



CHURCH DIRECTORY



WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS
 "A GENTLE GIANT HAS FALLEN"

MATTHEW 24:27; JESUS SAID, FOR AS THE LIGHTNING COME OUT OF THE EAST, AND SHINES EVEN UNTO THE WEST, SO SHALL ALSO THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE.

WE ARE HERE TODAY BY THE GRACE OF GOD; AND PEACE TO US ALL, WILBER L. BERRY; HE HAS ANSWERED THE VOICE OF GOD'S CALL.

MATTHEW 24:40, JESUS SAID, THEN SHALL TO BE IN THE FIELD; AND ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER ONE LEFT.

GOD ALLOWED HIM ALL 72 YEARS, TO SHARE LOVE WITH YOU AND ME, AND HE TRIED TO DO JUST THAT, AS GOD ALLOWED IT TO BE.

HE WAS ABOUT 5'8, BUT HIS BIG HEART MADE HIM TEN FEET TALL, GOD PUT INTO THAT LITTLE BODY, ENOUGH LOVE FOR US ALL.

HE WAS GENTLE, PATIENCE, SWEET AND EVER SO KIND, HE WAS GOOD TO ALL PEOPLE; AND THIS RACE THING, WAS NOT ON HIS MIND.

GOD PUT IN HIM, WHAT SO MANY PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TODAY, IF TO WORK FROM SUN UP, TO SUN DOWN; WITH HIM THAT WAS JUST OK.

JOHN 9:4, JESUS SAID, I MUST WORK THE WORKS OF HIM THAT SENT ME, WHILE IT IS DAY. THE COMES, WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK.

HE SAID WHAT HE MEANT, AND WITH A SOUND VOICE, MEANT WHAT HE SAID, I CAN HEAR THAT FIRM VOICE EVEN NOW, CAN BE HEARD INSIDE MY HEAD.

HE DIDN'T HAVE NO ENEMYS, AND AGAIN THAT MIGHT NOT BE TRUE, BUT EVEN IF HE HAD ONE, IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE OF YOU!!!

LUKE 6:27; JESUS SAID, I SAY UNTO YOU WHICH HEAR, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THEM WHICH HATE YOU.

IF YOU PASSED HIS WAY, YOU MET UP WITH A BIG HEARTED MAN, NOW ONE OF GOD'S BEST IS GONE OUT OF THIS OLD LAND.

WILBER GAVE HIS HEART MIND AND SOUL TO THE LORD; THE OTHER DAY, HE KNEW HIS TIME WAS NEARING; JESUS CHRIST WAS ON HIS WAY.

MATTHEW 24:43,44, JESUS SAID, BUT KNOW THIS, THAT IF THE GOODMAN OF THE HOUSE HAD KNOWN IN WHAT HOUR THE THIEF WOULD COME, HE WOULD HAVE WATCHED, AND WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFERED HIS HOUSE TO BE BROKEN IN. THEREFORE BE YOU ALSO READY; FOR IN SUCH AN HOUR AS YOU THINK NOT THE SON OF MEN WILL COME.

HE WOULD TELL ME WHAT A GREAT FATHER HE WAS, AND WAS IN MANY WAYS AND GOD SAW IT WOULD BE NICE TO CALL HIM HOME: ON FATHER'S DAY!!!

IT IS SAID, THE BEST WAY TO MEASURED A TREE, IS WHEN IT IS DOWN, THIS TREE CAN BE MEASURED NOW, BECAUSE IT IS NOW ON THE GROUND.

AND IF YOU DIDN'T GET TO ENJOY HIM; GOD GAVE YOU PLANTY OF TIME, YOU CAN'T DC IT NOW; BECAUSE GOD SAYS: HE IS ALL MIND!!!

JOHN 14:1-3, JESUS SAID, LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED; YOU BELIEVE IN GOD, BELIEVE ALSO IN ME. IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS; IF IT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU. AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME AGAIN, AND RECEIVE YOU UNTO MYSELF; THAT WHERE I AM, THERE YOU MAY BE ALSO.

BY COUSIN: EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III. 6-23-2004



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
 One of a kind - T.J. Patterson

Above the fold of the page was the following caption on the Sunday, June 7, 2004 Lubbock Avalanche-Journal "Price ousts Patterson in runoff race". The picture of the newly elected councilman Floyd Price was in reverse on top of Councilman T. J. Patterson. The Saturday, June 6, 2004 edition had Patterson above the page fold and to the left of Price with the caption: "Patterson touts experience in runoff, Price calls for change". The paper reported the wishes of a slim majority of the people of District 2 for a change in leadership.

Allow me to be candid with you. The work of Councilman Patterson speaks for itself. The whole of Lubbock will miss his experience in the building of a greater Lubbock. We welcome new leadership at the proper time.

However the people of District 2 need to realize change will not begin over night. New leadership has to prove their ability to work for the common good of Lubbock and not only for one section of Lubbock. Like it or not

our world is changing and the "sixties" mentality nor the cultural vulgarness of todays "Hip Hop" generation will not work in the favor of the people of District 2.

There is a story entitled "Little Things" and this is how the story goes: "One day in Colorado a great stalwart tree fell down. It was a sapling when Columbus landed at San Salvador. It had braved storms, defied earthquakes and bent beneath the fierce onslaughts of mountain torrents. But in the end, tiny beetles killed it. They bored under the bark, dug into its heart, ate away its mighty fibers-

and one day down toppled the great king of the forest."

A stalwart conservative Christian and politician have to be careful in District 2 when it comes to tiny beetles. One needs to study the African Peetle and it nature and relation to the tiny beetles in District 2.

On the fifth Sunday in September, some nineteen years ago when I was assigned to the leadership of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, I met T.J. Patterson. We both were experienced middle aged men and had converse with each other at the General Conferencus of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The General African Church respected him for his vibrant leadership that he was giving to the whole of Lubbock in times of great animosity, a deep-

seeded dislike between blacks and whites, and disfranchises of blacks by "urban renewal."

I have great respect for his leadership abilities and because of his vision and recomenations I have served and still serving in many ways the people of Lubbock and those fifteen counties surrounding Lubbock. The people of District 2 need to understand that being a councilperson means more than seeing to your street being swept or moving someone out of the neighborhood because they are a threat to your property valuation.

Our world is global. What goes on in China effects Lubbock. Remember, fleas produce fleas. Mighty Mouse is still Mighty Mouse.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met Saturday morning, June 5, 2004, in the home of Brother and Sister Delbert Hood. Opening devotion was led by the ladies in attendance. Prayer was offered by Sister Dorothy Nash and Sister Christene Burleson. Sister Annie Day sang a solo, and the group was blessed with a praise dance by Sister Patricia Harvest. The precious Holy Spirit was in our midst!

