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State News

President Bush Proposes Funding Increase for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic-Serving Institutions

President George W. Bush will propose an increase in funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) to ensure education freedom, opportunity and access for every American.

The President's fiscal year 2004 budget will increase funding by 5% for the following programs: \$224 million for HBCUs, \$53 million for Historically Black Graduate Institutions and \$94 million for HSIs, totaling \$371 million.

The Administration is committed to enhancing equal opportunity and strengthening the capacity of these institutions to provide excellence in education. The President has proposed funding increases for these programs for the past two fiscal years.

Background:

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) program makes grants to 99 eligible institutions to help strengthen infrastructure and achieve greater financial stability, supporting activities such as construction, community outreach and student services.
- The Historically Black Graduate Institutions (HCGIs) program makes 5-year grants to 13 eligible institutions to expand institutional capacity for providing graduate-level education. Funds support activities including scholarship aid, construction, purchase of educational materials and other student services.
- The Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) program makes competitive grants of up to five years to eligible institutions (those with a full-time population of at least 25% Hispanic students, at least 50% of which are low-income individual). This funding provides Hispanic and low-income students with faculty and academic program development, community outreach and other student services.

For more information, please contact Dan Langen (202) 401-1567.

Lady Mats Capture 2003 District 4-4A Championship

Here they are, members of the Estacado High School Lady Matadors Basketball who captured the 2003 District 4-4A Championship by defeating the Levelland High School Lobettes on Tuesday evening, February 4, 2003, in the Estacado gym by a score of 74-45.

With this victory, the Lady Mats, 27-3, 2-1 district, captured the first time championship in the history of Estacado High School, and received a bye in this week's bi-district play.

It took twenty-eight years to happen, but it was an historic moment on Tuesday evening. The Lady Mats will play the winner of a bi-district matchup between two El Paso schools. On the other

hand, the Levelland Lobettes played Randall High School in bi-district play on Tuesday evening in the Hutcherson Center in Plainview.

Congratulations to the Estacado High School Lady Mats for a job well done this year!



Strayhorn Proposes Billions in Savings

E-Texas Report Calls for Consolidations & Efficiencies

(AUSTIN)— Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn released her biennial e-Texas report outlining savings and additional revenue of nearly \$3.7 billion, including \$1.7 billion in general revenue funds, for the next biennium.

"The mandate delivered by the voters last November demands that the Legislature must resolve this New Year to get a better handle on how it spends the taxpayers' money," Strayhorn said. "This year the purse strings are drawn tight and temptations must give way to necessities.

"The Legislature dug this hole for themselves. But with these recommendations, I'm handing them a rope. Whether they use it to start pulling our economy up or to tie themselves in knots is their choice."

Noting that between 1990 and 2001 state spending shot up more than 131 percent while population rose by just 23 percent and having warned for more than two years that the upcoming Legislature is facing a significant shortfall, Strayhorn said legislators simply cannot afford to ignore the 179 recommendations in Limited Government, Unlimited Possibilities, her e-Texas report.

The Comptroller's recommendations, and their corresponding savings during the

- biennium include:
- Merging the Texas Railroad Commission and the Public Utility Commission — \$12.4 million (and ultimately \$18.5 million annually)
 - Making colleges and universities more accountable in their funding requests - \$137 million
 - Maintaining current eligibility standards for children's health care programs under Medicaid — \$282 million
 - Reforming Medicaid and retired state employee prescription drug programs - \$165 million
 - Privatizing the Aircraft Pooling Board and eliminating the Texas Department of Economic Development—a combined savings of \$24.4 million
 - Consolidating the state's 24 state health and human services-related agencies into five efficient agencies—79 million
- "Some have said that our budget, with its complex spending formulas and required expenses, has long since been scrubbed clean," Strayhorn said. "Well, as the mother of five and grandmother of four—all of whom have been known to get dirt behind their ears—I can tell you that if you look hard enough, you can always find a place to clean."

"Old School" Author in Preview

The award-winning poet/writer, Rayer Earle Mainer will begin his now famous poetry recital, "Rayer Earle Mainer: In Preview" in Texas, with respect and a quick start, at the church where his father and mother — Minister Phillip and Missionary Resetta Mainer-Stone, attends. The church is Kelly Temple Church of God in Christ of Corsicana, Texas. He was presented on Sunday, February 9, 2003, at noon. He also had book signing of two of his books: "Tribute To Blackness" and "A Love Story."

Rayer is the recipient of the Melvin B. Tolson Memorial Award "For Excellence in Creative Literature." He is also the recipient of The Vassie D. Wright Authors Award from the Association For The Study of Afro-American Life and History.

In Waco, Texas, he has presented his Preview at Baylor University twice, for Texas State Technical College and its TABHE organization, Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education, at McLennan Community College, and the former location of Paul Quinn College of Waco.

On February 28, 1988, Rayer was presented the key to the City by then Mayor David Sibley, and a Proclamation Honoring February 28 as "Rayer Earle Mainer Day," recognizing contributions by

this outstanding individual to the world of literature, as well as for promoting Black awareness and projecting a positive image in his creative writing work.

Rayer's Preview has been presented throughout the United States as well as throughout Texas colleges and universities, including the University of North Texas, Tarleton State University, St. Edwards University, Midwestern State University, Midland College, and a host of others.

His current work, "Old School" seeks to express the vitality and energy of the Black experience during the 60's and 70's. "It is a fascinating remembrance of what was, and what could have been, and what still must be. It's about aggression

and rage. It's about the struggle, as well as the pleasure and the joys of victory. With his own visual acuity, Rayer gives a field of view in looking at the social issues as well as the music, the sound, the tone, the style and the uproar of these two distinct decades, who's truths and realities were implanted in the spirit of the times."

Rayer is internationally biographed in International Who's Who in Poetry, the Dictionary of International Biography, and The International Register of Profiles. Here at home, he is biographed in Who's Who in America — South and Southwest, Personalities of America, Men of Achievement, and Outstanding Young Men of America.



Census Bureau Survey Gauges Extent of Pension Coverage

A survey beginning in February will attempt to measure whether the proportion of U.S. workers covered by employer-provided pension plans has changed in recent years. Field representatives of the Commerce Department's Census Bureau will visit 37,500 households in the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP).

"It is important that those selected participate in the SIPP because results from this survey enable policy-makers to address a multitude of critical issues," said Alfonso E. Mirabal, director of the Census Bureau's Dallas regional office. "Among these critical issues is the prevalence of people with lapses in health insurance coverage, why workers whose employer offers a retirement plan do not participate, the extent to which people provide regular unpaid care to a relative with a long-term illness and whether more people enter or exit poverty during a given year."

The survey also tracks changes in people's jobs, the type of work they do, whether they are actively looking for work and their educational level. Respondents also may be asked about other topics, such as how they finance their own or their children's college education, disability status, financial support given to people living in other households, pension plan coverage and fertility history. Since SIPP is designed to measure change over time, selected households may remain in the survey through 2003.

By law, the Census Bureau keeps all information about survey respondents and their households confidential. Households selected for the survey will receive a letter from Census Bureau Director C. Louis Kincannon. The field representatives who conduct initial interviews carry official photo identification cards. Some follow-up interviews may be conducted by telephone.

