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National News

DeNo Leadership Caves In To The "Cowboy"

In a statement of condemnation of his political party leaders (Democrat) Rep. John Conyers (Mich) referred to Rep Richard Gephardt House minority leader and Tom Driehle, Senate leader for crving in to press George Bush and "First Strike" proposal against Iraq. Conyers said "It's a disgrace 113 of the democrats in both houses voted against the Bush proposal. The administration has corrupted the Democratic Party."

War Over Poor: The Sky is Falling
The popular nursery rhyme, Chicken Little, involves a small bird who regularly exclaims, "the sky is falling, the sky is falling" for all to hear. Those who heard him were alarmed, and reacted. Eventually, Chicken Little's words are determined diversionary.

Crucially, the Bush Administration's claim of Iraqi leader, Saddam Hussein, poses an eminent threat to the United States is a diversion of Chicken Little proportions. Yes, Hussein may well be a significant threat if he currently possessed "weapons of mass destruction." Fact is, he does not, and cannot under a ten-year embargo against Iraq (Note: 70% of Iraq is under the military control of the United States).

The sky is not falling! A "war" with Iraq is non-sensical for several reasons:
Diversionary—Since the "war on terrorism" began, America has lost 2.5 million jobs, experienced a continued economic downturn, increase in home foreclosures, which has taken attention away from corporate misuse of funds.

Divisionary—A Split in a fragile global coalition is uncertain by loyalties of region (Middle East), resources (oil), and religion (Islam). Likewise, a domestic division of ethnic groups is increasing, due to white House-sponsored ethnic profiling.

Dangerous—The proposition of preemptive strikes against sovereign nations violates the United Nations Charter, and encourages anti-United States sentiment. In other words, U.S. bombs dropped in Iraq could well explode across the planet, as well as America, if the United States preemptively strikes Iraq, what is to stop China from attacking Taiwan? India from attacking Pakistan? and North Korea from attacking South Korea?

The Bush Administration refers to certain nations as an "Axis of Evil." Actually, an axis of inequality produces an Axis of Evil. As a rule, where there is anti-imperialist feelings directed at America, there is oppression, and economic depression. All humans have similar lifetime aspirations: To live and breathe free, enjoy the fruits of their labor, and be peacefully left to govern themselves. What makes might, right? Are their any "chosen people" of God?

EEOC Settles Against Texas Drilling Company

Employees Allegedly Subjected to Hangman's Nooses and Nazi Symbols at Drilling Site

EL PASO, Texas - The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) announced a \$859,000 settlement of a racial harassment lawsuit under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 against TMBR/Sharp Drilling, Inc. (TMBR), a Midland, Texas-based oil drilling corporation, on behalf of one African-American former employee and four of his former co-workers.

The EEOC's suit charged TMBR with creating a racially hostile work environment for the African-American employee and four of his White co-workers because of their association with him. The harassment included derogatory remarks, slurs, ridicule and intimidation on a daily basis. According to the suit, the five former TMBR employees were subjected to the displaying of Nazi "SS" symbols and hangman's nooses around the drilling site.

Under the terms of the settle-

ment, the five former employees will evenly split the \$859,000 in total monetary benefits, receiving nearly \$172,000 each. The EEOC filed suit after exhausting its conciliation efforts to reach a voluntary pre-litigation settlement. The litigation, Civil Action No. MO-02-CA-065, was filed on August 15, 2001, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, El Paso Division, and then transferred to the Midland-Odessa Division.

"We are pleased with the terms of this agreement," said Leticia Dominguez, EEOC Trial Attorney in the agency's El Paso Area Office. "The settlement provides significant monetary relief to the victims of this egregious discrimination and shows what can happen when employees come together to take a stand against unlawful workplace conduct. No individual should ever have to endure such harassment in order to earn a liv-

ing."

In addition to enforcing Title VII, which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex (including sexual harassment or pregnancy) or national origin and protects employees who complain about such offenses from retaliation, the EEOC enforces the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, which protects workers age 40 and older from discrimination based on age, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, which prohibits gender-based wage discrimination, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits employment discrimination against people with disabilities in the federal sector; Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits employment discrimination against people with disabilities in the private sector and state and local governments; and sections of the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

First African-American to Head \$1.52 Billion Writers Industry

(Plainsboro, NJ) - Shirley Hailstock, a working novelist residing in Plainsboro, NJ will take the reins of the Board of Directors of the largest genre-fiction writing organization in the world, Romance Writers of America (RWA). The writer-members of RWA pen the novels that generate 55% of all mass-market paperback fiction sold annually in the United States, \$1.52 billion. The 8,400-members of Romance Writers of America - the national trade association for the authors of romance fiction - elected Hailstock last fall. She served one year as President-Elect and her one-year term as President of the 19-member RWA Board of Directors commences November 1. Hailstock has served in various other positions, since 1996.

RWA provides support and advocacy for the authors of these books, as well as promotion for the thriving genre of romance fiction. Board members like Hailstock make decisions about the way RWA liaises with booksellers and distributors to market romance fiction, they lobby and interact with publishers on behalf of author rights, and devise long- and short-range plans for the association.

"Romance fiction, quite frankly, leads publishing in sales figures and sheer number of books released each year, outdistancing mystery novels 'two to one,'" Hailstock said. "As the trade association representing the authors that write romance novels, Romance Writers of America has the resources, the power, and a responsibility to advocate authors' concerns to publishers, build relationships with booksellers and librarians, and to promote today's romance novel—which is so much smarter, and more sophisticated than most people think."

Shirley Hailstock is the author of 15 romance novels and novellas, and has been writing for 13 years. Her most recent release is *A Family Affair*, an October 2002 release from BET (Black Entertainment Television) Books. Her love stories are often set in Washington, D.C. and are known for their suspenseful elements. In addition to sponsoring the RITA® competition, the highest award of distinction in romance publishing, Romance Writers of America also hosts a yearly national convention for romance writers, and boasts 160 local chapters around North America. For more information about RWA, Shirley Hailstock, or RWA's Board of Directors, visit RWA's Web site, www.rwanation.org, or contact Shirley Hailstock at 609-275-8323.



SHIRLEY HAILSTOCK

Court Re-Emphasizes Importance of Civil Liberties

By Brian Gilmore



Attention, Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Despite the war on terrorism and our personal uncertainties, the most important ideals about America remain intact.

Civil liberties should be respected. The Constitution is not dead. The government needs to operate as an open entity, with the public and the press acting as a check and balance.

This was the brave ruling by a three-judge panel, including Judge Damon Keith, of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The court recently declared unlawful secret deportation hearings conducted by the Justice Department.

"A true democracy is one that operates on faith — faith that government officials are forthcoming and honest," Keith wrote, adding that "open proceedings, with a vigorous and scrutinizing press, serve to ensure the durability of our democracy."