The morning lesson was taught by Sister Elnora Jones, our teacher. Her subject was "Defeating Temptation".

James 1:12 - Blessed is the man that endure temptation for when he has been approved he will receive the crown of Life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anybody, but each one is tempted by his own evil desires, then after desire is conceive it gives birth to sin, and sin when it is full grown gives birth to death. For every good and perfect gift comes from above. For God does not change and shift like a shallow. Satan comes in a deceptive form. He disguises and can present himself as an Angel of Light.

Apostle Paul says, "Be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to become angry, because anger does not bring the righteous of life that God desires for our lives, our character or any aspect of our

lives. Therefore, we should get rid of the moral filth and evil in our hearts and humbly accept the word that's been planted in us."

God is wanting men, women, young people of integrity, honesty, sincerity, uprighteous, completeness and wholeness. Integrity makes up the character of an individual. Jesus grew in wisdom and stature. Integrity is who you are when you are by yourself.

Remind you, Satan has no new tricks in his bag. The same trick he used to deceive ADAM AND EVE in the Garden of Eden, which was the spirit of deception. He uses the same trick on us. Since Satan has no new tricks, by now, we ought to be families with his old tricks. The song writer penned these words, "Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin."

Job was a man of integrity, righteous, rich, blameless, he feared God and shunned evil, but yet, he was put through a test:

Test - The angels of God came to present themselves, and Satan also came. Remind you any type of gathering, Satan will be there also. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan replied, "Roaming through the earth and going back and forth."

In other words, that's his job. The scripture goes on to say, "Have you considered my servant Job?" You know the rest of the story.

God wants our lives to be orderly. Integrity means completeness. He desires our lives to be complete, whole and with a purpose.

God does everything in order. He created everything in a orderly matter. It's time that we set our house in order. How do we overcome evil? Answer to that question... "with good". Resist the devil, and he will flee. If you don't want the fruit of sin, stay out of the devil's orchard.

God has a purpose for all of our lives. He desires for that purpose to be fulfilled. The only way that purpose can be fulfill is that we must go through trials, no cross, no crown.

It's six months into the New Year. How are handling temptation? Hope everything is well with you.

We will meet on Saturday, July 3, 2004, in the home of Sister Annie Ruth Dotsey McBride, 402 Walnut Avenue, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Don't forget your prayers for your neighbors and neighborhood, churches, people in higher places as well as your family. Thanks for reading, Good People!

If you are hurting, trust God and believe the word. Read Mark 11:22-26; II Chronicles 7:14.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

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Beware of Scholarship Scams



artists to prey on parents and students.

My office receives numerous complaints from consumers being scammed by individuals and companies selling scholarship and financial aid services. The last thing you need is to lose what money you do have in savings for college to a phony scholarship opportunity.

Most recently we received word from several consumers who each paid \$1000 to a company called the College Funding Center that promised to help find scholarship opportunities. The company went out of business and consumers received absolutely nothing for their money. The Federal Trade Commission has taken legal action against this company.

Consumers should use extreme caution when considering a com-

pany that offers scholarship-finding services or financial aid loans. Be wary if you encounter promises like this:

• "The scholarship is guaranteed!"

• "You can't get this information anywhere else!"

Or worst of all:

• "I need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship."

There are no guaranteed scholarships. Each year, hundreds and even thousands of students apply for the same scholarships. While you may very well be a strong candidate for a scholarship, don't believe anyone who makes guarantees.

Claims to have special hard-to-get insider information on scholarships are usually false, too. A company may have a database or list of scholarships and grants that it has

compiled. But this is information they have gathered through research, not because it has special access to information not available to other people.

A college education is too important to risk being taken advantage of by unscrupulous businesses or individuals. Giving out personal information such as credit card or bank account numbers to unknown or questionable businesses is never a good idea. Anytime anyone asks for sensitive financial information, you should remember that in this day and age, identity crime is a constant threat.

Some companies may offer financial aid loans for a fee paid in advance. The fee may range from hundreds to thousands of dollars. If someone guarantees or strongly suggests that they can get a loan or

credit for you, it's against the law for them to request or accept payment until you actually get the loan or credit.

Be aware that there are entirely bogus companies that will collect a fee up front and then simply abscond with your money. Legitimate lenders never guarantee or say that you are likely to get a loan or credit card before reviewing your application. If you attend a seminar on scholarships or financial aid, take your time and don't fall for high pressure sales tactics. Research the company and thoroughly investigate "success stories." Contact an actual former customer if possible. Don't purchase from anyone who is reluctant to answer questions. Ask how much money will be charged for the service and ask about refunds.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

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Xavier University of Louisiana to Become First Historically Black University to Partner with Fellows/USA Program

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 2, 2004 - Xavier University of Louisiana, in New Orleans, has signed a memorandum of agreement with the Peace Corps' Fellow/USA program. Once Xavier enrolls its first Fellows, the university will become the first successful Fellows/USA program at a historically black institution of higher learning.

Xavier, which is the only historically black Catholic university in the country, joins the ranks of the more than 30 Fellows/USA partner universities across the country. Universities that participate in the Fellows/USA program ask returned Peace Corps volunteers to complete internships in under-

served U.S. communities, in addition to graduate course work. In return, Peace Corps Fellows receive reduced-cost graduate education.

"The Fellows' agreement with Xavier is a milestone in our efforts to make Peace Corps more representative of America's population," said Peace Corps Director Gaddi H. Vasquez. "Americans are as individual as their backgrounds, and it is important that Peace Corps volunteers reflect America's diversity."

Currently, the Peace Corps is trying to raise awareness of overseas volunteer opportunities for all qualified Americans, especially in historically black and Hispanic

colleges. At present, approximately 15 percent of volunteers are minorities and approximately 3 percent are African Americans.

At Xavier, Fellows who are interested in teaching math, science, or special education can apply for either of two programs. The summer program offers full tuition assistance, a signing bonus, and a training stipend as part of the university's Fast Track to Teaching program. These Fellows may earn teacher certification and will have the option to pursue a master of arts in teaching degree. Another option is for Fellows who are interested in teaching in these areas to enter the university's alternate certification master of arts in

teaching program in the fall. These Fellows receive full tuition assistance for the 36 hours required to complete the courses. Fellows will teach in schools in the New Orleans area.

Fellows' funding will come from a Transition to Teaching grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Innovation and Improvement. The Xavier Fellows/USA program will be coordinated by Rosalind Pijeaux Hale, Ed.D. According to Hale, out of 54,782 teachers in Louisiana, 7,162 teachers or 13.1 percent do not possess certification in the areas in which they teach. In addition, the most recent census states that New Orleans

Schools serve 31,904 children who live in poverty.