Habitat Homes Help Reduce Property Tax

Lubbock—In the past few years, the property taxes in Lubbock have been slowly on the rise. One of the reasons for this increase in property taxes is the increasing number of residences who pay little or no property taxes and have a minute amount of stake in our community due to deteriorating and dilapidated housing. Presently, there are approximately 1, 200 families in Lubbock living in these derelict houses and are paying virtually nothing in property tax. However if these families were living in homes built by Habitat for Humanity, they would be paying between \$1,000 and \$1,200 a year in property tax on their home, helping to even out the price that all Lubbock home owners pay in property tax.

Habitat for Humanity, a Christian based program, fosters community partnerships to build and rehabilitate houses for purchase by low-income families who participate in the construction projects. Their goal is to eliminate poverty

housing in Lubbock and provide hope and new opportunities for working families who cannot afford home ownership without their help. Some common misconceptions often construed are that Habitat houses reduce the property value of a neighborhood while continuing to hurt the community by taking property off of the tax rolls. Neither of these thoughts is correct. Studies done on low-cost housing in the United States have concluded that these homes have no adverse effect on neighborhood property value. In fact, in determining property value, the primary focus is on the condition of the property for sale and the overall condition of the area development. Furthermore, since these new habitat homes are being constructed in sites that were previously vacant lots or in desperate need of renovation, the building of these habitat homes results in an increase in the local sales tax base that benefits all property tax payers.

The whole development is

favorable to all Home ownership has been proven, study after study to be the most stabilizing influence on communities, so by building these habitat homes, not only are we offering their new inhabitants a hand up, but we are also helping to reduce the price we all pay for property tax. By reaching out to one another Habitat for Humanity has enriched the Lubbock Community for many years. They are firm believers in human generosity, hard work and self-reliance and believe that working together to construct a home builds respect and understanding among people.

For more information on how you can get involved in Habitat for Humanity and help reduce substandard housing, contact:

Robin Buckner
Lubbock Habitat for Humanity
P.O. Box 209
Lubbock, TX 79408
(806) 763.4663

Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area Client Council Second Saturday, 1:00 pm - Mae Simmons Community Center
 - Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 4708 Avenue G.
 - Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4pm
 - Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday - 7:30
 - Forgotten West Riders, First & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library
 - East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St.
- We would like to publish your monthly meetings. If you would like for an announcement to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing by mailing it to:
- Community Meetings C/O:
Southwest Digest
P.O. Box 2553
Lubbock, Texas 79408
or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at 902 East 23rd Street

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

Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

Oriental Styles

Ladies have you noticed the cute dainty look of blouses, and the unusual slim elegance of the latest styles in dresses.

They are in the department stores now, and they are absolutely breathtaking. They are classy and extremely sassy, designed in immense details, utilizing luxurious silks and bright colored satins. Ladies these dresses comes in every stunning length imaginable.

They look and feel great on displaying bold prints, stand up



collars and a variety of exciting patterns enhancing the culture of Japan and China. It's different, and very in right now. Experiment, be daring, this particular fashion speaks a language of its own.

HAVE FUN

FASHION, JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT
TIP... ALWAYS WEAR A SMILE

GirlScout Cookies Are Almost Here!

One of South Plains favorite and eagerly anticipated events will arrive on Friday, February 14th: Girl Scout Cookies! After a month of initial orders, the first "batch" of Girl Scout cookies will arrive in the Caprock Council area. Over 11,913 cases of cookies will be distributed to Girl Scout Troops at WiHis Moving and Storage, 5701 MLK Boulevard, today between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. 6,047 additional cases were also delivered to troops out of town.

"This is truly efficiency at its best," said Tina Mann, Adult Development/Program Specialist. "The volume of product coupled with the speed of distribution is impressive. What is even more amazing is that we are able to dispense everything in a single day. We

could not accomplish this without the invaluable help of the people at WiHis Moving and Storage."

There will be the return of eight Girl Scout Cookie favorites including the popular Thin Mint, Original Samoa (caramel and toasted coconut), Aloha Chips (white fudge, macadamia nuts), the Tugalong (layered peanut butter and chocolate), the Do-Si-Do (oatmeal peanut butter cremes), the Trefoil (shortbread), the All-Abouts (cookie with rich fudge coating on the bottom), and the Ole' Ole' (reduced fat, bite-sized vanilla cookies with pecan chips, coconut and covered in powdered sugar).

Over 4000 Girl Scouts for the Caprock Council's eighteen county area are selling cookies now through March 9th. All cookies are priced at \$3 per

package with all proceeds benefiting local Girl Scouts. Cookies may be ordered via fax (806 748 0769) or phone (806 745 2855). For more information, contact Girl Scouts of Caprock Council at 806 745 2855.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls with a membership of more than 3.6 million girls and adults. Today, as when founded in 1912, GSUSA helps cultivate values, social conscience and self-esteem in young girls while teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting and its special girl-only environment girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together.



RUBY JAY'S CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the pastor. The doors of New Hope Baptist Church are always open for anyone who may be looking for a church home. So if you are looking for one, do attend this coming Sunday. We believe you will happy for doing so.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with all teachers at their post of duty. It was Youth Sunday, and these young people did a wonderful job in Sunday School. We thank God for our young people. After receiving thirty minutes of instruction, all teachers and students marched to the main auditorium singing God's praises. High points of the morning lesson were given after prayer.

The morning devotion was led by young people from the Youth Department and were assisted by the Praise Team. Thank God for the young people. God is able.

The Youth Choir marched in the morning devotion singing out of their hearts and souls. What a time! After prayer was offered. After the singing of a selection by the Youth Choir, scripture was read by Sister Jo Vonna Davis. Prayer was given by Brother Januile White. There was another selection. The responsive reading was done with the congregation and led by Brother Quinton Patterson. The morning hymn, "In The Sanctuary", was sung by the congregation.

Pastor Moton gave his weekly pastoral observation. He leaves the congregation with something to think about during the upcoming week.

After the singing of another selection by the Youth Choir, Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon.

An invitation to discipleship was extended to the congregation. The morning announcements were made by Sister Kee Auna Mitchell. Sister Khadejah Perkins welcomed all visitors.

There are many in the community who are ill at this report. Here are the names of some this writer has made known over the past weeks. They are Sister Rosie Reddic, Raymond Stovall, father of Sister Dorothy Stovall; Sister Marion Allen, Sister Magei Ruamels, Sister Dorothy Diamond, Benny Johnson, who is a cousin of Sister Priscan McDaniel, and Sister Nicole Henderson. If you know of anyone who is shut-in, please advise this column. You may even call (936) 744-4127 if you have anyone who is shut-in.

Let us not forget the Pastor's Aid of New Hope Baptist Church, who will sponsor a tribute to Mothers on May 11, 2003, which is Mother's Day. A booklet will be published to give honor or tribute as well as memory to Mothers. If you are interested in participating, call Sister Callie Howard.

If you miss attending church services for any reason, tune in to the New Hope Broadcast over Radio Station KJAK, 92.7 FM, on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Sister Katie Parks will speak at the T.J. Patterson Library on Monday evening, February 24, 2003, beginning at 7:00 p.m. She will present a program called "Determination Brings Prosperity." Sister Parks is the author of "Remember When? A History of African Americans in Lubbock, Texas." For more information, call the Patterson Branch at (806) 767-3300.