The case involves a Muslim cleric named Fahib Haddad, who was arrested two months after the Sept. 11 attacks. Haddad is a resident of Ann Arbor, Mich. He is also head of a controversial reli-

gious organization called the Global Relief Foundation that had its assets frozen after Sept. 11. Haddad had overstayed his tourist visa and was being deported by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The Justice Department, in moving forward with that deportation, closed all of his INS proceedings to everyone except his legal representatives. His family, friends, the press, even Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., were all told they could not gain access to any of Haddad's hearings. The justification that was given: national security due to the war on terrorism. Haddad was denied bail, detained and is still in government custody.

The Bush administration set the policy on secret deportation hearings in select cases just 10 days after the Sept 11 attacks. The chief judge of the INS, Michael Creppy, closed all hearings in "special" cases to everyone except the deportee's attorney or representative. This policy became known as the "Creppy directive." In response to a suit challenging that directive, the U.S. District Court in Detroit ruled in April that the directive was unlawful and had to end immediately. Keith and his colleagues put an exclamation point on that ruling and set

the Justice Department back on its legal heels.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that Keith was in the middle of this truly important government-vs.-public clash. He has a consistent record on civil-liberties issues over the years. He was a student at the Howard University School of Law during the days when the great future U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall would come by the school and rehearse his appellate arguments before the students. Keith was appointed to the federal bench in 1967 by President Johnson and to the appeals court by President Carter.

In the midst of a national crisis, Keith has come to the aid of the public with his judicial intellect and skill. He, along with his two fellow judges, is on the side of ordinary Americans. We should seek to preserve our civil liberties at all costs.

Poet and public-interest attorney Brian Gilmore is the author of two collections of poetry, including his latest, "Jungle nights and soda fountain rags: A poem for Duke Ellington and the Duke Ellington Orchestra" (Karibu Books, 2000). He can be reached at pmproj@progressive.org.

Boxing Their Way to Discipline

by Angel Wolfe

Students at Jackson Elementary are learning discipline through the sport of boxing. Fourth grade teacher Roman Garcia formed the Bulldog Boxing club last year in order to help make a difference in students' lives.

With the approval of the principal, Richard Ybarra, and their parents' consent, Garcia and his students started training in the Jackson gym after school. The Lubbock Warriors and Gonzales Gladiators also allowed Garcia to take his students to their gyms to work out.

Many of the children at Jackson come from single parent homes and do not have a positive male influence in their lives. As a result, many have discipline problems. This is where boxing comes into play. Boxing thrives on discipline, requiring students to eat, sleep and workout with a regular routine. Because boxing is an individual contact sport, the boxer must be in shape. To accomplish this feat, the boxer must learn commitment and dedication. This sport also gives these youngsters a higher self-esteem.

Eleven students make up the team this year with more signing up throughout the year.



The Bulldogs would like to compete at some of the state and national tournaments this year and would greatly appreciate donations made to the school. You can reach Mr. Garcia at 766-1766; his conference is at 10:10 a.m.

Community Health Center of Lubbock, Inc.

Results from Needs Assessment Meeting
October 22, 2002

More than 60 representatives from local organizations/businesses gathered to discuss the needs of Lubbock County residents. The group brainstormed and delivered current needs by each lifecycle, the possible resources to meet those needs, and prioritized which needs are the greatest. The meeting was a success, and what follows is a report of possible conclusions.

- Common Needs in all Lifecycles:
- Dental Services
 - Transportation
 - Substance Abuse Services
 - Mental Health Services
 - Education (all areas)

Perinatal
Current Needs/Issues: transportation, education (bilingual), parent counseling, funding, prenatal care for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd birth, substance abuse (breaking the cycle), mental health, depression treatment, address domestic violence, after hours access, better partnership among all agencies/organizations, materials and supplies for mothers (diapers)

Resources: partnership among numerous organizations, possible grant money, pooling funds together, utilizing resources/education/employees from numerous organizations/sources
Prioritized Needs: (1) Funding (2) Education and Transportation are equal

Pediatric
Current Needs/Issues: parent education/skills development, asthma, car safety seats, thermometers, ER use, immunizations for 10 yrs. and up, oral health: dentists/pediatrician and staff, nutrition (obesity, diabetes, hypertension), childhood mental health, extended hours
Resources: Medicaid, CHIP, available, pediatricians, Covenant Dental Clinic, South Plains Rural Health Clinic, PCI Dental, Wellness Center, LISD, Headstart Program, WIC, UMC
Prioritized Needs: (1) Parent Education (2) Oral Health (3) Nutrition (4) Childhood Mental Health

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Fashion Fun

by Charles Roberson

Skirt Dipping

For the good and the bad, we're living in a fast paced society, contributing much to fact that many women are experiencing busier life styles. Everything is push push, rush rush and hustle hustle. It is a fashionable reality that the bottom of this seasons skirts, are really just trying to keep up.

Have you noticed the hem lines on skirts lately? When it comes to skirts, the designs are more relaxed, loose, free and pleasantly unconstructed.

Some of the top designers are most intrigued with variety and flair this fall opposed to straight and narrow.

It's all about the bottom, they are longer in the back, shorter in the front and to jazz it up even more, some skirts are favorably pulled up a bit on each side. Soft and delicate with unusual activity. There's movement, lots and lots of movement, and I for one like it. They go when you go and flow when you flow.



SO LETS TALK SKIRT TAILS!

Ladies, as you are walking, the tail of your skirt will be talking, and wow! they have so much to say. Skirts are constantly changing positions, they are whirling, twirling and swirling. They are vigorously slipping, flipping, flopping and popping, romantically enhancing your every step, and ladies we all know that every STEP COUNTS!

AROUND, AROUND AND AROUND THE SKIRTS GOES WHERE THE BEAUTIFUL LADY STOPS NO ONE KNOWS

EXPERIMENT, TRY ONE ON, HAVE FUN!

NEXT ISSUE... THE ARTISTIC PANTYHOSE RETURNS

TIP... ALWAYS WEAR A SMILE

FASHION, JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

African-Americans, Diabetes and Foot Health

(NAPS)-More than 2 million African Americans have diabetes. If you're among them, you may be at increased risk for a number of serious conditions, including foot ulcers. Test your knowledge about feet, by taking this quiz and discuss any troublesome symptoms with your health-care professional.