"As a partner with the Peace Corps Fellows/USA Program, Xavier University of Louisiana will offer returning volunteers the opportunity to earn advanced degrees in the unique environment of New Orleans," said Kenneth G. Boute, Ph.D., interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "In return, Xavier will be enriched as these individuals add to the culture and diversity of the campus community and the greater New Orleans area. We are excited about the possibilities of this partnership."

For more information about the Fellows/USA program at Xavier

University, contact Hale at rhale@xula.edu. For more information about Peace Corps Fellows/USA, please visit the Peace Corps website at www.peacecorps.gov/fellows.

Since 1961, more than 171,000 volunteers have served in the Peace Corps, working in such diverse fields as education, health, HIV/AIDS education and prevention, information technology, business development, the environment, and agriculture. Peace Corps volunteers must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age. Peace Corps service is a two-year commitment.

Medicare prescription card brings savings for members

by Larry Lucas

Savings for prescription medicines are finally on the way.

The new Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card will bring relief to people on Medicare who currently pay out-of-pocket prices. The discount card is expected to help people save 10 to 25 percent off the price of their medicines.

Although Medicare regulates the discount card program, many companies will offer different discount

plans for your card. This means that you can choose the kind of discount you want. The plans are allowed to charge up to \$50 as an enrollment fee, so you should shop around to get the best deal.

To help you save money, Medicare is setting up a website where you can compare discount plans to make sure you find one that offers the best discounts on the medicines you need. If you do not have a computer at home, try visit-

ing a community center, church, or public library. Medicare will also set up a phone number, so that you can find the best deal by talking to someone.

This price comparison service will be available before June so that you have plenty of time to do your homework, consult your pharmacist or doctor, and make an informed decision. In April, keep an eye out for television ads announcing that the program is

moving forward.

Taking advantage of your benefits is even easier. Once you have chosen a plan and applied to it, you will receive a card in the mail. You can take this card to any pharmacy and see the savings right away.

If you are a Medicare beneficiary with low-income, you might qualify for assistance in addition to the standard discounts. People who have income below \$12,569 (or

below \$16,682 for a couple) and no other insurance or Medicaid can qualify for \$600 extra cash on their card.

The card will last from mid-2004 through 2005. People who qualify for the \$600 assistance will be eligible to receive \$600 for 2005 as well. That's \$1,200 from June 2004 to December 2005.

The full Medicare benefit will start on January 1, 2006. By that point, the cards will no longer be

needed, because savings and assistance will be even greater.

In the meantime, you can learn more about savings, low-income assistance, and other important topics by calling 1-800-MEDICARE or visiting their website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/discount-drugs>.

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

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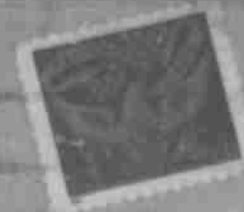
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Pictured are attendees at one of T.J. Patterson's last Texas Municipal Leagues meeting before his recent defeat.

Other black city council members and mayors from around Texas are pictured. T.J. Patterson funded and served as the first president of the Texas Municipal Leagues.

Left is Van Ashley From Littlefield. Fourth from the right is T.J. Patterson, former city councilman for Lubbock, District 2.

4th On Broadway Celebration

Lubbock Broadway Festivals, Inc. is proud to present to the Lubbock community the 14th annual 4th On Broadway Celebration on July 3rd and 4th. This popular community-wide celebration has come to be known as, "the largest free festival in Texas," and features a series of exciting events for children and adults of all ages.

The festivities begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 3rd with the PlainsCapital Bank Independence Day parade followed by an all day street fair sponsored by McDougal Companies. The street fair showcases more than 700 local and national musical artists on

11 different stages through out the day. An entire city block will be sectioned off for the kid's area featuring bowling, miniature golf, karaoke, face painting and arts and crafts.

The evening concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 4th with performances by the Flying J Wranglers, the Stars of the Cactus and Mariachi Amistad. The celebration will conclude with a professional fireworks display coinciding with a patriotic musical performance from the Lubbock

Youth Symphony Orchestra.

This year the 4th On Broadway Celebration has the unique opportunity to host the Alon USA/Fina Imagination Banner Project Display. The project features the artwork of local professional and amateur artists as well as artists from around the world.

The event is open to the public and free of charge. For more information regarding the event please contact Kathy Alexander at (806) 749-2929 or go to www.broadwayfestivals.com.

Texas Tech graduate students meet with Nobel Laureates

LUBBOCK - Two students from Texas Tech University have been selected to attend a prestigious meeting with Nobel Prize winners in Germany.

Graduate students Richard Lombardini and Stephen Hutcheson have been selected to attend the 54th Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates and Students. Lombardini is studying physics at Texas Tech, specializing in theoretical AMO (atomic, molecular and optical) physics. He was one of 36 students selected for the meeting by the United States Department of Energy. Hutcheson, who was among 25 students selected by the National Science Foundation; is studying chemical engineering, specializing in polymer science.

This year's meeting, scheduled for June 27 - July 2, in the historic city of Lindau, Germany, will focus on physics.

Since 1951 Nobel laureates in chemistry, physics and physiolo-

gy/medicine have annually convened in Lindau to have open and informal meetings with students and young researchers from around the world.

The primary purpose of the meeting is to allow participating students to benefit from informal interaction with Nobel Prize winners. Lombardini said he is looking forward to taking part in the meeting. "I'm very excited about meeting the laureates," said Lombardini. "These are people whose names pop up in textbooks all the time, so this is a big deal and an important opportunity."

Hutcheson said he is also eagerly anticipating attending the meeting. "I am very much looking forward to meeting and interacting with the Nobel Prize winners," said Hutcheson. "But not only that, I am also excited about meeting my peers from across the United States and the world. I will remember this for the rest of my life."

The DOE's participants join 35 other students to represent the United States. More than 500 other students will attend the meeting.

Each day of the meeting, Nobel laureates will lecture on topics of their choice related to physics in the mornings, while the afternoons will be devoted to informal roundtable sessions between laureates and students. Participants will spend lunches and dinners at local restaurants for additional informal discussions.

Other social events are on the agenda, including an evening dinner gala, to allow participants to meet attendees from around the world.

On July 2, participants will travel by ferry to the Isle of Mainau for the closing ceremonies at Mainau Castle, the residence of Count Lennart Bernadotte, the Swedish patron who began the Lindau meetings in 1951.



The Forgotten West Riders

Lord Blessed the F.W.R. to travel to Maynard, Texas for the 5th annual trailride of the E-Z Riders Club on May 23, 2004. While there, they won a trophy for traveling the longest distance.