If you have an event about something you want others to know about, put it in this column. You may send your event to: "Ruby Jay's Corner, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408. We'd love to know of those who are celebrating birthdays.

Army & Air Force Hometown News

Dustin S. Kloiber has joined the United States Air Force under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to enlist and delay going into basic military training for up to one year.

Qualified men and women are eligible to receive skill training, experience and up to \$20,000 in education benefits. After completing basic military training, airmen receive specialized technical training in one of more than 125 job career fields.

Kloiber is the son of Rick and Lydia Kloiber of Miami Ave., Lubbock, Texas.

He is a 2001 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.

"Master Follies" Tickets Now On Sale

LUBBOCK, TX—January 15, 2003— Ticket sales for the three performances of LCU's "Master Follies", which will be held during Homecoming weekend February 28-March 1, go on sale today. The theme for this year is THE GREAT ADVENTURE. Tickets are on sale in the box office of the Moody Auditorium. For ticket information or to order using credit card, call the Moody Box Office at (806)720-7735 daily between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m. Performance times are:

Friday, February 28 at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

"Master Follies" is a musical/variety show staged annually by the men's and

women's social clubs of LCU, and is a showcase of student talent. Club members spend long hours working on elaborate costumes and stage sets in preparation for the competition. In addition, many more hours are spent at musical and choreography rehearsals to polish the club performances. To win "Master Follies" is perhaps the most coveted prize on campus. Since its humble beginnings in 1958, the show has grown to become the largest student activity on campus involving over 300 students in the production each year. Five talented hosts and hostesses will emcee the show and entertain audiences between acts. The show is directed by Shelley Parnell.

A Proud Beneficiary of Affirmative Action



By Ikeita Cantu (accent "I" over u) Hinojosa

The Supreme Court recently agreed to hear two cases involving my alma mater, the University of Michigan, to decide the constitutionality of considering race and ethnicity in the higher-education admissions process.

In the interest of our nation's fundamental principles of hard work, merit and fair and equal opportunity to compete, the court should uphold affirmative action.

I am a proud beneficiary of affirmative action and proof of its success. I have earned two graduate degrees, influential employment positions and numerous awards. First-hand experience as a woman of color has taught me that prejudice is still a significant barrier, despite one's qualifications, and that affirmative action provides a fair chance for one's abilities to be considered.

My undergraduate experience at Texas Tech, one of the three most competitive public universities in Texas, illustrates why meaningful diversity is essential to quality education. Since many of my West Texas classmates rarely had personal interaction with people of color, I suffered the paradoxical consequences of tokenism. On the one hand, my classmates stereotyped my views as representative of everyone who is black or Latino. On the other hand, they presumed I was an exception to the rest of the black and Latino population because I am smart.

I was at Tech when the 1996 Hopwood vs. Texas court ruling resulted in the prohibition of the use of race in admissions decisions, financial aid, scholarships and student and faculty recruitment and retention. I recall the chilling effect it had on our already racially challenged environment.

Realizing how policies shape educational and employment opportunities, I pursued a career

in advocacy. I chose to attend Michigan Law largely because, as proud as I am to be a Texan, I wanted to keep Michigan from becoming Texas with respect to affirmative action.

Michigan Law showed me meaningful diversity at its best. Since students of color were represented in numbers significant enough to showcase our internal group diversity, I was free to be myself. I became an outspoken affirmative action supporter as a graduate student, and the issue is now part of my professional focus in Washington, D.C.

Affirmative action opponents tend to champion so-called color-blindness in the name of individual rights and merit. But affirmative action focuses on both individual rights and merit by looking at a qualified applicant as a whole. To fully appreciate an individual, we must take all aspects of her talents, ideas and uniqueness into account.

Likewise, merit is not simply a numeric calculation. Schools do not admit standardized test scores and grade point averages, just as they do not admit races and ethnicities. They admit people.

The Supreme Court can exercise constitutional leadership by upholding one of the most important civil-rights policies of our era. In considering affirmative action, let us not forget that at the time of my parents' birth, Jim Crow segregation was alive and well, and blacks were still legally considered second-class citizens.

My generation is the first to be born into a society in which equal opportunity approaches a realistic goal. Unlike racism and sexism, affirmative action recognizes that people of color and women belong beside, not below, everyone else.

Allow us a fair and equal opportunity to compete, and we'll take it from there.

Ikeita Cantu (accent "I" over u) Hinojosa earned both her law degree and her master of social work degree from the University of Michigan and was a steering committee member of the Law Students for Affirmative Action, a defendant-intervenor in the admissions suit against her law school. She is currently employed at the National Women's Law Center, a member of the Americans for a Fair Chance consortium. She can be reached at pmproj@progressiv.org. © Ikeita Cantu (accent "I" over u) Hinojosa

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MATTHEW 21:33, JESUS SAID THERE WAS A CERTAIN HOUSEHOLDER, WHO PLANTED A VINEYARD, AND HEDGED IT ROUND ABOUT, AND DUGGED A WINEPRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER, AND LET IT OUT TO HUSBANDMEN, AND WENT INTO A FAR COUNTRY.

WE KNOW THE LORD BLESSED AMERICA LIKE THAT, AND WE WERE TO GLORIFIED HIS NAME, BUT INSTEAD OF BEING BLESSED WE ARE CURSED; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME.

MICAH 7:2,3, THE GOOD MAN IS PERISHED OUT OF THE EARTH, AND THERE IS NONE UPRIGHT AMONG MEN; THEY ALL LIE IN WAIT FOR BLOOD, THEY HUNT EVERYMAN HIS BROTHER WITH A NET (CON-GAME) THAT THEY MAY SO EVIL WITH BOTH HANDS EARNESTLY, THE PRINCE ASKETH, AND THE RUDGE ASKETH FOR A REWARD (BRIBERY), AND THE GREAT MAN, HE UTTERETH HIS MISCHIEVOUS DESIRE, SO THEY WRAP IT UP.

IT ALL STARTED WHEN A MAN CALD AMERICA, I HAVE A DREAM, I HAVE A DREAM, NOW THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS IN A NIGHT MARE, AND THAT IS NO DREAM!!

JEREMIAH 23:25,27, THE LORD SAID, I HAVE HEARD WHAT THE PROPHETS SAID, THAT PROPHECY LIES IN MY NAME, SAYING, I HAVE DREAMED, I HAVE DREAMED, WHICH THINK TO CAUSE MY PEOPLE TO FORGET MY NAME BY THEIR DREAMS WHICH TELL EVER MAN HIS CHIGHBOUR, AS THEIR FATHERS HAVE FORGOTTEN MY NAME FOR BAAL, THE PROPHEET 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?

WHEN THE CHRISTIANS WENT PREACHING, EVERYMAN NEED TO HAVE RIGHTS, THEY WERE UNFAITHFUL IN THEIR MISSION, LIFTING UP THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

JOHN 12:32, JESUS SAID, AND I WILL BE LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, I WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME.

AND WHEN THE CHRISTIANS DIDN'T PREACH SALVATION FROM ALL SINS, THEY MARCHED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE RIGHTS TO SINS BEGON.