1. People with diabetes are at increased risk of foot ulcers. (T or F) TRUE. People with diabetes may suffer numbness in their feet due to inadequate supply of blood. As a result, 15 percent of people with diabetes will experience foot ulcers.
2. Foot ulcers are a leading cause of amputations in people with diabetes. (T or F) TRUE. If a foot ulcer gets infected and is not successfully treated, it may lead to an amputation. According to the American Diabetes Association, 14 to 24 percent of people who have a diabetic foot ulcer will require an amputation. In 1996, 86,000 people with diabetes underwent one or more lower-extremity amputations.
3. There's nothing a person with diabetes can do to prevent foot ulcers. (T or F) FALSE. There are many steps that a patient can take to lessen the chance of getting a foot ulcer. These include exercising, avoiding smoking and maintaining a healthy body weight. It also includes making sure that any cut, sore, bruise, or blister is noticed early and treated quickly.
4. People with diabetes should examine their feet regularly even if they have not felt pain. (T or F) TRUE. People with diabetes

may not have normal ability to feel pain. They may not feel anything even when they have injuries or open sores. That is why people with diabetes should look at their bare feet every day for cuts, blisters, red spots and swelling. They should also see their healthcare provider at least once a year.

5. Soaking feet in hot water is part of good foot care. (T or F) FALSE. Washing your feet is important, but in warm water, not hot. It is also important to dry your feet well, especially between your toes.
6. Walking barefoot should be avoided. (T or F) TRUE. It is never a good idea to walk barefoot. Instead, wear comfortable shoes that fit well and protect your feet.
7. Any blister, sore, cut, or bruise on your foot that does not show signs of healing within two days must be brought to the attention of your doctor or health professional promptly. (T or F) TRUE. The National Diabetes Education Program advises calling your doctor if you find cuts, sores, blisters or bruises on your feet that do not begin to heal after one day.
8. Treating a diabetic foot ulcer may include removing unhealthy tissue. (T or F) TRUE. Some ulcers are surrounded by callous or skin that doesn't have a good blood supply. Removing that type of skin and any debris is called debridement. Studies show that this step is very important to help good healing. It may need to be done more than once.
9. There are prescription drugs that can help increase the incidence of complete healing. (T or F) TRUE. For example, Regranex® (becaplermin) Gel 0-01% is a prescription drug that, when used with good wound care practices, can increase the incidence of complete healing of a foot ulcer. See www.regranex.com for full prescribing information or more information.

Wine Expert Available For Comment On Recent Bill!

Congress recently submitted a bill to the White House that permits wine shipments by vineyard vintners as long as the wine is for personal use and their home state allows residents to carry in wine purchases from another state.

Tim Dodd, Ph.D., director of the Texas Tech University Texas Wine Marketing Research Institute, said that the bill potentially will impact the wine industry in a positive way. Dodd also said that this will open the door for new wineries and will especially benefit smaller wineries who are starting out and do not have the retail distribution to grow.

The Texas Wine Marketing Research Institute was established in the Department of Education, Nutrition and Restaurant/Hotel Management at Texas Tech University in 1988.

The institute regularly collects and disseminates information concerning Texas wine and wine grape production, wine sales and wine consumption in Texas; and the industry's economic impact on the Texas economy. Specific research topics are also examined, including winery tourism, wine sales to restaurants and supermarket sales of Texas wines.

Dodd can be reached at (806) 742-3077 or tdodd@hs.ttu.edu



Your prayers are appreciated for this writer, Ruby Jay, who has been hospitalized for several days. God is able. Your precious prayers will always be priceless. May God bless each of you.

*** The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Dilly R. Moton is pastor. Our doors are always open for those of you who are looking for a church home. Come and visit us at anytime.

*** Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m. with all teachers present and on time. Students received thirty minutes of instruction, and at 10:15 a.m. all teachers and students marched to the main auditorium where high points of the morning lesson were given.

*** The morning devotion was conducted by Brother John Howard and Brother Ulysses Beatty and were assisted by the Praise Team. What a time in the Lord!

*** As it being the first Sunday, the Male Chorus marched in the processional singing out of their hearts. A lar prayer was offered. After a selection by the Male Chorus, the morning scripture was read by Brother Ore Matthey, Brother Henry High gave the morning prayer. After another selection, the responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother Johnnie Martin. The morning hymn was "Blessed Assurance."

Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations which is always inspiring for the congregation. After the singing of another selection by the Male Chorus, the morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Floydzel Bell. The subject of the sermon was "An Inside Job." The scripture text was Jeremiah 31:31-36. It was a wonderful sermon.

The announcements of the morning were read by Brother Roy White. Brother Joe Hereford welcomed all visitors.

M. I. K. Commemorative Council of Lubbock Inc.

Nominations

Pioneers who has left their footprints in the sands of history in the Black community of Lubbock.

Forty-Years of History (1920-1960)

Who: _____

Year: _____

Reason: _____

Print Name _____

Please send nominations to
P.O. Box 12202
Lubbock, Texas 79407

By November 11, 2002

Nominations, selected will be placed in the M.I.K. Memorial Arca located at the top of the waterfall.

Chairpersons
Donnie Wright
Eugene Lawson

Do You Know A Child Who Deserves To Be Recognized?

SPOTLIGHT ON KIDS

Each Day The A-J Will introduce You To A Local Child Who is Going Above And Beyond To Do Good Things, The Right Things!

If You Know Of Such A Child, We Want To Know, Too. Be It Neighbor, Pupil, Friend Or Relative, Help Us Tell The World About These Special Kids!

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parents name: _____

PARENTS SIGNATURE: _____

Daytime phone (parent): _____

On a separate sheet of paper

- 1) briefly tell us about your nominee and
- 2) list the accomplishments of your nominee.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Relationship to nominee: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Do you want your nomination to be anonymous? Yes No

Please include a good quality photo of the child! (Photos will be returned only if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.)

SPOTLIGHT ON KIDS RULES

- 1) No purchase necessary. Nomination forms will appear periodically throughout the year in the Avalanche Journal and at the Kids Count quarterly business award dinners. Forms also are available at the A-J Information Center, 710 Avenue A.
- 2) Nomination forms can be mailed to: Spotlight On Kids, P.O. Box 991, Lubbock, TX 79408, or can be dropped off at the A-J Information Center, 710 Avenue A.
- 3) All information, including a reproducible photograph of the child, must be included. INFORMATION AND PHOTOS WILL NOT BE RETURNED. NO CASH PRIZES OR VERIFICATION AND SIGNATURE FROM A PARENT 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 compilation of information, personal approval and the results of the random, including family nominations, citizenship, volunteerism, character, attitude and achievements, 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 unreturned entries that are forwarded late, have missing content, damaged, illegible, incomplete or postage due.
- 8) By entering a nomination or their responses, the nominator accepts the rules and agrees to be bound by them.

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WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS
 "POOR OLD JOE DIED, 10-26-02"

MATTHEW 25:1-13 JESUS SAID, "BEHOLD, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND. WHOEVER IS THIRSTY, LET HIM COME AND TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE FREE OF CHARGE."