The F.W.R. will be holding their first annual trail ride, campout and cookout in memory of Theodore Lewis on July 16th and 17th. Awards will be given for the riding groups who traveled the farthest, who are the best dressed and who have the most members.

Expected are people from Houston, Bryan, New Waverly, Huntsville, Odessa, Vernon and other Texas areas.

Friday, the F.W.R. will have a campout

and cookout. Saturday, the trail ride begins at 10:00 am. Registration fees for the weekend are \$11 per person, or \$5 per person for just one day. Friday and Saturday night, a live DJ will be present, playing Old School and Zydeco music.

Come out and bring the family for a weekend of fun!

For information, call Charles Harper at (806) 763-5654, cell (806) 787-2070 or Thomas Payton (806) 786-5430.

Pictured are Billy "B.J." Morrison, Thomas Payton, Steve Manahan, Charles and Tarrance Harper. This trophy can be seen in the Bobbie Gean and T.J. Patterson Library, with the many others they have won.

Campaign Urges State to Change CHIP Premium Policy

126,000 Additional Children May Be At Risk of Losing Health Insurance

The Campaign to restore CHIP, a broad-based coalition made up of over 230 organizations across Texas, called on State officials today to change the way families pay their share of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), restoring it to the original plan that made insurance affordable for working families.

"Cost-sharing is an important component of CHIP. For three years, families shared the cost of health insurance premiums, office visits, and medications, and the system worked well," said Helen Kent Davis, Governmental Affairs Director for the Texas Medical Association. "Yet, with the state's increased monthly payments, it is difficult for families to afford CHIP, putting their children at risk of losing health insurance. Without coverage, many families will have no choice but to delay or forego necessary preventive and acute care services for their children.

Taxpayers ultimately pay the costs when children miss school and families turn to publicly funded hospitals and clinics for care." In early June, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission

sent out notices to 70,004 families with an estimated 126,000 children that were at least one month behind in paying their health insurance premiums for CHIP, telling families to pay this month's bill and informing them that if they did not pay, their premium each month, their children would lose CHIP coverage.

"Even though many of these families will remain on CHIP, with this many families behind in their monthly payments, clearly there is a problem with the new cost sharing policy," said Anne Dunkelbeig, Senior Policy Analyst at the Center for Public Policy Priorities. "The state should figure out what's not working and make it easier for families to pay."

The Campaign to Restore CHIP also issued an alert to families urging them to look for the notice from the HHSC. "CHIP is a valuable program for families. It covers doctor visits, hospitalization and prescriptions. It's important for families who may be behind on their premiums to know that their children are still enrolled in CHIP. They can keep the coverage by making just the current premium that is now due and then regular

monthly payments," said Julia Easley, Chair of the Dallas Area TexCare Coalition. "Despite the changes to CHIP, it still provides a strong package of medical services for Texas children."

Low-income families must make difficult choices every month in deciding whether to pay for basic needs or health insurance. "For a single parent making \$1,400 per month raising two children, there's not much discretionary income. A car repair or an increase in rent could throw their monthly budget into crisis," said Patti Everitt, Executive Director of the Children's Defense Fund of Texas.

Representatives also noted that it was important to recognize that other changes made to the CHIP program have also had a serious financial impact on families. All children enrolled in CHIP lost dental and vision services in September 2003. Parents may have to choose between paying for a serious dental problem out of pocket that could cost \$80-\$150 for just one child, a service no longer covered under CHIP, and paying their monthly premium for CHIP.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission conducted a survey of families who were behind in paying for their CHIP premium payments. The results showed that although families believed health insurance was critical for their children, and agreed that \$15 per month was a reasonable amount to pay, over a third of the families said that they couldn't afford to make the payment every month.

Some of the lowest income families faced the biggest increase in premiums under the revised CHIP cost-sharing. Families making 101-150% of federal poverty level (more than \$15,670 to \$23,505 a year for a family of three) now pay \$15 per month, a 1200% increase from what they paid last year (\$15/year).

Of the 126,000 children, an estimated 26,000 children are at the highest risk of losing CHIP cover

age because their family is three or months in arrears on payments. They would have been subject to disenrollment if the payment policy was being enforced.

"The bottom line is this: Having children enrolled in CHIP saves money for local taxpayers," said Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe. "Texas is already losing \$500 million in federal matching dollars to CHIP, and if more children are disenrolled, we lose additional dollars that Texas has already paid in taxes to the federal government."

Federal matching dollars that are unused in Texas will be transferred to other states. For every \$1 spent by Texas, the state receives \$2.59 in federal dollars. Advocates cautioned that more cuts to CHIP will place additional strain on local healthcare delivery systems already struggling with serious budget shortfalls.

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

Do Your Toes Like the Pros

No doubt about it, you can get a salon quality pedicure at home. The only difference? The money you save! Just follow these easy five steps and your feet will be ready to show off in no time flat.

Step one... Soothe and soften rough feet in a warm bath with one cup of Epsom salts for five minutes.

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Step three... After soaking, gently nudge cuticles back with a cuti-

cle pusher, then clip nails straight across.