1 PETER 2:13,14, SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO EVERY ORDINANCE (LAW) OF MAN, FOR THE LORD'S SAKE, WHETHER IT BE TO THE KING, THE PRESIDENT, AS SUPREME, OR UNTO GOVERNORS, AS UNTO THEM (THE POLICE) THAT ARE SENT BY HIM FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF EVIL DOERS (LAW BREAKERS), AND FOR THE PRAISE OF THEM THAT DO WELL (THE PEACE MAKERS), AS FREE, AND NOT USING YOUR LIBERTY FOR A CLOAK OF MALICIOUSNESS, BUT AS THE SERVANTS OF GOD.

(MATTHEW 5:9, JESUS SAID BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD, AND IF YOU ARE A TROUBLE-MAKER, WHO'S CHILD ARE YOU? THE POLICE WAS ARRESTING TROUBLE MAKERS ON THAT DAY.

NOW LOOK AT OUR JAILS AND PRISONS, FULL, FULL, FULL!

NOW THE CHILDREN ARE DISOBEDIENCE, AS THE CHURCH LEADERS WAS, THEY NOW DISRESPECTFUL TO PARENTS, AND MANKIND AND THE LORD.

GALATIANS 6:7, 8, BE NOT DECEIVED, GOD IS NOT MOCKED, FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE REAP, FOR HE THAT SOWETH TO HIS FLESH

SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING, WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON (1), YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
"A Simple Word to Black Males"

For a couple of months or more I have chided the white male of America for political social economic, etc. sins of omission (Sins that results from a failure to act) and commission (Those sins which are carried out by actions) in their relationship with their black brothers in America.

In my own way I have tried to reiterate through simplicity of heart and soul and the kind of tropes that would stir the readers of the Southwest Digest to a sense of oneness as human beings. I believe certain causes and actions in the life of humans are willed by the Supreme Being for continued human development whether it is spiritual or physical.

The buying and selling of slaves, whether they were black or white, was evil and cast a blight on America. However, I believe it was a necessary evil at the time for the economic and social development of a country to be free from all types and forms of bondage and oppression.

From the yokes of oppression

our forefathers were able to acquire land, build cities, institutions of higher learning, banks, medical schools, and much, much more to help America progress where it is today. The black church of yesterday sought and demanded the best of black Americans. From my communion there was "character passing" at the Annual Conference. If your character was of such that it did not meet the "holy and righteous" test, you were left without a church and sanctioned. The preacher was expected and charged to help lift the people to a life of excellency.

This standard of high living did not rest exclusively with the preacher. At the Quarterly Conference the church members life were robustly called to high moral standards and ethical living. I realize that there is a new generation of black Americans. This generation as a whole does not seem to understand nor do they react positively to the premise that they are standing on the shoulders of those who have shed sweat blood and tears so that their generation may have a better life. How quickly has this generation of blacks sold the land and played

the "profligate son?" Little do they know that the man who owns the land is the boss. The lack of funds and property in today's America put you at risk of being a modern day slave.

We would encourage young black Americans to be all that you can be. However, in your being, you must not forget the past or neglect the present in anticipation of the future. My generation is standing on the Solid Rock who is Jesus and my generation believes that all else is sinking sand.

We believe that every man must take care of his family. We believe that you must work and work is mandated by God. We believe that you must share with your partner that you have chosen for life and not be dominating. We believe that drugs are evil and pushed by agents of Satan to destroy the hope, dreams and aspiration of those who could be leaders in the present generation. We believe that a person who sells drugs to others for their own gratification and cause others to go astray should pay the harshest penalty that the law allows.

We would encourage young black males in this month of cele-

bration of Black History to be diligent in all things. Take care of your children. Don't molest or neglect your children. They are part of you! God frowns on such behavior, CPS acts, the District Attorney's office prosecutes, and someone in the penal system is looking for a new "girlfriend." Don't get deep in debt with credit cards for they are the new legal "loan shark" way of putting people into slavery. Don't get all broke up because you can't drive a vehicle with those pretty wheels. There is a price to be paid when a young black male drives a \$45,000 SUV and does not have a job. He soon will join others in the Texas Criminal Justice System and become the slave of Mr. Gilmore.

We encourage young black males to give your best to America. This is your country. Serve your country well by being a volunteer. Own a piece of the rock! Vote! Join a political party and learn how it works! Find out why the MAN would raise a half a million dollars to be elected to a job that pays \$150,000 a year in the U.S. House of Representatives!

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"Forgiven As We Forgive"
Matthew 6:12

This is not directly the Christmas story, but very important. And forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us. This prayer that Christ taught frequently overlooked by those seeking to bypass this important word. And forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us. Unforgiveness is a good way to break up our ministry and anything you have going. Mark 11:25-26.

And when you stand praying forgive, if you have fought against any; that your Father also which is in heaven, may forgive your sins.

But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your sins. Don't do a lot of church work with out a forgiving heart. They will be useless and with no value at all. Is there someone in your congregation that you may dislike? Is there one you envy? Get it straight. And our God will hear you. The words says He will. Did you get a Gift last year which did not come up to the one you gave the year before, and you held that against that person all of the year 2002. Waiting to see if she comes through with that gift equal of value.

My good people, Christmas has gone for another year, but please remember you don't it a price tag on a real gift. When it's given out of love,

it's priceless. The only priceless wondrous gift ever given was Jesus Christ, Our Lord!

Forgiveness is healing for the body. As we wrap our gifts, pray for all of those evil minds, cancer, high blood, stiff knees, back trouble, sugar, depressed, heart broken, blind, hungry, drug addiction and dealers, pimps and prostitutes, the unsaved and others. Pray for peace in the world. Now, please remember, that's why He came. That it may be peace on earth. Good will to all men.

What's on your heart? You have a few more days and you will be given a clean sheet. What's your plans?

From all of us, to all of you, may each have most

Prosperous New Year! The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast invites you to write to us at the following address: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, 2132 East 30th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79404.

Let us start off the New Year with our drive by prayers when we go to and fro in our community. You can do well by driving by our schools and churches and pray. God is able!

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A \$1000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by Friendly Poets Society, free to everyone. There are over 50 prizes in all, totaling \$5,000.

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Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

Free, Free, Free
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Psalms 25:19

"Consider mine enemies; for they are many, and they hate me with cruel hatred."

Psalms 31:4

"Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me, for thou art my strength."

Job 3:19

"The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master."

The Emancipation Proclamation of eighteen sixty three
Said the ~~Negro~~ are free, free, free.

ARE WE?

How can we be when we have to fight to vote,
Fight to work, even fight to go to church.

Fight to go to school, but not to plow the mule.
Fight from the back of the store but not to sweep the floor.
Fight to protect our life but not to live in strife.

The whip is gone but the fight rages on;
Same as in eighteen sixty three, but only with a precautionary degree.

Until we all join hands with love for each other, we are not sisters
And brothers.

No one can enter Heaven's gate if their hearts are filled
With hate.
Jesus said we must be as one and that is right.
All men are filthy rags in God's eyesight.

Awaken Fellow Americans, don't be up-tight.
We don't want to fight,
We want to enjoy our freedom with you,
And live together as sister and brother,
With only love for each other.
Free, Free, Free.
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In Remembrance...



McKinley Harris

Funeral services were held for McKinley Harris last Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at Alexander Chapel Church of God in Christ with Elder Donald Sanders officiating!

Arrangements were under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Mr. Harris died Saturday, February 1, 2003.