THE LORD ALONG WITH HIS FOUR MAIN WIVES NAME: MARY, MARGARET, HE LIVED ON THE EAST SIDE, LIKE THE 2000' UP THE HILL, MEN AND LAZARUS. JOE DIDN'T HAVE A HOME, HE LIVED IN HIS OLD RAGGY CAR. THE WORLD LOOKED DOWN ON HIM, AND WANTED HIM TO STAY AWAY.

MATTHEW 25:15 JESUS SAID, "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN."

JOE LIVED ON S. 19th AND TEAK. BEHIND HIS FENCED OFF LOT, JOE SAID, "LAWN MOWERS, BICYCLES, AND THESE TWO CARS IS ALL I GOT."

PROVERB 14:21 HE THAT DESPISETH HIS NEIGHBOUR SINNETH; BUT HE THAT HATH MERCY ON THE POOR, HAPPY IS HE.

JOE WAS AN HEART MAN, AND COULD SHARE WITH YOU WHAT HE HAD. JOE WAS A FRIEND OF MINE, AND I LOVED HIM FOR THE BIG HEART HE HAD.

PROVERB 15:13 A MERRY HEART MAKETH A CHEERFUL COUNTENANCE, BUT BY SORROW OF THE HEART THE SPIRIT IS WITHERED.

JOE WAS ALWAYS SMILING, WHILE OTHERS WOULD SEEM TO BE IN A SERIOUS MOOD. JOE HAD JESUS IN HIS HEART, THE WAY LIFE IS SUPPOSE TO BE!

JOE WAS ALL OVER TEAK, HE HAD A RAGGY UNLICENSED UNREGISTERED CAR, HE TOLD ME HE WENT TO ARIZONA, THE POLICE STOPPED HIM, HE HAD TO LEAVE HIS CAR.

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

I WOULD STOP BY JOE'S PLACE, SOMETIMES, IT WOULD BE HOT AS CAN BE, I WOULD FIND HIM IN HIS CAR, PARKED ACROSS THE STREET UNDER A TREE.

JOE WOULD COME TO MEAL SIMMONS SENIOR CENTER, AND MANY OF THOSE TIMES, THEY WOULD SAY TO HIM, YOU HAVE LOST YOUR MIND.

MARK 9:42, JESUS SAID, "WHOSOEVER SHALL OFFEND ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES THAT BELIEVE IN ME, IT IS BETTER FOR HIM THAT A MILLSTONE WERE HANGED ABOUT HIS NECK, AND HE WERE CAST INTO THE SEA."

JOE WOULD COME UP WITH BIG STORIES, LIKE CATCHING A 5 FT. FISH, HE COULD TELL THE CENTER SENIORS, DIDN'T WANT HIM IN THEIR MIST.

JAMES 2:2-4, FOR IF THERE COME UNTO YOUR ASSEMBLY A MAN WITH A GOLD RING, IN GOODLY APPAREL, AND THREE COME IN ALSO A POOR MAN IN VILE RAIMENT, AND YE HAVE RESPECT TO HIM THAT WEARE THE VILE RAYMENT, BY CLOTHING, AND SAY UNTO HIM, SIT THOU HERE IN A GOOD PLACE; AND SAY TO THE POOR, STAND THOU THERE, OR SIT HERE UNDER MY FOOTSTOOL; ARE YE NOT PARTIAL IN YOURSELVES, AND BECOME JUDGES OF EVIL THOUGHTS?

BUT JOE KEPT COMING, AND MOCKED HIM, SAYING TAKE A BATH, BUT WHEN A PREACHER MOCKED HIM, THAT MADE ME FEEL SO SAD.

I JOHN 4:20, IF A MAN SAY, I LOVE GOD, AND HATEH HIS BROTHER, HE IS A LIAR; FOR HE THAT LOVETH NOT HIS BROTHER WHOM HE HATH SEEN, HOW CAN HE LOVE GOD WHOM HE HATH NOT SEEN?

JOE DIED THE OTHER DAY, GOD CALLED HIS SOUL HOME, GOD DIDN'T WANT HIM TO SPEND ANOTHER WINTER IN HIS CAR ALONG!!

THE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER SAID, LETS RAISE MONEY FOR THE FAMILY.

WHEN I HEARD THOSE HYPOCRITES WORDS, THAT I COULDN'T BELIEVE!!

MATTHEW 24:12, JESUS SAID, BECAUSE INIQUITY SHALL ABOUND, THE LOVE OF MANY SHALL WAX COLDER.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY D.J. MORRISON, HIS YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS.

from the Desk of Parson D. A. Smith "Relying on Faith"

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
 --Galatians 2:20

The headlines of the past week read:

- U. S. senators were warned this week that those who play golf may be targets of al Qaeda snipers on golf courses and were given tips on how to protect themselves.
- Local high schools have moved or postponed many athletic events.
- Federal investigators plan to question suspected al Qaeda detainees at Guantanamo Bay Cuba, and elsewhere to see if any of them have any information about the sniper attacks in the Washington area.

We live in a world that is constantly giving away to violence and the ever increasing list of degenerative sins that destroy human dignity and values and challenge our faith in a Holy and righteous God. Many in our society have lost faith in government and the religious establishment appears to be a joke. They believe like Whittier, "The steps of faith fall on the seeming void and find the rock beneath." Consequently, that what makes our society wholesome and promotes righteousness is weakened by a lack of faith.

The story is told of a house that caught fire one night and a young boy was forced to flee to the upper porch. The father standing on the ground below with outstretched arms called out for his son to jump. He knew the boy had to jump to save his life. What the boy only could see were flames, smoke, and blackness. As can be imagined, he was afraid to let go as his father kept yelling, "Jump! I will catch you." But the boy protested, "Daddy, I can't see you." The father replied, "But I can see you and that's all that matter."

Let me with A Holy guidance take to the task those Christians whose faith seems to be waning in our present era of moral crisis. You are to keep relying on faith. You have to believe!


Augustine said, "God does not expect us to submit our faith to him without reason ... our reason make faith a necessity."

From the earliest days of the Christian church, faith has marked men and women of God. Out of weakness they have emerged with a supernatural strength and overcome their difficulties by faith.

Faith is always a valuable resource, but sometimes its advocates are describing an optimistic attitude or positive thinking that whistles away the gloom and leads to achieving one's goals. That is not what the Bible means by faith. Faith is an important resource, but it is the object of faith that makes the difference. And the object of our faith that makes a difference is Jesus Christ.

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



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

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the home of Sister Annie McBride; beginning at 9:00 a.m. Sister McBride is truly a great lady and a spirit filled home! Devotion was conducted by Sister Christene Burleson and Sister S. Crawford. The organization was favored with a solo by Sister Arnie Day, entitled "By The Grace Of God, I've Come A Long Way." As you may know, this lady is truly gifted by God.