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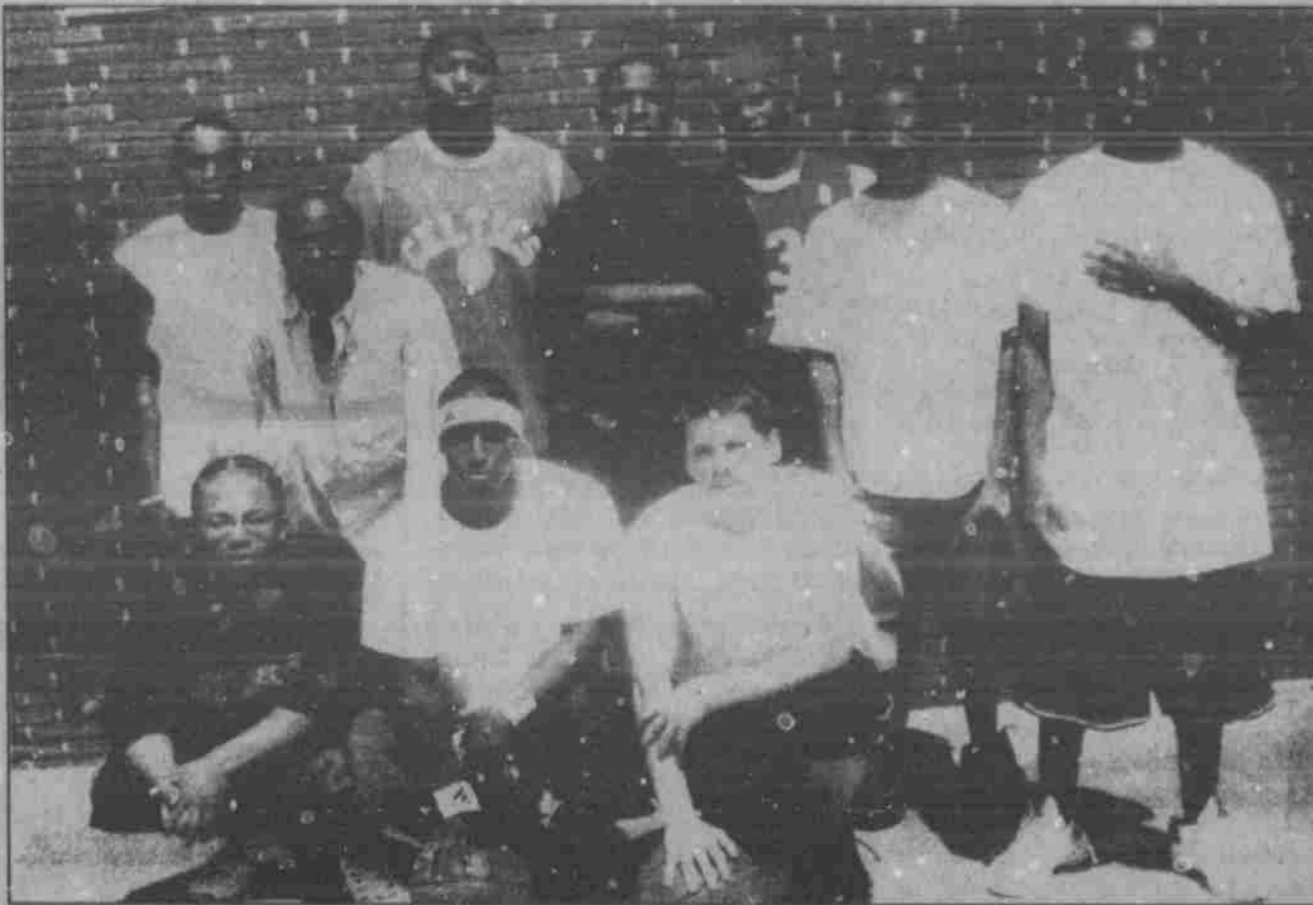
Step five... Paint a masterpiece, don't slather on, or skimp on polish. A thick blob won't dry evenly, a too thin layer will look streaky. Instead try this pro technique. Stroke your brush down the nail center, pressing until the bristles fan out. Then do the sides, raising the brush for a thinner, more pre-



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In Remembrance...

WILBER LLOYD BERRY



Funeral services for Wilber Lloyd Berry were held Thursday morning, June 24, 2004, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Pastor Robert E. Lataham and Associate Pastor Dennis E. Hodges

Jr. officiating.

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

He was born March 14, 1932 to Johnson Price and Zora McGrew. He received his formal education at Bradley High School in Honeygrove, Texas. He married Ruthel Thompson on May 20, 1952. Twelve chil-

dren were born to this union.

In 1952, Wilber arrived in Lubbock, Texas. He began working as a nail setter for the Hunters Cabinet Shop. In 1960, he established his own business. He often told of how tough it was being in business. In those days it was extremely tough for Black businesses, but he never suffered unemployment in all his years in Lubbock. In fact, many times he had to turn down business and simply say "no."

His mission statement was "to give a person their money's worth." He was one of the best cabinet makers/woodworkers in this part of the world.

He passed away Sunday, June 20, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He is survived by ten daughters: Barbara Belcher of Killeen, Texas; Norma Grice of Delaware, Erma Daye of Lubbock, Texas;

Marita Latimore of Dallas, Texas; Shari Ortiz and Paula Berry, both of San Antonio, Texas; Andera Berry and LaGayla Berry, both of Pennsylvania; Tammie Berry of New York City, N.Y.; and Karla Berry of Frisco, Texas; four sons, James Berry and Wilber Berry, Jr., both of Lubbock, Texas; Billy Berry of Pennsylvania and Wilma Lee Briggs of Dallas, Texas; sixteen grand children, eight great-grandchildren, a large number of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were: Moise Ortiz, Curtis Belcher, Lonnie Harrell, David Grice, James Latimore, Whaley Grice, and Tabridrick Harrell.

Honorary pallbearers were James Berry, Wilma Lee Briggs, Billy Berry, and Jinnie McGrew.

Johnnie Pearson; her mother; her sister and a brother.

She is survived by a son, Glen Pearson; three daughters, Josephine Pearson, Rena Pearson, and Evon Pearson, all of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Bonnie Mae Ellington of Tucson, Arizona; 18 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

JEASTER PEARSON



Funeral services for Jeaster Pearson were held Saturday morning, June 26, 2004, at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. Alfred Washington and Pastor Robert Kyles, Jr. officiating.

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Sunday, June 20, 2004, in her residence.

She was born June 10, 1927 in Palestine, Texas. She married Don Pearson March 4, 1950 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Ms. Pearson is preceded in death by her loving husband, Don Pearson; a daughter, Helen Jones; two sons, Leo Pearson and

Chatman Hills Corner

By Clarissa Jay

Young people, between the ages of 5 and 15 years of age, who want to participate in Summer R.O.C.K. - which is a Summer Day Camp 2004, are asked to meet at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This camp will consist of sports, games, arts and crafts. There will be lots of fun, snacks and a whole lot more!

For more information, contact Alisa Sisemore at 771-0938, ext 16.

The Dunbar High School All School Reunion will take place in Lubbock beginning Friday thru Sunday, July 9, 10 & 11, 2004. Many activities are being held, and the Dunbar Junior High School will be headquarters for some activities as well as the Dunbar Alumni Building, East 27th Street and MLK Blvd. A banquet will be held on Saturday evening, July 10th, at the KoKo Palace, beginning at 6:30 p. m.

If you are a Dunbar grad, Dunbar ex, or just a friend of the Dunbar Panthers, you need to show up.

Annual Men and Women's

Day at the New Hope Baptist Church has been set for Sunday, September 19, 2004. The theme is "A TEAM - On Fire For Jesus" - Hebrews 12:28-29.

The Women's Prayer Retreat will be held August 20 & 21, 2004 at The Ark in Amherst, Texas. Rev. Thea McClendon of the Gethsemane Baptist Church of San Angelo, Texas will be guest speaker.

Chantell Jay and her family, who were former residents of Lubbock, visited family and friends last weekend. They reported a most enjoyable visit.