He was born February 22, 1935, in Coolidge, Texas.

He is survived by a brother, Willie of Austin, Texas; and four sisters: Diley Ann Collins and Dorothy Jenkins, both of Lubbock, Texas, and Luise Hall and Margaret Sanders, both of Fort Worth, Texas.



Vera High

Hereford, Texas — Services for Vera High of Hereford were held last Thursday, February 6, 2003, at the Trinity Fellowship Church with the Rev. William Johnson officiating.

Burial was held in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She died Friday, January 31, 2003.

She was born June 14, 1945, in Gonzales, Texas and married Clarence High on December 21, 1962 in Hereford. She was a homemaker and a member of Mount Sinai Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence High; a son, Clarence, Jr. of Hereford, Texas; three daughters: Teresa Jackson of Hereford, Texas, and Laurie and Shashina High, both of Amarillo, Texas; five brothers: Elijah Steemer, Jr. of Woodland, Texas, Charles Steemer of Sar Antonio, Texas, George and Jimmy Ray Steemer, both of Houston, Texas, and David Dean Steemer of

Luling, Texas; seven sisters: Bobbie Brewster of Fort Worth, Texas, Annie Mae Smith of San Antonio, Texas, Niece Steemer, Evelyn Steemer, Jessie Monroe and Wennifer Johnson, all of Houston, Texas; and S. Errel Steemer of Gonzales, Texas; and five grandchildren.



Engeline Hilliard

Lovington, N.M. — Funeral services were held for Engeline Hilliard last Wednesday afternoon, February 5, 2003, at Smith-Rogers Chapel with the Rev. Don Vaughn officiating.

Ms. Hilliard died Friday, January 31, 2003.

She was born December 26, 1941, in Orville, Alabama. Her husband, Henry Hilliard, died in 1977.

She is survived by seven children: Brenda Hilliard, Lillie Mae Payne, Henry Hilliard, III, Artavian Hilliard and Terone Hilliard, all of Lovington, N.M., James Hilliard of Lampasas, Texas and Jolanie Hilliard of San Jose, California; her niece, Jessie Jackson of Lovington, N.M.; two sisters, Alma Rice of Jamaica, N.Y. and Bessie Vaughn of Orville, Texas, four brothers: David and Eddie Starks, both of Cleveland, Ohio, Sam Starks of Virginia and Jerry Starks of Lovington, N.M.; 21 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Evelyn Jones

Matador, Texas — Funeral services for Evelyn Marie Jones last Saturday afternoon, February 8, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Matador with Rev. J. H. Fordy pastor of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church of Lubbock, officiating.

Burial was held in the East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Ms. Jones died Saturday, February 1, 2003.

She was born November 22,

1954 in Matador. She graduated from Matador High School in 1972. After graduating, she resided in Lubbock and worked at Texas Instruments for more than 20 years.

Ms. Jones worked as a teachers assistant at Loscoe Wilson Elementary School until her death. She was a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church in Lubbock where Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor.

She is survived by her mother, Algaree Jones of Matador, Texas.



Alma Saddler

Funeral services for Alma D. Saddler were held last Friday morning, January 31, 2003, at the Ossie Curry Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Willie Barber officiating.

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

Mrs. Saddler died Tuesday, January 28, 2003.

She was born December 24, 1915, in Mount Pleasant, Texas. She was married to Raymond Saddler in 1957, in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death in 1989. She moved to Lubbock fifty-five years ago from Mount Pleasant. A homemaker, she was a member of Mount Gilead Baptist Church.

She is survived by a brother, Jerry Wallace of Hereford, Texas; and two sisters, Willie Mae Rhymes and Rosie Lee Scott, both of Mount Pleasant, Texas.

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Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Personal Responsibility continued

Only the naive, those in denial or those who promote racism, would say that racism is not alive and well in our country. The point I am making is that in spite of racism, class-ism, sex-

ism or any other

"ism" you would

claim, people who

want to succeed will

succeed. We do not

have to allow racism

to be the shackle that

holds us back. Racism

has become an easy

excuse to embrace

rather than taking personal

responsibility for our circum-

stances.

Jesus teaches us the importance

of personal responsibility in the

Sermon on the Mount. "Not

everyone who says to me, 'Lord,

Lord,' will enter the kingdom of

heaven; but he who does the

will of my Father who is in

heaven." (Matthew 7:21). There

were those who were calling for

the Lord to save them who had

not been obedient to Him. They

were expecting to be saved

because they knew about Jesus.

Yet, they had not done what

was required of them. They had

not taken care of their personal

responsibility. They expected

God to overlook their willful

neglect and save them anyway.

The Lord doesn't play those

games. Don't kid yourself, the

Bible says, "Do not be deceived,

God is not mocked; for whatever

a man sows, this he will also

reap." (Galatians 6:7). Personal

responsibility for our circum-

stances cannot be passed to

another, it is ours to care for.

Divine privilege is
far superior than
civil rights could
ever be.

The point that I find it

necessary to continue

to preach is the fact

that divine privilege is

far superior than civil

rights could ever be. I

also find that the claim

for civil rights, many

times, puts us in a vic-

tim status and makes blaming

others for our woes a choice

easily made. All of those who

are children of the Most High

God of Heaven are not victims,

we are victors. We have over-

come or will overcome every

foe, every obstacle, every cir-

cumstance, through and by the

power of God who works might-

ily in His people (Colossians

1:29). We must stop allowing

the vocal victims the opportu-

nity to convince us that we should

be victims. Remember, misery

loves company.

Aunt Hattie's children have a

heritage of faith (see Acts 8: 26-

40). We brought it to America

on the slave ships. Our faith in

the Almighty has sustained us in

the greatest turmoil of human

struggle, and we overcame through the power of Him who lives in us. As children of God we cannot climb back in that hole of self-degradation and self-deception by believe that we are still victims. WE OVERWHELMINGLY CONQUER (Romans 8:38). Let's stop the brainwashing that takes place by public figures, celebrities and politicians. Let's accept the truth from God's word that teaches us who we truly are. Then we will have strength for today and assuredly hope for tomorrow.

Grace and peace
Gerald P. Jackson



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Blacks Less Interested in Iraq; More Concerned with Jobs, Economy

By Nikki Burns

Special to the NNPA from the Mississippi Link

JACKSON, Miss. (NNPA)— In September, President Bush challenged world leaders at the United Nations General Assembly to adopt a resolution that would deal with Iraq's failure over the last 11 years to comply with resolutions or stand aside as the United States acted.

After running into resistance, the United States has been revamping its initial proposal, which would strengthen U.N. weapons inspections, declare Iraq in "material breach" of its obligations to eliminate nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and threaten "serious consequences" if it fails to cooperate with inspectors.

Despite the nightly news updates of the looming possibility of war with Iraq, according to a recent poll conducted by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, only 6 percent of Blacks in America see the war as a key concern and only 19.2 percent of them support it.

"African-Americans, like the rest of the population, are very concerned about terrorism," said Eddie N. Williams, president of Joint Center. "Our poll shows, however, that they are still not convinced by the administration's push for a war with Iraq."