Our scripture lesson for the morning was taught by Sister Elnora Jones. She used as her scripture: Ecclesiastes 3.

"A time for everything under the sun. In the book of Job; Job couldn't find meaning for his suffering, but he said, "thou you slay me, yet will I trust."

He said, nothing will separate me from the love of God, Daid said, yea thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. In this world, we walk through the shadow of death. We don't have to fear.

911 was just a shadow. The bombing of the Pentagon. The Oklahoma bombing is just a shadow. Everything has a time, and a season. Look around your area, and you will see we are in a season of suicide, killing wars, rumours of wars, suicide bombers where people are strapping themselves with bombs and taking their lives and others with them. Truly, the spirit of darkness hovers over this nation. It might endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

We can't name the sin which is active in our community and homes. What has happen to the home of the brave in this great country of America. Corinthians 13 says: "Now we see through a glass darkly, but one day we will see clearly."

God is going to wipe all tears from our eyes. No more sorrow, heartache and pain."

If you could turn back the pages of time, January come and marched on was that your season? February came and went, and what did you do to make this world a better place. March comes in and did you put off some good deed for the next month, April, it came and went. Were you pleased when the month of May rolled in. The weather was nice and God gave you another day. Whats your thoughts about your life?

June, time just keeps rolling. It does not wait. July, the weather is right, and you still have a problem. August, you may say its too hot. September is getting the kids organized for school. You have no time.

In October, the leaves are turning all colors. The pumpkins in the world are beautiful. Was this your season? November, has finally rolled in, and are you putting more emphasis on that turkey and ham. Thou thanking our God for the eleven months.

And the month of December will roll in here in a few days, and will you celebrate this season which is Christ's birthday by putting out the Santa Claus and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer? Look back over these two've months and ask what have you accomplished that God will be pleased with? He will hand us a clean sheet in a few days for another year. Speaking on school terms, just wondering how will God rate each of us this year. Will it be 50%, 75% or 100%. He demands one hundred percent, 99 won't do.

Let's ring out joy to this world. The Lord is coming. May there be peace on earth, and good will to all men. Your season will come. Our God works in seasons, and when each of our season comes. He will pace you where you need to be. Don't envy, be patience and keep believing. The word comes and patience and keep believing the word. Come and hear this great teacher of the word!

God bless each of you for reading. For those who are sick in your body, our God wants to see you well and enjoying life abundantly.

For our bereaved families, God specializes in things which seem impossible. He can do for you what no other earthly person can do. Read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26 When you desperately need prayer, pray for others.

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

HELLO USHERS!

The members of the City Wide Ushers will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, November 9, 2002, at the Greater St. James Baptist Church. Rev. E. L. Harris is host pastor. The church is located at 117 North Mulberry Avenue.

The City Wide Ushers are invited by Pastor Harris about this time of the year. So let's attend and bring someone with us, because we are going to have a good time in the Lord.

Let us not forget to bring our non-perishable canned goods for the needy of our community.

If you want to become a City Wide Usher, then come and be with us. You are always welcome in Jesus' name. Come and be with us at 5:00 p.m. on November 9th.

Sister L. Harris is president; and Sister Minnie Darthard, reporter.


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

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In Remembrance...



Ernestine Davenport

Funeral services were held for Ernestine Davenport last Wednesday morning, November 6, 2002, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Danny Poe, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

She died here Saturday, November 2, 2002.

She was born September 5, 1930, in Meridian, Texas. She married Joe Davenport in Meridian. He passed away February 17, 1994. A long-time resident, she was a member of Messiah Presbyterian Church and the Booker T. Washington Post 808, American Legion auxiliary.

She is survived by a sister, Josephine Oliver, of Meridian, Texas.



Donald Griffin

El Paso, Texas -- Graveside services for Donald Rickie Griffin were held Monday morning, November 4, 2002, at Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso.

Arrangements were under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock, Texas.

Mr. Griffin died Friday, November 1, 2002.

Born July 31, 1946, in Flint, Michigan, he graduated from Burgess High School in El Paso. He received a bachelor of science degree in Science of Criminal Justice from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1977 and an associated degree in Environmental Technology from Midland College in 2000.

He served in the U. S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He received the Vietnam Service Medal with one bronze star, Vietnam Campaign medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with one bronze star, National Defense Service medal, the Purple Heart Medal for injuries received in Vietnam on February 27, 1968.

He married Tammy Griffin on June 13, 2000, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He moved to Abernathy, Texas in 2000 and owned Grey Wolf Enterprises.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy Griffin, a stepdaughter, Kathryn Griffin of Abernathy, Texas; a step-son, Keith Griffin of Abernathy, Texas; his father, Donald Raymond Griffin of Aurora, of Colorado; three brothers: Tim of California, Kenneth of Seattle, Washington, and Dean of Denmark, and a sister, LaDonna Munerlyn of Flint, Michigan.



Jason Mizell

RUN DMC DISC JOCKEY SLAIN IN NEW YORK

New York, N.Y.— Last week, Jam Master, who was part of the pioneering rap trio Run DMC, was shot and killed Wednesday, October 30, 2002.

According to the group's publicist, Tracy Miller, the 37-year-old disc jockey, was killed and his real name was Jason Mizell.

He was shot once in the head and was dead at the scene. Another man, Urieco Rincon, was hospitalized after being shot in the leg.

Run DMC is widely credited with helping bring hip-hop into music's mainstream, including the group's smash collaboration with Aerosmith on the 1980s standard "Walk This Way."

Mizell was the group's disc jockey, providing background for singers Joseph Simmons, better known as DJ Run and Darryl McDaniels, better known as DMC.

He was married and had three children.



James Young, III

Funeral services were held for 13 year-old James McCormick Young, III last Saturday morning, November 2, 2002, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Kenneth Lawrence officiating. Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor.

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

Young died Sunday, October 27, 2002.

He was born June 5, 1989, in Lubbock, Texas.

He is survived by his father, James McCormick, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas; his guardian, Wilma Pratt of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers, Damion Draper and Bobby Jones, both of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters, Katosheya Alien and Ka'Deshia Pollard, both of Lubbock, Texas; and his grandparents, Ella Mae Powell of Amarillo, Texas and James McCormick, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas.

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Kaplan Gives Grant to Two Area High Schools

Estacado and Monterey High Schools are in the middle of giving a select number of students a boost for their Scholastic Aptitude Test, or SAT, test in December.

Kaplan Test Prep organization received grant money from the Meadows Foundation in Dallas to fund a prep class for low socioeconomic schools across the state. The class is open to 25 students at each school who are willing to commit to 11 three-hour meetings, which are once a week until the December 7 test date.

The course, which normally cost \$900 per student, is free to 25 students at Monterey and Estacado who meet the criteria, which states that students must be low socioeconomic or minority and be in the top percentile of their class.