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

Services begun last Sunday morning, June 27, 2004, with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team inspired the congregation. The morning scripture was read by Rev. Cheryl Martin. Rev. Mercelle McCutcheon offered the morning prayer. After selections by the New

Hope Choir, the sermon of the morning was delivered by Rev. Charles Wilson. His subject was "Let's Travel The Highway Together." His scripture text was St. Matthew 7:13-14.

Let us continue to whisper a prayer for our sick and shut-in citizens as well as those who have lost loved ones.

Among those who lost a loved one is the family of Brother Wilbur Berry who was funeralized here on Thursday, June 24, 2004. God is able.

This writer would love to report your summer vacation after you return. It would be great to have some of your photos. If you have any news about your trip, please advise this writer.

The same is true for those of you who have had or will be having a family reunion in the near future. Let us hear from you also.

Driving over the East 24th Street the other day, and noticed the overgrown trees on the bridge. Surely, these can be cut before our guest attending the Dunbar High School All Class Reunion next week. You see, they will be meeting in the area. How about that, Quincy White?



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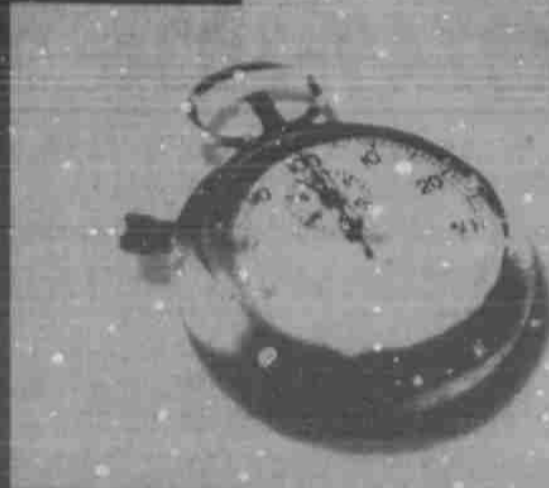
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Compiled and Edited by Dr. Michael Ward

It Happened...

• **Friday, June 26, 1498**
The toothbrush was invented in China

• **Saturday, July 4, 1776**
The United States of America declared independence from Great Britain

• **Friday, July 5, 1861**
The US Attorney General officially endorsed President Abraham Lincoln's suspension of the constitutional right to habeas corpus, subsequently allowing some 18,000 people to be jailed without trial under martial law during the Civil War. The Supreme Court officially restored habeas corpus in 1866

• **Monday, June 25, 1876**
General George Armstrong Custer and his 7th Cavalry detachment of 264 soldiers were killed at the Battle of Little Big Horn by Indians under the leadership of Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse. The US Army responded with a vengeance, and within five years almost all Sioux and Cheyenne had been confined to reservations, and Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse had been killed by their enemies

• **Monday, July 4, 1881**
Historically-black Tuskegee Institute opened in Alabama, under the leadership of Booker T. Washington

• **Wednesday, July 1, 1936**
The US Congress approved the 40-hour work week. Two years later, on Saturday, June 25, 1938, the new federal minimum wage law guaranteed workers 40 cents per hour. On Thursday, July 1, 1943, the federal government began collecting income taxes through paycheck withholdings

• **Sunday, June 25, 1950**
The Korean War began as North Korean forces crossed the 38th parallel into South Korea. On Tuesday, June 27, 1950, the United Nations voted to authorize armed intervention.

By Saturday, July 1, 1950, United States troops were in Korea, and Americans engaged the North Korean forces for the first time at Osan, South Korea, on Wednesday, July 5, 1950

• **Thursday, July 2, 1964**
The Civil rights Act of 1964, outlawing segregation in public accommodations, was signed by President Lyndon Johnson shortly after it was enacted by the US Congress

• **Friday, June 30, 1967**
At age 32, Major Robert Lawrence of Chicago, Illinois became the first African American to enter the US space program. Major Lawrence was killed in December 1967 in an F-104 crash at Edwards Air force Base in California

• **Wednesday, June 28, 1978**
The US Supreme Court handed down the famous Bakke Decision, affecting racial quotas in education and industry. The Court ruled that Bakke, a white man, must be admitted to the University of California at Davis medical school because he had been discriminated against by virtue of the school's set-aside program which provided admission to blacks less qualified than Bakke. The Court did, however, allow continuation of some affirmative-action programs, as long as they provided guidelines rather than strict quotas.

• **Friday, July 1, 1988**
Clark Atlanta University was formed by the consolidation of historically-black Atlanta University and historically-black Clark College

In Sports History:

• **Monday, July 4, 1910**
Jack Johnson, the first black heavyweight champion, retained his championship by knocking out Jim "The Great White Hope" Jeffries, who had come out of retirement "to win back

the title for the White race."

• **Thursday, July 6, 1933**
The first major league baseball All-Star Game was played in Chicago's Cominsky Park. Babe Ruth connected for the first home run in All-Star history as the American League beat the National League 4-2

• **Sunday, July 5, 1947**
Larry Doby became the first black baseball player to play in the American League, making his first major league appearance as a Cleveland Indian in a game against the Chicago White Sox. Many do not realize that Doby's integration of major league baseball came only 11 weeks after Jackie Robinson's acclaimed debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers in April 1947. Larry Doby, facing the same racial trials and tribulations as Robinson, became a power-hitting outfielder, retiring with 253 home runs and a .490 slugging percentage. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1998

• **Friday, June 25, 1948**
Legendary black boxer Joe Louis, "The Brown Bomber," was crowned heavyweight champion of the world

• **Thursday, June 30, 1994**
Tonya Harding was stripped of her 1994 national championship and banned from the organization for life by the US Figure Skating Association, for Harding's role in the physical attack on skating rival Nancy Kerrigan

• **Saturday, June 28, 1997**
Famed black boxer Mike Tyson was disqualified from a championship bout after he bit off a large portion of opponent Evander Holyfield's ear. Tyson was subsequently fined \$3 million and banned from boxing, but his boxing permit was later restored

Born:

• **Thursday, June 27, 1872**
Paul Lawrence Dunbar, famous

African American poet and novelist, in Dayton, Ohio, to freed slaves from Kentucky

• **Tuesday, June 29, 1886**
James Van Der Zee, legendary black photographer of Harlem fame, in Lenox, Massachusetts

• **Saturday, June 30, 1917**
Lena Horne, acclaimed black actress, vocalist and social activist, in Brooklyn, New York

Died:

• **Tuesday, July 4, 1826**
In a coincidence of historic proportions, two former presidents of the United States died within hours of one another on the same day, the 50th anniversary of Independence Day. The second president, John Adams was 90 years old and the third president, Thomas Jefferson, was 83 years of age. Both men had served on the committee which drafted the July 4th Declaration of Independence. Another revolutionary patriot and former president, the fifth president, James Monroe, also died on Monday, July 4th, five years later in 1831, at age 73.