The poll, which was conducted between Sept. 17 and Oct. 21 and surveyed 1,647 adults around the country (850 of which were African-Americans), marked the first time Joint Center asked African-Americans to rate the United Nations and the leadership of specific foreign countries includ-

ing Cuba, Israel, Mexico, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

"African-Americans are rarely polled on foreign affairs issues unrelated to Africa and we felt it was important to get their views," said David A. Bositis, a senior research associate at the Joint Center, who supervised the survey. To a large degree, they expressed similar sentiments as the general population.

The Joint Center, a non-partisan, non-profit organization, which conducts research and analysis on public policy issues of concern to African-Americans and other minorities, also surveyed 850 members of the general population.

The survey was fielded shortly after Labor Day and the start of the political season when many Americans usually start to pay more attention to what is said by their elected officials and those hoping to replace them.

However, the media put coverage of the midterm elections on the back burner and gave the Washington, D.C. area sniper and Iraq most of its attention. National issues such as employment/economy jobs, poverty, homelessness, hunger) and terrorism topped African-Americans' list as the most important problem facing the country today.

Whites and the general population listed world affairs (foreign policy, terrorism, world economy, lack of leadership, war) as the main problem facing America, with employment and economy a distant second. Billiard L. Lackey, a history professor at Jackson State University, said that one of the reasons Blacks aren't strongly in support of a war with Iraq and don't see it as a key concern is "we always

think that it is somebody else's problem."

"White people started it, White people know what they are doing and White people are manipulating it, so it's their problem. It's not a very profound analysis..." said Lackey.

Lackey said in 1970, when several people were killed and wounded after the National Guard was ordered to the campus of Kent State to silence the protests of those who disagreed with President Nixon's orders to bomb Cambodia, a reporter asked him if Jackson State students were equally as upset over the bombing.

"I said no, they couldn't care less. We care when it comes to us about going to war, about African-Americans actively participating in war and being shot, but other than that, there is no particular interest in these things," said Lackey.

For example, when asked if terrorism alone was the most important problem facing the country, 17 percent of Blacks said yes, compared to 27 percent of Whites and 24 percent of the general population.

Since the September 11 attacks, the employment rate and the economy has taken some strong hits, causing Blacks to assess the situation more personally than Whites.

If Blacks are generally more concerned with "day-to-day living and less about the big picture," Lackey said, it's because Blacks are still struggling in a lot of other areas. The engine of history is a struggle between the haves and the have nots. If the haves are looking elsewhere, it only means that they are satisfied.



Anita Jones,
Patient Services Manager

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COOKING CORNER

Getting Hooked on Fish

(NAPS)—The waves of Health reports coming in about seafood have convinced many people to make fish a regular part of their diets. Yet studies show at least 25 percent of Americans don't eat any seafood at all and most people who do eat fish eat very little. That's an unfortunate statistic, say doctors, because the benefits of seafood are far-reaching and have been well documented.

For example, a study found a group of adults who ate one serving of fish a day lost 22 percent more weight than a group of adults who ate no fish at all. Losing weight lowers a person's chance of heart attack, stroke and other conditions.

It's thought seafood helps curb people's appetites by sending "stop eating" signals to the brain, via a hormone called leptin. As of yet, scientists have been unable to simulate leptin's effect with supplements or injections.

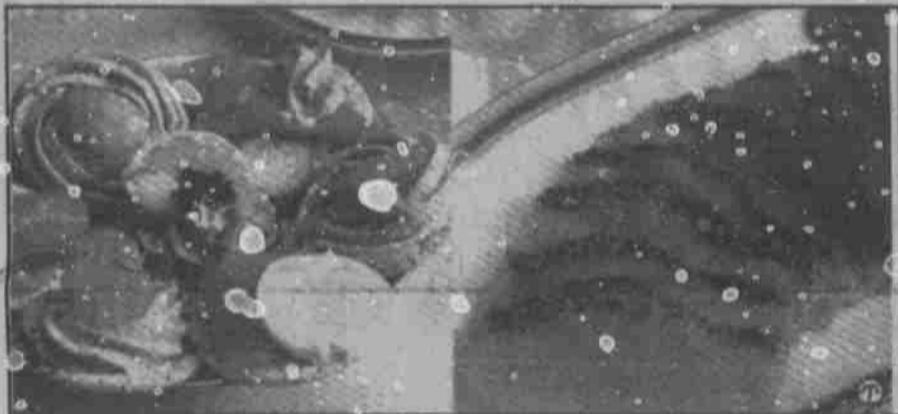
So how can we get more seafood in our diet? Nutritionists suggest a number of ways, including:

• **Breakfast**—Smoked salmon on bagels or toast can be a delicious and nutritious way to start your day. Too many

carbs in bagels and bread? Try mixing the salmon with scrambled eggs or have it with some cantaloupe. The fish is high in heart-healthy antioxidants and polyunsaturated fats. Consumers can buy salmon that has been vacuum sealed from companies such as Salmulux. The manufacturer has the DuPont™ Sure Lock™ Seal on its packaging, meaning it is air-tight and its integrity is guaranteed.

• **Lunch**—The age-old favorite tuna fish sandwich is a great way to grab a serving of fish in the middle of the day. Try spicing up your tuna with some hot sauce, or adding a crunch with diced, fresh vegetables. Put the tuna on whole wheat bread and you've got a healthy serving of protein, antioxidants and grains, all in one sandwich.

• **Dinner**—Try grilling or broiling fresh fish with a dash of lemon and pepper. To keep the "fishy smell" from permeating your house, boil a stick of cinnamon while the fish is cooking. If you don't want to cook fish, try adding anchovies or sardines to your salad. The fish are convenient to keep in the house and they pack a nutritional punch.



Fresh Tomatoes Tonight?

(NAPS)—When you realize how good tomatoes are for you, you'll enjoy their good flavor even more. Florida tomatoes are in season right now, and they're loaded with lycopene, a powerful antioxidant that helps keep us healthy!

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FISH FILLETS WITH FRESH TOMATO SAUCE
4 flounder or other thin, mild-flavored fish fillets (about 6 ounces each)
1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper, divided

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion, cut in thin wedges (about 1 cup)

2 teaspoons chopped garlic
1 pound fully ripened fresh Florida tomatoes, coarsely chopped (about 2 cups)
1/4 cup sliced black olives
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

Sprinkle fish fillets lightly with half of the salt and black pepper; set aside. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-low heat; add onion and garlic; cook and stir until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, olives, Italian seasoning, and the remaining salt and pepper; cover and simmer until tomatoes release their juices, about 5 minutes. Arrange fish fillets in a single layer on top; cover and simmer until fish is opaque in the center, about 5 minutes. With a spatula, transfer fish fillets to serving plates; spoon Fresh Tomato Sauce on top. Serve over rice, if desired.
Yield: 4 portions
Per portion: 239 calories, 34g protein, 7g fat, 10g carbohydrate.



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

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Look Before You Leap, Think Before You Speak!

By Eddie P. Richardson

chrome. Black History should be a year-round affair, and not just once yearly. If we were taught our history the true history, all alone and instead of the poison we've been taught in history or in textbooks, eliminated, there would be a better understanding, trust, knowledge, communication and respect for each other as Americans. We all have made contributions to this country in our own way and method, but the fall the story has not been told or eliminated. This has been the fear of knowledge for others.

Every group who came to these shores brought something with them and made some positive impacts on this country, but the passion we get as history caused the problems we now face.