Amy Carpenter, senior class counselor at Estacado, said some of the students have taken the SAT previously and are taking the course in hopes to improve their scores.

"Basically we are going to see what the scores can get to after the course," she said. The students will receive a fee waiver for the actual exam as well.

Larry Hess, senior class counselor at Monterey, said the student's meet with a local Kaplan instructor who keeps the course interesting and fun. So far, Carpenter and Hess said the comments have been positive. The students have been very interested, I've been very impressed Hess said.

Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow
by Gerald Jackson

Question: What does the Bible say about tithing?

Answer: Tithing is a one of the methods of required giving under the law of Moses. Throughout the Old Testament the terms sacrifice, tithes and offerings were used concerning how the people of God made contribution to His cause.

Sacrifices referred to how the worshipper gave. Tithes and offerings emphasized what the worshipper gave (Isaiah 34:6). Its basic meaning was to slaughter an animal for food. However as an act of worship its meaning has to do with the sacrificing for spiritual reasons. Sacrificial giving carried with it the act of a costly gift to God. As the animals lost their lives in the act of sacrificing, those who give to God should also make sure that whatever we offer God costs us something. If a gift we offer to God doesn't cost us anything, how can it have any meaning to God? Recall David's words, "for I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:24).

Concerning the tithes, they were commanded by God to be given as an act of worship, for

the support of the ministry, and to support the needy. There are three primary texts in the Old Testament that address the topic. Leviticus 27: 30-33 gives the specific command of the tithe of the Land and the herd or flock. Numbers 18:8-32 has reference to the tithe of the sacrificial meal that was to be eaten as an act of worship to God, a tenth of all of the produce of the land was to be brought to Jerusalem and to be eaten by the worshipper. It was a celebration to God and it served to make the worshipper appreciative of what God had provided for them. A second tithe was to be given to the Levites as they ministered in the tabernacle. This was the Lord's way of taking care of the ministers. They made their living from what the worshippers gave. There was a third tithe given by the worshippers. It was collected every third year from the people of God for the benefit of the orphans, widows and strangers (Deuteronomy 14:28,29).

We see that the tithes were given as an act of worship, given to perpetuate the ministry and to take care of the needy. We have the same reasons to give the tithe today even if it is not specifically commanded.

We still must come to God in reverence and appreciation. When you honor someone and what to show them that you think they are special a gift is appropriate. Without giving much explanation we realize that the ministry must be perpetuated. The hard reality of the ministry is that it requires money to get the message out to a lost and dying world. Lastly, we are always surrounded by the needy. As compassionate saints we must be prepared to give. Let me encourage you to give joyfully to the Lord. You will never regret giving to God.

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Coming Back from the Brink of Foreclosure

Interest rates are at all-time lows, home sales are breaking records and the dream of home ownership is becoming a reality for more and more Americans. But for some, that dream has turned into a nightmare. Almost 1 in 20 mortgage are delinquent. "As interest rates drop and the housing market continues to soar, people are taking out bigger and bigger mortgages," said Mike Kidwell, vice president and co-founder of Myvesta, a financial health center. "Many people are stretching their finances to the limit by purchasing more house than they can truly afford. With so much of their income going towards mortgage payments, there's no safety net with a problem comes up."

"If you are having trouble paying your mortgage or if you think you are going to have trouble in the near future, the worst thing you can do is cut off all contact with your lender," Kidwell said. "Too many people panic and avoid telling the lender about their situation, then try to bargain at the last minute when their house is already foreclosed upon. By that time it's usually too late."

Kidwell offers these tips if you're having trouble making your mortgage payments:

-Contact your lender immedi-

ately. Many lenders have programs available to help you keep your home;

- Contact a mortgage broker about refinancing your loan, you may be able to lower your monthly payment with a new mortgage;

- If you have Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI) contact the insurance holder, they may lend you the money to become current;

and

- Consider borrowing money from friends and family. "A foreclosure sale is a painful and humiliating process," Kidwell said. "We encourage people to do everything they can to avoid it. That means recognizing the number one warning sign-always being late with your payment." An audio recording of an actual foreclosure sale is available at Myvesta.org.

To help people who are falling behind on their mortgage payments or facing foreclosure, Myvesta wrote "What to Do When You Can't Pay the Mortgage." It can be downloaded online from Myvesta.org or for a printed copy of the publication send \$5.00 payable to Myvesta, to Can't Pay The Mortgage Publication, Myvesta, P.O. Box 8587, Gaithersburg, MD, 20898-8587.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Lubbock, for Fiestas de Llanos, will receive sealed bids until November 14, 2002, at 4:00 p.m., at our office at 1625 13th Street, Room 107 for the following project.

The replacement/repair of the roof at the old Fire Station #4 building.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Thursday, November 7, at 10:00 am at the site. The physical address of the building is 2422 3rd Street.

After the expiration of the time and at the place as noted, all bids will be opened. Bidders will be notified of the results of the bidding process on November 15, 2002, before 5:00 p.m.

The project will be completed in conjunction with a project that will be paid in part by funding from the Community Development Block Grant received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The project must comply with all applicable Federal Laws and Regulations including the payment of Federal minimum wages under the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act, equal opportunity and under Section 3, Affirmative Action and Executive Order 11246.

The agency and the City of Lubbock reserve the right to reject any or all bids. Beginning Friday, November 1, 2002, plans and specifications may be obtained at the offices of Community Development at 1625 13th Street, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 p.m.

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Adolescent

Current Needs/Issues: substance abuse (tobacco, alcohol, drugs), depression/anxiety, behavior problems/violence, chronic health problems, asthma, obesity, diabetes, high rates of STD's and teenage pregnancies, parental involvement, supervised activities
Resources: City Health Department Clinic for STD's, TDH book (Resources for Providers and Agencies), Covenant Counseling Center, hospitals, health care clinics, nutritional counseling, schools, business outreach, boys/girls clubs, churches
Prioritized Needs: (1) High rates of STD's (2) Behavior Problems/Violence (3) Chronic health problems (4) Dental involvement (5) Leisure activities (supervised)

Adult

Current Needs/Issues: help with prescriptions, dental, eye care, breast cancer screening, hepatitis C, radiology services, transportation, referral to specialty care, no rental assistance, nutrition education, exercise availability, household budgeting, locating a private physician
Resources: RX Neighborhood House; Quaker Ave. Church of Christ, PCI Dental Clinic, Catholic Family Services
Prioritized Needs: (1) Dental (funding and services) (2) Emergency housing (3) Referrals to specialty care (4) Prescription assistance (5) CHIP

extended for adults (6) Preventive care (7) Transportation

Geriatric

Current Needs/Issues: transportation; medication assistance, dental (denture, acute needs), vision assistance (exams, glasses), utility assistance, mental health
Resources: Interfaith, YMCA, South Plains Health Provider, SPCAA, Commission for the Blind, PCI, Covenant, Catholic Family Services
Prioritized Needs: (1) Medication assistance (2) Utility assistance (3) Non-medical transportation (4) Dental (5) Vision

Homeless

Current Needs/Issues: transitional housing, emergency housing options, street outreach, public education, mental health, substance abuse, personal needs, nutrition, prescriptions, employment, transportation, enrollment in benefits, child care
Resources: CHCL, MHMR, Salvation Army, WPS, Interfaith Mission, APS, CPS, LPD, churches, TWC, LHA, CFS, Guadalupe Economic Services, Neighborhood House, First Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church, St. John Methodist, Food Bank, Covenant Counseling
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“What about US/ME?”

