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Local Briefs

Lubbock to be first city in nation to host medical training program for weapons of mass destruction

Lubbock will be the first city in the nation to host a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) training program for medical personnel. The three-day event is set for March 18-20, with a field exercise on March 20.

Known as the Integrated Health and Medical Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Training Program, it is considered by many to be a training breakthrough, i.e., the "first of its kind" course that fully integrates three critically important groups of medical and health care professionals who respond across the WMD patient care continuum. Those three groups are: first responders (EMS), hospital emergency department clinicians and technicians, and hospital administration staff.

The first two days of training will take place in the classroom. The final day will be a field exercise based on a simulated chemical release. Participants will respond to the scene and transport "victims" to various city hospitals. The City will activate the Emergency Operations Center and local media also will participate in the exercise.

The course is delivered using a combination of learning/training methods including lectures, small group/breakout discussions, participant activities, case studies, tabletop exercises, human patient simulator, and a realistic field exercise. The intended training audience is medical and health personnel who would normally participate in an increased response to a WMD incident and provide mass care to casualties and victims.

The training was developed in three pilot courses conducted in 2001 for the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), in partnership with the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP). The training is scheduled for three different U.S. cities, with Lubbock being the first. The training is delivered by the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC), Texas Engineering and Extension Service (TEEX), and is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area City Council Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • The Simmons Community Center
- Hub City Kiwanis Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G.
- Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday - 7:30
- Forgotten West Riders, 5th & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St.
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, 771 Market Center

We would like to publish your monthly meetings. If you would like for an announcement to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing by mailing it to:

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P.O. Box 2553
Lubbock, Texas 79408
or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at
902 East 23rd Street

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El Salvadorian Man Receives Medical Attention at Covenant Health System

by Eddie P. Richardson

Jose R. Tercero, a resident of San Salvador, El Salvador, came to Lubbock several weeks ago for medical reasons. He came because Lubbock had the best facilities for his medical condition and it was not available in his home country.

Jose's condition is silent, and is not yet diagnosed. A lot of professional athletes die from this medical condition which is a form of aneurysm. It was discovered in El Salvador. The hospitals and other medical facilities were in a strick posture and there was an uproar. He had become very ill. Time was running out.

With his contact with a Lubbock resident, Lee Stafford, an arrangement was made for him to receive treatment in Lubbock. Because of his experience in the medical community of Lubbock, he has a mission to arrange for and get surgery for young people who live in El Salvador. He wants to help young people.

Jose's experiences are very varied on an international level. He is a very interesting young man with many ideas.

The team of local medical professionals who assisted in Jose's condition were Dr. Michael Danchak, cardiac anesthesiologist, Dr. Donald Bricker, surgeon at Covenant Health System, and Dr. Paul Walker, cardiologist.

This case represents one of the most dangerous procedures, and it

can only be performed by senior most master surgeon, Dr. Bricker.

Jose has made a speedy recovery and is a very positive person from such a dangerous surgery which took approximately five hours. His speedy recovery is attributed because of the superb medical attention, his own physical stamina and most of all, God almighty, stated Dr. Danchak.

Jose attributes his excellent treatment and professional care to the staff at Covenant Health System, beginning with Charlie Trimble, CEO; MD's, surgeons, nurses, and ten entire Covenant

staff for his successful surgery and speedy recovery. He will still be observed for a period of time before he will be totally released to return home.

Here is a brief list of some of Jose's accomplishments which are national and international:
-Lic. JOSE ROBERTO TERCERO, LL.M.
-Born in San Salvador El Salvador, September 16, 1958.
-James Lick Junior High, San Francisco, California, 1970 -1973
-American High School (established under President Kennedy's Alliance for Progress)

San Salvador, 1976.

- Bachelor of Laws, University of El Salvador, School of Jurisprudence and Social Sciences, 1977-1980.
- License in Juridical Sciences, Universidad Nueva San Salvador, 1988.
- Admitted to practice, Supreme Court of Justice of El Salvador, 1989.
- Fulbright Scholar, sponsored by the United States Information Agency, 1997 - 1998.
- Master of Laws, Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1998.
- Concentration in International Trade, Finance and Banking, and Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- Certificate in Advanced Studies in Commercial Arbitration, Tulane Dispute Resolution Group, 1997.
- Admitted Member, United Kingdom Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 1999.
- Member of the Training and Education Committee,

- Foundation for International Commercial Arbitration, The Hague, Netherlands, since 2001.
- First Registered-International Arbitrator, Chamber of Commerce of Guatemala / Interamerican Development Bank ADR Project, since 2000.
- Acted as consultant to the Special Committee on Finance and Banking of the Legislative Assembly, Republic of El Salvador, for the new Banking Act and Non-Bank Financial Intermediaries Act, 2000.
- Consultant to the Supreme Court of El Salvador on reforms to the Contentious-administrative Jurisdiction Act since 2002.
- Academic Positions:
-Professor of Administrative Law, Universidad Salvadorena Alberto Masferrer, 1989 -1991.
- Professor of Constitutional Law, Universidad Tecnologica de El Salvador, 1994
- Since February 2002, Professor of Law, Universidad Centromericana "Jose Simeon Canas".



Texas Tech University Awards Honorary Degree to Voice of the Red Raiders

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech University will award an honorary degree to long-line Texas Tech sports broadcaster Jack Dale during the May commencement ceremonies.