Sign of the Zodiac:
CANCER is the fourth sign of the zodiac, symbolized by a crab. According to astrologers, the moon rules Cancer, which is a water sign. Astrologers say Cancerians are artistic, have vivid imaginations, and have highly developed memories. They often cling to the past. Like people born under other water signs, Cancerians are thought to be much more aware of how they feel than what they think. The typical Cancerian listens to the emotions and feelings of himself and others. He or she often alternates between introversion and extroversion.

It's A Fact!
July 4th is Independence Day in the United States, a legal holiday. On Saturday, July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, which proclaimed the independence of the United States of America from Great Britain and its king. The declaration came 442 days after the first shots of the Revolution were fired at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts. The first major American opposition to British rule had come in 1765 after Parliament passed the Stamp Act, a taxation measure to raise revenues for a standing British army in America. Crying "no taxation without representation," colonists convinced the Stamp Act Congress in October 1765 to oppose the tax. After months of protest in the colonies, the English Parliament voted to repeal the Stamp Act in March 1766. Most colonists continued to quietly accept British rule until Parliament's enactment of the Tea Act in 1773, a bill designed to save the faltering East India Company by greatly lowering its tea tax and granting it a monopoly on the American tea trade. Many colonists viewed the act as another example of taxation tyranny. In response, militant Patriots in Massachusetts organized the "Boston Tea Party," which saw valuable British tea dumped into Boston harbor. Parliament, outraged by the Boston Tea Party and other blatant acts of destruction of British property, enacted the Coercive Acts, also known as the Intolerable Acts, in 1774. The Coercive Acts closed Boston to merchant shipping, established formal British military rule in Massachusetts, made British officials immune to criminal prosecution in America, and required colonists to quarter British troops. The colonists

subsequently called the first Continental Congress to consider a united American resistance to the British. In response to Britain's continued opposition to reform, the Continental Congress began to pass measures defying British authority in the colonies.

In January 1776, Thomas Paine published Common Sense, an influential political pamphlet that convincingly argued for American independence and sold more than 500,000 copies in a few months. In the spring of 1776, support for independence swept the colonies, the Continental Congress called for states to form their own governments, and a five-man committee was assigned to draft a declaration. The Declaration of Independence was largely the work of Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. The first section featured the famous lines, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." The second part presented a long list of grievances that provided the rationale for rebellion.

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted to approve a Virginia motion calling for separation from Britain. The dramatic words of this resolution were added to the closing of the Declaration of Independence. Two days later, on July 4, the declaration was officially adopted by 12 colonies after minor revision. New York approved it on July 19. On Sunday, August 2, the declaration was signed. The Revolutionary War lasted for more than five years. In 1783, the Treaty of Paris was signed with Britain, and the United States formally became a free and independent nation.

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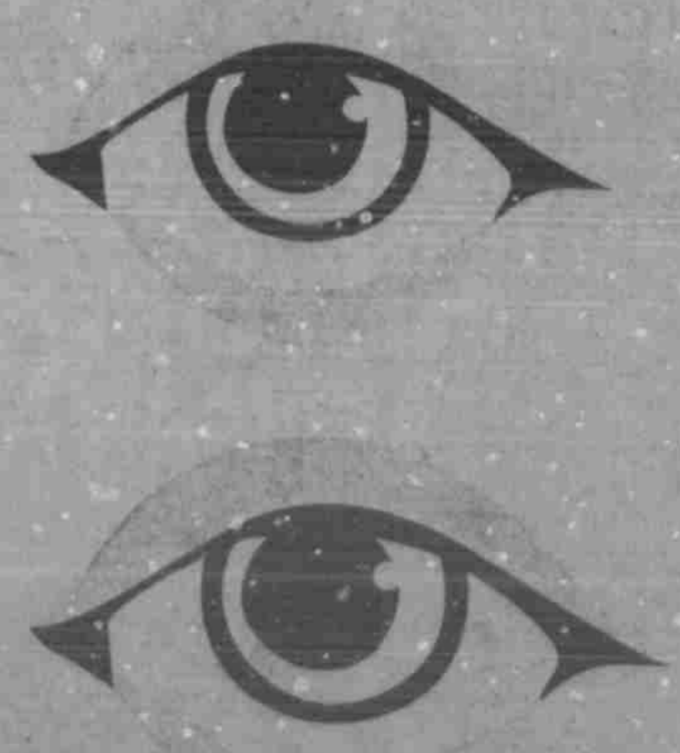
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In Cinque



by Renetta W. Howari

On Father's Day, I found myself in the presence of several fathers who were discussing the role of fathers and their responsibilities to their offspring. They had a lot of praise for their fathers who had brought them up under tremendous odds, great sacrifices, hard honest work and who taught them right from wrong as they put their law down to them to make sure that they grew up to be fine upstanding men.

A couple of these men praised their mothers who had in some way lost their other halves and had to raise their children all alone. Their fathers were gone but their mother had the steadfast hand that brought them through to adulthood. They never questioned why their father was not home and just accepted the reality of the absence.

One father felt that the absence of the father in the home was a subtle design by government officials to weakened poor families when welfare was extended to dependent children. Originally, assistance was given to children whose father was active in the home. In order for a mother to secure assistance for herself and her children, the dependable parent had to be out of the home. When and if the father returned to the home, the children were no longer eligible for assistance. This categorical public assistance was called Aid To Dependent Children or ADC. For this reason, many fathers who became unemployed and

their benefits ran out, left the home for this reason. Some returned legally and resumed their responsibilities and some returned illegally while their family continued to receive assistance, or "After Dark Charlie" bringing about the term "welfare Cadillac".

Oddly enough, single or unwed mothers had no problem getting ADC, as long as they were willing to tell the agency the name of the putative father and where he could be located in order to establish paternity and secure child support payments. This was the state of things even after the government began to try to keep families together by setting up a new category, ADC-U which meant that the father was in the home and unemployed. When the federal government relieved the states of dealing with all categories of assistance and began to administer to the aged (Old Age Assistance), the disabled (Disability Assistance) and the blind, (Blind Assistance), only the assistance for families was left with the states and it was renamed Aid to Families with Dependent Children. The other categories became SSI or Supplemental Security Income and the Social Security Administration disburses these funds.