By Eddie P. Richardson

...ise to do for what we must/should do for ourselves. No one can save us from us for us but us.”

We look about and see that jails are about people, but the problem is we do not as a whole have a children problem. We have a parent problem. Most, but not all the children who get into trouble, check their background and their parentage. You can easily see the problem. This not in all cases, but most of them. Check it out!

All of this proves that it shows we have to do for ourselves what others will not do for us, but after all we made us!

We sit around us and moan and groan about what others are not doing for us, but the big question is “what are we doing for ourselves?”

It goes back to statement made by Friedrich Douglas —

“Why should we sit around and let others do for ourselves?”

The U. S. Government is not going to do it for us. We have to forget that. We are going to have to do it for ourselves by putting our resources, finances, knowledge, experiences and trust in each other to make it for us. No one is going to help us if it is nothing for them. So why don't we wake up and smell the roses.

For us to make it, we have to wake up and learn to trust, respect, and use each other in order to blend our resources. We can make it. But has to be us by us for us in order to make it work. Now, in this writers opinion, is the bottom line!

Nuff sed! Why not?

We have great ideas about all kinds of workable plans, but we look to someone else to do them. Why not us?

We sit, we moan, we groan and we ask what about us? So what about us. We go about the same changes as mentioned above. The problem is what do we do about ourselves. That's the problem we just sit around and wait on other to do what we should do for ourselves.

“I” has to be us for we have to wait for someone



In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

The Washington D. C. area feels that it can finally feel some relief after three tedious weeks of attempting to capture a sniper or snipers who shot about thirteen people.

It was a fearful time for the people in the area of the shooting as well as for people in other states. The fear that your home area could be next was present in the minds of most rational beings. By virtue of the fact that the shooters were moving around and not being caught there was the possibility that they might show up anywhere in the United States.

Having caught and arrested at least two people as the snipers, the people of the Washington, D. C. area started to get out again, feeling free to go about their daily routines. Are they really free?

Have the real snipers really been accosted? Are there more snipers, not yet accounted for? Are the alleged snipers a part of the Al Qaeda program? Is this kind of terror becoming a commonplace occurrence in American society? Are the citizens of these United States witnessing first handed, what other countries around the world experience every day?

Is terrorism on the homeland necessary for the American people to realize once and for all that as a nation, we need to be responsive to each other regardless of race, religion, politics or ethnic differences? We may not pay attention to the tension brought about by our differences in our daily lives because we feel that the path we take is the only right one. Of course, we often fail to realize that the right path is the one where we treat each other as we would have them treat us, regardless to our differences.

Our differences should make us stronger as a nation

instead of weaker, but we are allowing them to make a difference rather than strengthen us. As the ole folk used to say,

“Two wrongs don't make no right. Two wrongs can, however, come together and work out a right. Our various groups in this country must have positive dialog with fruitful outcomes in order that this country might heal. We are terribly sick at this time. We have too much breakdown within our country and at the same time attempting to right wrongs in other places.

Remember, these were the characteristics present in the fall of the Roman Empire. It would appear that statesmen in the United States and politicians would take heed and plan with this in mind. It is time that we, American citizens, get ‘in cinque’ and take a more active role in letting our elected officials know how we feel about the various situations which affect us, that they vote on.

October 27, 2002



Take Good Care of Your Eyes

by Larry Lucas

...have glaucoma, although about half of those people don't know they have the disease. About 100,000 Americans are blind due to glaucoma.

African Americans are four to five times more likely than the majority population to develop glaucoma. People with diabetes, very near-sighted people, and people related to someone with glaucoma are also at high risk.

There is no cure for glaucoma, but early detection is the best way to stop glaucoma from leading to blindness. If you have any of the above risk factors, you should start having regular exams for glaucoma at age 30. If not, Prevent Blindness America suggests exams at ages 35 and 40 and regularly thereafter.

If you are diagnosed with glaucoma, treatment may include surgery and/or medication (eye drops and/or pills). Be sure to take any medications exactly as your doctor prescribes.

Fortunately, pharmaceutical companies are developing ten new medicines to treat glaucoma, and one new medicine was approved last year. Companies are also working to tight another

leading cause of blindness among older people, macular degeneration.

Age-related macular degeneration affects the macula, a small spot in the central area of the retina located at the back of the eye. If you have this disease, you may notice that:

- straight lines, such as telephone poles, appear wavy;
- type in books and newspapers appears blurry; or
- dark or empty spaces may block the center of your vision.

Again, early diagnosis and treatment are key.

A new medicine for one form of macular degeneration was approved last year, and pharmaceutical companies are currently developing six additional medicines.

For more information on taking care of your vision, log onto www.preventblindness.org. For information about medicines in development for eye diseases and other diseases, log onto www.phrma.org.

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

THIS N THAT

DID YOU VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5TH? THIS N THAT ... would hope that many of you did go to the polls on ... TUESDAY ... November 5th ... and you did cast your vote for the person or person you thought would be the better representative... If you did vote ... then you have a right to let those elected officials know your feelings about any issue which he or she did vote on... But on the other side of the coin ... IF YOU DIDN'T VOTE ... then you don't have a right to complain to be unhappy with what the elected official did do... It is a must you go to the polls and cast your precious vote ... and if you don't do so ... then you don't have anything to say...

HOUSE FILLED PARKWAY NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER SHOWS APPRECIATION! THIS N THAT ... was among the ... HOUSE-FILLED CITIZENS ... who came out last Sunday afternoon ... November 3, 2002 ... to let a very dedicated person ... MS. RUBY PHENIX ... know how much they appreciate what she has done over the past ... FORTY YEARS ... of working with young people... Beginning as a housekeeper ... at the Early Learning Center ... she has helped so many young people ... So Last Sunday it was her day ... and people showed their appreciation for a ... DEDICATED LADY ... who cares about the welfare of young children... This ... UNITED WAY OF LUBBOCK AGENCY ... can be glad to have such a lady as ... MRS. RUBY PHENIX ... who cares about young people... Sure ... those present will take something back to their various locations ... about a lady who loves young children.