There should not be a need for special history, but past history makes it so. Special history is a necessary

every country in the name of the civil spirit. We will have a long way to go to solve this problem.

Justice of justice? We had seen recent cases of child molesters which is wrong and without any doubt should be punished without a doubt. The first case - one Black man never received a prison sentence. This was with, and this is God for it. On the other hand the other one - White middle class got an adjudicated case when will were then likely he not seen on his record. That is, if he doesn't get caught again. Now, from this writer's eyes, something is wrong. Child molesters is child molestation and the perpetrator should feel the full arm of the law. There should be no exceptions!

Naif Sedl Why Not?

In a recent editorial in the University Daily (UD) on the Texas Tech University, a very non-thoughtful article was written. It was non-sensitive. The author said he did not mean it as it sounded to the ears of those who read it. Things this sensitive should be thought out before speaking. If not, then that kind of writing is a very easy way to open a keg of worms. From all indications, this young brother has the Tiger Woods' syndrome.



In Cinque'

by Renetta W. Howard

As a child, I often heard the saying, "People who live in glass houses should not throw stones." Personally, as the talk of war escalates, I feel as though I am living in a glass house and the status of our 'homeland security' literally frightens me. Somehow, I feel that I am not alone, as the latest polls in America are showing that 75% of Americans do not want war. It seems that about 90% of the countries in the world do not want to be a part of a war. American and British leaders are the only heads of state, it appears, who are ready to do battle with Saddam Hussein.

Saddam Hussein's spokesman has been quoted as suggesting a symbolic confrontation between President Bush of the United States and Hussein of Iraq. This may have

been a crack, but right now it looks as though it could be the solution to some of the problem. But, what if the actual confrontation of armies takes place, and true to the words of Saddam Hussein, the United States is attacked by Iraq or North Korea, just how safe are we here in the United States.

Safety at this point in the Congressional debates should be the focal point of the possible consequences of attacking Iraq. Homeland security should have been on the drawing board before any debate took place. How do we, the everyday run of the mill citizens protect ourselves from missile attacks? Where are the shelters? Will those bomb shelters or tornado shelters of earlier years suffice during a global confrontation? What precautions do we need to take other than staying away from tall buildings, large bridges, nuclear plants and other hazardous places? Do we have any idea as to whether there is some national defense mechanism near us to help to protect us if we are attacked or

do we respond as though we were experiencing an earthquake or tornado? Still yet, if we are attacked, will the idea of protecting ourselves be a futile effort?

Is our hope for a bright future for our country and our posterity relegated to prayer and faith in a few good men and women in Congress, who have the power to refuse to support a needless war which puts men and women in the armed services in harm's way, away from home and men, women and children in harm's way at home? It is time that we get 'in cinque' and pray harder than we ever have, that our politicians can hear us loud and clear and 'do the right thing.' Some of us have forgotten how to pray. This is a good time to regroup and refresh our skills. This is also a time when those of us who never knew how to learn to pray, I still believe that 'prayer changes things.' Some of us have lived long enough to know that it is true!

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Election 2002: "Why the Democrats

Lost" by Dr. Manning Marable

For several months now, political analysts from both major parties and the media have pushed the argument that President Bush and the Republicans achieved an unprecedented victory in this November's Congressional elections. Only hours after the polls closed, for example, Bush's press secretary Ari Fleischer announced, "It is a big victory," Tony Coelho, Al Gore's 2000 campaign chairman, agreed, "The White took a huge gamble; they rolled the dice, and it worked." Coelho said with apparent admiration. Bush "got his mandate, he got his victory and now he can govern for two years."

Republicans attributed their victories to President Bush's "personal popularity." Of the twenty-three Congressional districts Bush visited to support Republican candidates, 21 of them won. Out of 16 Senate candidates Bush campaigned with, twelve won.

From the vantagepoint of political history, the Republicans seemed justified to declare that they had won a "mandate to govern." For over a century, the party whose candidate was elected president almost always lost seats in both the House of Representatives and the Senate two years later. This was true even for popular presidents, like Eisenhower and Johnson. Reagan, for example, won a landslide victory for re-election in 1984, but the Democrats regained control of the Senate two years later. Democrats remained in the majority in both houses of Congress until 1994. By picking up seats in both the House and the Senate, Bush had accomplished what no other Republican since Theodore Roosevelt had done, back in 1902.

However, don't believe the Republican hype. In reality, there is absolutely no mandate for the Republican regime.

First, let's count the votes. About 77 million Americans cast votes last November in 435 House and 34 Senate races. A shift of only 43,000 votes, according to the Washington Post, would have given the Democrats 51 Senate seats and continued control. Republicans today control about 52 percent of the House seats, and about one-half of the state governorships—hardly a "mandate."

The hidden story of the 2002 elections was the dramatic break-

through registered by third parties, in California, 13 percent of the total vote went to third parties. According to historian Gerald Home, this was "the largest total" received by California third parties "since 1913." Green Party gubernatorial candidate Peter Camejo won five percent of the statewide vote. Even more impressively, Camejo received 15.4 percent of the vote in San Francisco, a higher total than Republican candidate Bill Simon, in Alameda County. Camejo won nearly 11 percent of the vote.

In New York, the progressive Working Families Party won 85,000 votes in the gubernatorial race, two percent of the overall statewide vote. Frequently, third party candidates affected the outcomes of important elections, in South Dakota, for example. Libertarian Party candidate Kurt Evans attracted 3,000 conservative votes away from Republican Senate candidate John Thune. As a result Thune lost by a narrow 500 vote margin against incumbent Democratic Senator Tim Johnson.

Throughout the U.S. in 2002, there were 362 Green Party candidates running in 39 states last fall. Sixty-seven of the Green candidates won, bringing the total number of Green Party elected officials to 171 nationwide. Over 250,000 Americans are now registered members of the Green Party.

The reason that millions of Americans are exploring third parties, and tens of millions are staying home on Election Day, is that the United States does not hold democratic elections. In fact, we should call them "no-choice elections," because in most Congressional districts, the voters had no real choice due to the lack of competition.

As historian David Garrow recently observed in the New York Times, in California, only 3 of 52 Congressional races were won with less than 60 percent of the vote, in New York State, only 3 of 29 House races were won with less than 60 percent. Out of 435 House of Representatives races, only 39 "were won with less than 55 percent of the vote," observes Garrow. "Even of the 49 races not involving an incumbent, 35 were won with 55 percent of the vote or more." Although Senate races are generally much more competitive than House elections, nevertheless there

were 14 races last year that were won by over sixty percent of the vote.