Some states are not welfare states and only a few honor common-law marriages. This presents some problems for families seeking assistance when they have not had a ceremonial marriage. Therefore, it appears that we need to get "in cinque" and encourage our young people to get married before they start a family. Young men should be taught to ask themselves if they would marry the girl before they seek pleasure with her, and if they do not feel that they would want to marry her, then they should not lust after her, to leave her with babies that they do not want, causing her to seek public assistance while trying to raise a fatherless child. If we cut out the "baby mama" and "baby daddy" drama, we might get back to real families with real fathers.

It's all over, the fat lady has sung!



by Eddie P. Richardson

Well, it is over! District Two's City Council run-off election is finally over. Retired police officer

Floyd Price is the winner and will be sworn in next week. We wish him the very best. This writer hopes he can at least hold the development and growth of the level it (East Lubbock) is and expand upon it.

When new people are campaigning, they make a lot of promises. They cannot keep them because Texas is a "home-rule state" and all of the major legislation comes from the State Legislators.

This writer, a few years ago, ran a series of articles on "Know Your Government." These articles ran over a couple of years beginning from the inception of home-rule, the mayor, each city council member, city manager and each assis-

tant city manager. It also gave the duties of each city department and the department heads with over two years of experience, research and study. This writer learned more about "home-rule" and the City of Lubbock operations than most city council members.

At the end of the series this writer was presented a Certificate at a City Council meeting congratulating the effort to inform the citizens of Lubbock about these important functions. This writer was most appreciative.

During the campaign, Floyd Price accused this writer of "slamming him" in the Southwest Digest. This writer's intentions were not "slam him", but to

applaud T.J. He (Floyd Price) said he would be clean and not slam T.J. In this writer's opinion, he did "Slam T.J." when he stated he was going to bring integrity to the District. This District was stagnant and nothing was happening. He said he was going to bring new ideas and change. The image of the District has changed. Has he (Floyd Price) forgotten where the District was when T.J. took over?

Anyway, it is all over. The fat lady has sung. We wish him (Floyd Price) well, and the best of luck.

Closing Thought of the Week "If you can't bear no cross ... you can't wear no crown... nothing sweeter than success."

Naf Sed! Why Not?

KFC and BET "Get Together" to Launch First National Celebration of Family Sweepstakes

LOUISVILLE, Ky, June 17, 2004 - KFC Corporation (KFCC) announced this week the launch of the brand's first national celebration of family sweepstakes. In a partnership with Black Entertainment Television (BET) network, the national contests will select weekly winners, via the Internet, to receive KFC gift certificates for their family gatherings.

"KFC is all about bringing families together and sharing in the joy of having meals together," says Scott Bergren, Chief Marketing Officer, KFC.

sweepstakes will run June through first week of October. Customers can log onto BET.com to register for their chance to win \$500 in KFC gift certificates, for catering their family gatherings. Weekly winners will randomly be selected by BET.

"At KFC, we believe it is important to reinvest in the communities where our customers live and work," said Bergren. "Our partnership with BET to launch the first national celebration of family sweepstakes reflects our commitment to diversity."

KFC Corporation, based in

Louisville, Ky. and the world's most popular chicken restaurant chain specializing in Original Recipe®, Extra Crispy™, Colonel's Crispy Strips® chicken and Popcorn Chicken with home-style sides and freshly made chicken sandwiches. Since its founding by Colonel Harland Sanders in 1952, KFC has been serving customers delicious, already-prepared complete family meals at affordable prices. There are over 11,000 KFC outlets in more than 80 countries and territories around the world serving some eight million customers each day. KFC

Brands, Inc., Louisville, Ky. (NYSE: YUM).

BET, a subsidiary of Viacom, Inc. (NYSE: VIA and VIA.B), is the nation's leading television network providing quality entertainment, music, news and public affairs programming for the African-American audience. The BET Network reaches more than 75 million households according to Nielsen media research, and can be seen in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. BET is a dominant consumer brand in the urban marketplace with a diverse group of brand-

New alcohol awareness campaign to combat hidden dangers of "DWH" - Driving While Hungover

Los Angeles, California - In an effort to shine light on an under-reported alcohol-related drinking and driving problem, one international company will begin including a warning about dangers of driving with a hangover on its consumer products. Spirit Sciences USA, Inc., makers of the popular RU-21 alcohol-metabolizing supplement, will become the first company in the world to put out such warnings on its product line. The move is part of a broader, nationwide alcohol awareness campaign by Spirit Sciences USA and is designed to promote road safety by educating the public about the effects of hangovers on crucial skills such as driving.

"The motto 'Don't Drink & Drive' should apply to hangovers as well," says Donna Kasseinova, COO of Spirit Sciences USA, Inc. "We hope that some day there are DWH - Driving While Hungover - laws on the books. We think it would definitely save some lives."

Research shows that on average, 46 people die in alcohol-related traffic accidents every day. However, the actual numbers could be even higher if statistics included accidents caused by drivers affected by hangovers. Sweden's National Road and Traffic Research Institute found that an eight-hour-after hangover decreases visual/spatial skills, including driving ability by 20% or more, thus making it just as dangerous of an alcohol-induced impairment as the actual intoxication. Yet, people who drive the morning after a night of heavy drinking often have blood alcohol levels within the legal limit. That makes it perfectly legal for them to operate a vehicle or perform any other kind of activity that could potentially endanger others.

Because the police aren't presently equipped to detect a hangover or measure its severity, no statistics exist as to the number of traffic accidents caused by driving while hungover. However, if the magnitude

of the economic damage caused by hangovers (presently U.S. economy suffers an annual loss of \$158 billion, in large part due to poor job performance) is any indication, the DWH numbers would be staggering.

To help law enforcement and safety advocates combat the problem of DWH, Spirit Sciences USA is in the final stages of developing a technology capable of detecting a hangover and measuring its severity. Upon conclusion of a large-scale test Spirit Sciences USA intends to donate over 200 such devices to police departments in the U.S. to study the extent of the hungover-driving problem in this country. The company hopes to have the final product in less than six months.

Spirit Sciences USA hopes that its technology will help study and eventually deal with this problem. If driving with a hangover ever becomes an offense, the test could

earn the same legal status as today's Breathalyzer. And Spirit Sciences USA, which already is an active contributor anti drunk-driving programs in the U.S., plans to spearhead this new approach to improving road safety.

One can also make an argument that having DWH laws could promote alcohol responsibility by adding another layer of potential legal and monetary consequences to excessive drinking. "If I need to worry about finding a designated driver not only to get home tonight, but also to drive me to work tomorrow, I think I'd definitely be more reluctant to drink," says Emil Chiaberi, CEO of Spirit Sciences USA.

"The NCADD appreciates the support of Spirit Sciences and looks forward to working together to educate the public and encourage personal responsibility," said John V. Moulden, President of the National Commission Against Drunk Driving.

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