released in the Fall of 2002, the new CD on Grove

Attack records will showcase the Biz at his finest.

For the Seagram's Gin Live 2002 tour, Biz will deejay before and in-between sets, setting the tone for an exciting show which breaks the mold of traditional live performances. By presenting urban music's most exciting performers in a setting that invites the audience to interact and become a part of the experience, the Seagram's Gin Live 2002 tour will undoubtedly be a night to remember.



Charles "Chuck Hatchet" Beatty to be inducted into the 2002 Class Of The Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame

After a stellar high school career while playing for the Turner High School Lions in Waxahachie, Beatty became the first Turner High School Graduate to receive a scholarship to a major university.

He was a two-way starter at running back and middle linebacker. He also played basketball but considered baseball as his best sport.

He became known as "Hatchet" for his renowned "Hatchet Chop" he leveled on Missouri Valley receivers for four years, while attending North Texas State University (now known as The University of North Texas), said Beatty. "Fred Williamson was known as 'The Hammer', and I was known as 'The Hatchet'."

Beatty was a wide receiver his freshman year and also played on the freshman basketball team. He started at cornerback as a sophomore and intercepted two passes in his first varsity game. As a Junior, he played the rover back position or strong safety. The position combines the hitting ability of a linebacker with the speed to cover a wide receiver. He re-defined the position and was considered the proto-type pro-strong safety.

Beatty called all the defenses that resulted in the "Mean Green" leading the nation in pass defense and interceptions his junior year. The secondary was known as "Hatchet and his Axes".

He was also tee team representative to the Missouri Valley Conference. While attending the conference annual meeting, he wrote a poem that was carried nationally by the wire services, Associated Press, and United Press International.

Hatchet Man"

I received a telegraph from afar. It said, "come to North Texas from wherever you are".

"Come to a town that covers a lot of ground

and is in urgent need of a Hatchet Man around".

That's all it said. So I came on ahead.

Now I'm on the scene with my hitting machine.

Tell all the teams far and wide, tell them all around,

North Texas has a "Hatchet Man in town."

Beatty was selected all Missouri Valley conference for three years and was an All American mentor his senior year.

He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers along with teammate "Mean Joe Green and became the starting strong safety his rookie year. He was

known as one of the hardest hitters in the NFL, and was a four-year starter with the Steelers. He was also known for his flamboyant dress and was voted the best dressed Steeler for four years.

Beatty later played for the St. Louis Cardinals along with Hall of Famer Larry Wilson. He also played for the Florida Blazers in the world Football League that was coached by Jack Pardee. Beatty led the Blazers to the one and only World Bowl.

After his football career Beatty embarked upon a mission to give back to youth and his community. He has been a professional employee with the Boy Scouts of America for over 26 years. He is currently serving as Field Director/Director of Urban Scouting for Circle Ten Council, Boy Scouts of America in Dallas, Texas.

He has also given back to his community as the First Five time mayor in the history of his hometown of Waxahachie. He also serves on the Board of Regents at UNT.

His motto can be best summed up in the words of Pablo Casal: "You must work - we all must work - to make this world worthy of its children."

7th Annual (2002) Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame

Intend'd Inductees

1. Beatty, Charles "Chuck" - Football
2. Beene, Lester - Coach
3. Faria, Charles - Baseball and Football
4. Fuller, J. - Football
5. Gervin, George "Ironman" - Basketball
6. Green, Cornell - Football
7. Harrison, James - Coach
8. Lewis, Carol - Track
9. Lilly, Sylvester - Basketball Coach
10. Metters, Samuel - Football
11. Nedd, LaShon - Track
12. Newhouse, Robert - Football
13. Parker, Ron - Football
14. Peoples, John "Johnny" - Coach
15. Ritcherson, Lewis Henry - Coach
16. Tucker, Knox - Basketball
17. Washington, Joe Jr. - Football
18. Williams, Prentis - Coach
19. Weston, John - Football
20. Wright, Rayfield - Football

Test Scores and Attendance Rates Up 4th Year In Minority Public Schools Thanks to Internet Course

"This Comes After US Secretary Of Education Rod Paige Announced Earlier This Year State Grants For Public Schools Under New Enhancing Education Through Technology Program"

Los Angeles, CA- Just 20 years ago, who would have thought that the use of technology in America's public classrooms would someday become the driving force behind education today? And who would have thought that as a result of integrating technology into course curriculums, students' achievement scores like Math, Science, English and overall attendance rates would improve dramatically.

"Students test scores are in and for the fourth consecutive year, students taking the Global Internet Trade Course have actually tested higher on their SAT scores in critical areas like Math and English," said Alfonso Cliff Webb II.

Webb an instructor at King Drew Magnet School of Science and Medicine in South Los Angeles created the Global Internet Trade course along with successful businessman Roosevelt Roby after reading about Roby's Internet based company The World Business Exchange Network (www.wbe.net) in the Los Angeles Times newspaper.

Webb was a technology teacher at Locke High School in the Watts community at the time he asked Roby to address his students.

"The kids loved him and his program and that's when I realized we can really make this program work in the classroom," he said. "Since I have been teaching this course students overall course work and attendance rates have increased over the years."

This innovative technology course was designed to provide at-risk and underprivileged youths K-12 and beyond with opportunities to gain professional experience using the Internet

They are taught how to employ technology in problem solving situations, and how to communicate ideas effectively while integrating math, geography, and language arts into global capitalism. His course was even responsible for turning Locke High School from among the 100 worst schools to one of the most progressive in the nation.

"I decided to donate my course after I spoke to the kids at Locke High School. I was so blown away to see how these kids really took an interest in our global economy, and how international trade works," said Roby.

The course currently installed in 12 other schools takes students out of the textbooks and teaches them how to establish and operate their own export business on-line, while cooperatively working in a group. They learn about the importance of world trade on the US and global economy, and actually get to visit shipping and other trade sites to enhance their learning experience.

"Taking the Global Internet Trade Course has opened up a window of opportunities for me, because I get to incorporate what I learn at school and actually apply it to working in the real world," said Johnell Holbert a Senior at King Drew Magnet School Of Science and Medicine.

Albert Holt a recent graduate from King Drew, and now attends USC closed a trade transaction selling pens to foreign countries overseas, and said he was grateful to have had the exposure to the course and different cultures.

"I was excited because I got the opportunity to close a trade transaction with the support of my classmates and our hard work really paid," said Holt.

According to recent studies published for the 2001-2001 school year 85% of high school students taking the Global Internet Trade Course scored at or above SAT 9 in reading, up five-percent from the previous year 91% scored at or above average in Math on the SAT 9, up 6 percent from last year, while 100% of students who applied gained acceptance into 4-year Universities.

But while technology courses like the Global Internet Trade Course is helping to improve students test scores those critical areas, recent statistics published by the NAACP stated that minority students, particularly African American, tested three-years behind white students in both Math and Reading Comprehension.

"Today it takes something extra," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke. "By having exposure to International Trade opportunities and the products that are brought into our country, no matter what, everyone gets excited. In order for minority and low-income children to move into mainstream society they have to have Reparation and they have to have it early. It's particularly important because of competition," she said.

"Education is about communicating ideas, its not just about reading and writing, now it's computers. The goal is to integrate technology into how we learn and how we teach."

Any funds generated during the course go directly into the schools' scholarship program.

For more information on the Global Internet Trade Course and the World Business Exchange Network log on to www.wbe.net or call 1-800-537-7347.

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, via 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."

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