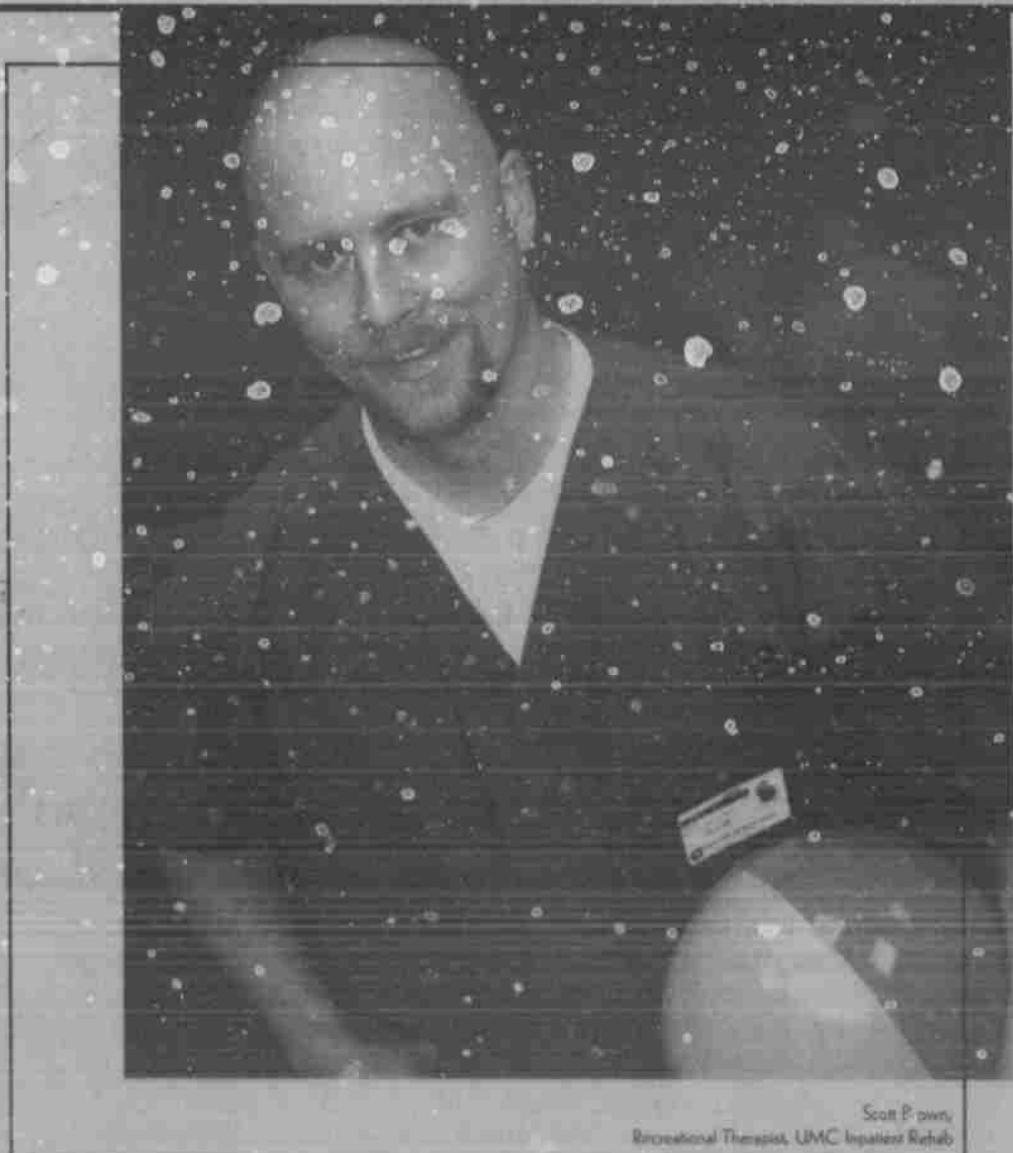
Our legislatures at both the national and state levels are rigidly gerrymandered by both the Republican and Democratic parties, whose interests are served by minimizing truly competitive elections. Districts are carefully constructed to create "safe" constituencies that are almost guaranteed to go either Democrat or Republican by their social and political composition. Third parties are usually excluded through absurdly complicated ballot qualifying requirements. The winner-take-all voting system we have also makes it difficult for minority groups to influence majority decisions.

The Center for Voting and Democracy observes that about 95 percent of all House incumbents "cruise to victory, usually by huge margins. Voters are bunkered down in one-party districts where their only real choice is to ratify the candidate of the dominant party."

In 2002, less than one in four Americans of voting age actually elected a House member, due to the limitations imposed on our voting procedures. The question we should be asking is not "how do we encourage more people to register and vote," but "how can we restore true democracy to the American political system?"

Other democratic countries are moving to fairer voting systems, such as proportional representation and instant runoff voting (IRV). The U.S. Constitution permits the creation of multimember districts, where winners would be selected through full or proportional representation voting. With these reforms in place, independent and third party candidates would have a chance to compete without being "spoilers." And finally, we might begin to have a political system that truly reflects what the great unrepresented majority of Americans want.

The Democrats lost, and will continue to lose, so long as they reject policies that would encourage a vast increase in the size of the national electorate. If 80 percent of all Americans regularly voted, and if we had a democratic electoral system that truly reflected real choices for voters, conservatives would have a hard time winning.



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Local Library Events

Movie Mania at Godeke Branch Library
The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, will show a free children's movie at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 15. Refreshments will be served, and the movie will be shown on a large screen. For more information, call 792-6566.

African American Storyhour at Godeke Branch Library
The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, will present a special storyhour at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 17, in honor of Black History Month. Children of all ages are invited to attend. For more information, call 792-6566.

Share a Book with a Child
Join us for "Share a Book with a Child," a storyhour for children and their parents, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive. Each family will receive a free book courtesy of the Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy. This is a free program. For more information, call 767-3300.

"Free to Dance" at Patterson Branch Library
The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will present a performance by the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church Praise Dancers at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18. This program is part of the library's month-long celebration of Black History Month. For more information, contact the Patterson Branch Library at 757-3300.

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Citizens Advisory Committee Sets First Public Meeting

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 1625 13th Street. Capital Improvement Projects in City Council District 1 including Streets, Civic Center(s)/Public Venues, Public Safety, and Parks and Libraries will be discussed. There will also be time allocated for discussion and comments on capital improvement projects outside of District 1 including Streets, Civic Center/Public Venues, Public Safety, and Parks and Libraries.

The Citizens Advisory Committee is comprised of 35

Lubbock citizens who were appointed by the City Council. The committee is charged with evaluating the community's needs and establishing a proposal for a possible bond election. Public hearings offer great opportunities to hear first hand what the public deems important in each respective council district. For this reason, there will be ample time set aside at each meeting for residents who wish to comment or offer suggestions to the CAC. Sign in sheets for citizens wanting to address the committee will be available one half hour before the meeting begins.

The CAC is scheduled to hold meetings in each Council District

and this first meeting is for District 1. Another public meeting will be held at City Hall at a later date for Lubbock's Neighborhood Associations. The majority of the public meetings are scheduled for Monday evenings throughout February and March. Subcommittees of the CAC will also hold meetings in the coming months and are open to the public. Neighborhood Associations, civic groups, and residents play a valuable role in the Capital Improvements process, and the Committee is dedicated to fostering and encouraging community involvement.

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- 1.) Capital Improvements Projects in City Council District 2 including Streets, Civic Center(s)/Public Venues, Public Safety, and Parks and Libraries
- 2.) Capital Projects outside District 2 including Streets, Civic Center(s)/Public Venues, Public Safety, and Parks and Libraries
- 3.) Adjourn

For further information you may contact Kathy Bruns in the City Manager's Office at 775-2005. This hearing is open to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance, please contact Kathy Bruns in the City Manager's Office at 775-2005, or write to the City Manager's Office, Attention: Kathy Bruns, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas, 79457, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.



Persons wanting to address the Committee will need to sign in prior to the hearing. Sign in will begin one half hour prior to the beginning of the hearing.

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