LUBBOCK WOMEN RECEIVES HONORS IN FORT WORTH! THIS N THAT ... wants to say... CONGRATS ... to three women in Lubbock ... who are members of the ... BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ... for being recognized at their Annual Conference in Fort Worthy Texas ... last week... JEANIE FRANKLIN ... was named the ... LAY PERSON OF THE YEAR 2002 ... in the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church... Two other ladies ... ANN BRITT S BESHIE COX ... were elected as delegates to the ... QUADRENNIAL FOR MISSIONARIES ... in Dallas, Texas ... next July... Both will do well in this sessions... CONGRATS ... to all ladies...

TEXAS MONTHLY NEEDED TO VISIT ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL! THIS N THAT ... was displeased; with the article which appeared in the ... TEXAS MONTHLY MAGAZINE ... about ... ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL ... THIS N THAT ... would encourage the author of the article to ... VISIT ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL ... and get the real story... No doubt about it ... no matter what they write ... ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL ... is still a ... GREAT HIGH SCHOOL ... Lets keep our heads up ... and move on down the road ... doing what is best for our young people...

BEULAH WINTERS NAMED FOR DISTINCTION! THIS N THAT ... wants to say ... CONGRATS ... to a dedicated woman ... BEULAH WINTERS ... who was one of eight women to be chosen as ... WOMEN OF DISTINCTION ... which is sponsored by the ... Girl Scouts of Caprock Council 2002 ... Ms. Winters was nominated for this honor by her peers and community leaders ... who recognized the impact she had in the lives of others... A special program will be held at ten University Medical Center McInturf Conference Center ... on Thursday ... December 5, 2002...

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: -There are those ...who will ... COMPLAIN ... because you made them realize they lack ... HUMANITY.

GOOD ... TO VISIT UPWARD BOUND! THIS N THAT ... had an opportunity to visit with the young people ... who are enrolled in the ... UPWARD BOUND ... program at Texas Tech University ... which is in its ... 35TH YEAR ... on the campus of Texas Tech University ... ERIC STRONG ... director of the program ... does an outstanding job ... in seeing that young high school students ... from throughout the South Plains of Texas ... have an opportunity of attending college ... and hopefully ... TEXAS-TECH UNIVERSITY ... Keep up the good work ...

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BUSINESS EXCHANGE Mostly Flash, Little or No Cash

by William Reed

Isn't about time that you, and other Black Americans, stop "fixin' to get ready," and admit that you, and probably everybody you know, don't know anything about the engines that make capitalism work in this country? When do you think we are going to stop pretending we know and actually learn how investments work and benefit? Who among us is willing to forego immediate creature comforts to start investment processes for ourselves and our own kind? While many still wish to lay the reasons for our failures on the doorsteps of whites, when you compare black wealth versus white wealth the results are shocking and go beyond reasons of racism alone. While much has been bantered around about the concept of "set-asides" normally associated with affirmative action, a look at another type of "set-aside" reveals a path of tied and true wealth-building that African Americans have, for the most part shun. Studies show that fully one-half of all white families have been able to set-aside close to \$7,000 as a nest egg compared to zero reserves set-aside for nearly two-thirds of African-American families.

There is no question that millions of blacks have made substantial income gains in the past generation. The median income for college-educated African-American men who work full-time is over \$40,000, but during the times of the career and income advances black men, and their families, have accumulated little wealth. In reality, the truth is that if we continue with the type of wealth-building we employed in the past, history shows that we will continue to get the type of wealth results we've been getting. Unless we change our actions and habits nothing will ever accrue to us, or our children. For example, although one-third of black families moved to middle-class income levels in the last 30 years during the age of affirmative action and earn 70 cents for every dollar earned by middle-class whites, we possess only 15 cents for every dollar earned by middle-class whites. In other words, white middle-class households have assets that could support their standard of living for our and

a third months at \$2,750 per month, composed the typical African-American household which could not make it on their assets through the end of the first month.

In a new book called Black Wealth/White Wealth, A New Perspective on Racial Inequality authors Dr. Melvin Oliver and Dr. Thomas Shapiro draw a clear distinction between the concept of "income" versus "wealth." They claim that while income has an impact on wealth, it is only a factor in the portfolio of possible wealth instruments. The authors point out that income producing assets - stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, insurance policies, gifts, inheritances, capital gains and residential equity - all comprise a more complete picture of what constitutes wealth in America. They caution that when determining overall progress, it is necessary, in a meaningful discussion economic development issues, to compare wealth, not simply income, to gauge how far African Americans have come to being on a par with white Americans.

When looking at wealth Oliver and Shapiro found something that most African Americans knew but refuse to admit, we've got more flash than we do cash- Blacks tend to invest in vehicles and "consumable assets," while whites invest in income-producing assets. They point out that consumable assets make up 73 percent of the value of all wealth held by blacks, whereas liquid and income-producing assets (stocks, mutual funds, bank deposits, etc.) constitute only 13

percent. This is in contrast to whites who invest 51 percent in income-producing assets.

As we change our bad financial habits, hopefully more of us will turn to productive investments, and outside our communities. According to the National Association of Investors Corporation (NAIC), a trade association that helps people start investment clubs and learn how to invest, the number of such clubs has grown 50 percent in just two years. The NAIC boasts that there are now some 12,000 investment clubs with a quarter of a million people in total membership. The average club setting allows members to earn while they learn. Most clubs have approximately 12 members and a portfolio valued at \$90,000. Members invest from \$10 to \$100 a month in the club and are normally each given research assignments on stocks to buy and sell. The NAIC says that investors have to be in for the long haul because most clubs lose money during the first two years.

Black men and women concerned about closing the financial gap between the races, and who seek to leave a worthwhile "inheritance" to their offspring, should take the initiative and start investment clubs and processes among their friends and relatives and in their communities. They can start by calling NAIC at (313) 543-0612. The NAIC provides many educational materials to assist those people ready to get off their butts in understanding the range of income-producing programs available and how to make them work for you and your group.

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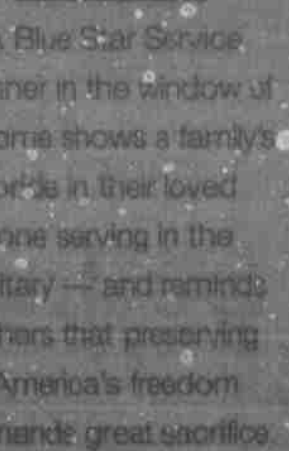
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By inordinately integrating the communities and social and other institutions developed by (and for) other ethnic groups, AOP has a redemptive mission of completing the "unfinished work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." The information listed below about your organization should, as best possible, be focused on what your group is doing to help completed that "unfinished work."

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