Dale retires this year after 50 years of broadcasting Texas Tech Red Raider basketball games. Dale, who is called the "voice of the Red Raiders," was the radio play-by-play broadcaster for Texas Tech football for 47 years. He retired from that job in 1999.

The Texas Tech University System Board of Regents approved the degree during its February meeting.

"Jack Dale has been an important part of the Texas Tech family for half a century," said Donald R. Haragan, Ph.D., interim president of Texas Tech. "He has been a friend and most importantly a goodwill ambassador for this university. For many people Jack is how they know Texas Tech. I'm pleased we could honor him and his service to

the Red Raiders in this way."

"I was astounded when I read the letter that the Board of Regents wanted to give me this honor," said Dale. "You could have knocked me over with a feather. I never dreamed something like this would ever come my way."

Dale began his Lubbock radio career in 1952 at KFYO. He began doing play-by-play of Texas Tech basketball in January 1953. Since then, he has called games in the Border Conference, the Southwest Conference and now the Big XII. He has followed the Red Raiders from the old Texas Tech barn to the coliseum and now to the United Spirit Arena.

"My association with Texas Tech means a lot to me, mainly because of the association I have had with the players and coaches and fans," said Dale.

Honorary degrees can be awarded for outstanding

public service, scholarship or other contributions in the public interest. Spring commencement is set for May 17 in the United Spirit Arena.

14th Annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon

Hospice of Lubbock's 14th Annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon is set for Friday, April 25, 2003 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (come & go). Tickets for the Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon are \$10 and may be purchased on the day of the event at the door or in advance at Hospice of Lubbock located at 1102 Slide Rd., #3 in the Redbud Center. Children under 5 eat free. Entertainment will be provided by Don Caldwell and the Lubbock Texas Rhythm Machine with stars from the Cactus Theatre. There will also be a silent auction and door prizes. Now in its 14th year, the Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon has become a tradition in the Lubbock community with over 2,000 people attending yearly.

Mayor Marc McDougal will be joined by several mayors from other South Plains communities served by Hospice of Lubbock. Business and civic leaders and volunteers well known in the community also contribute by serving as members of the

Mayors' 100. Acting as honorary co-hosts with the mayors' they perform such duties as serving tea and bussing tables.

The Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon benefits Hospice of Lubbock and supports non-funded and under-funded hospice patients, programs and services. As the region's only non-profit hospice organization, Hospice of Lubbock is committed to the highest quality of compassionate care and support for the terminally ill and their loved ones regardless of their ability to pay. Funds raised by the Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon help support the services and programs provided by Hospice of Lubbock. While Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance covers most hospice services provided, some patients have no funding source.

Hospice of Lubbock's promise to the communities that are served (Lubbock and 18 surrounding counties) is that no one will be turned away in need of hospice care, regardless of their funding status.

Since admitting the first

ideas on community service projects, how to fix local problems, and the benefits of volunteering. Participants also learned about Worth the Wait abstinence program, city council etiquette, and how to start a YAC program.

The two-day event allowed students to attend three of the six sessions, watch a talent show and participate in a Texas Relay for Life Community service project.

Participating cities were Boys and Girls Club of Collin County, City of Frisco, City of McKinney, City of Plano, City of Carrollton, City of Copperas Cove, Fort Hood Youth Services, City of Harker Heights, City of Hereford, City of Highland Village and City of Houston.


Also, City of Killeen, City of La Porte, City of Lake Jackson, City of Longview, City of Mesquite, City of Navasota, City of Port Arthur, City of Temple, City of Waco, and City of Wharton.

patient in 1987, Hospice of Lubbock has served over 3,000 patients and families in this area. It also continues to provide bereavement programs for adults and children to the families of hospice patients, as well as to the public, at no charge.

Hospice care and support is provided through an interdisciplinary team comprised of the patient's physician, nurses, social workers, chaplains, certified nurse's aides and hospice-trained volunteers. This team approach enables Hospice to meet the patient's physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs. Referrals to Hospice of Lubbock may be made by anyone, but most often come from physicians, families and friends.

Not only is the Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon a fun time for all who attend, it also offers a unique opportunity to contribute to the needs of persons in Lubbock and surrounding communities who are facing a terminal illness. For more information about the Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon or Hospice of Lubbock, please call 795-2751.

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 Shiley Roberson

PANEL PANTS

Spring is in the air, bringing with it girly girly cuts and designs, emphasizing greatly on detail.

One great example of this is the PANEL PANTS.

These pants are ready to make a fantastic spring grand entrance.

Pants are beautifully surrounded by four panels of light weight material on the front and back of each leg, the panels flow loosely, freely and elegantly from the waist line to the hem line.

As you move ladies they move, and at times giving the



appearance of being a skirt. That illusion with in itself is just another way of getting attention.

Panel pants looks great with long jackets and blazers, each adding a certain amount of class to the effect. You are going to see a lot of panel pants doing their thing this spring....

TRY IT, YOU WILL LIKE THE FEEL, HAVE FUN

Tip... Always wear a smile FASHION, JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

NWP Growers Give Vote of Confidence in Eradication

(ABILENE) — Cotton producers in the Northwest Plains Eradication Zone have become the latest growers to affirm their commitment to boll weevil eradication.

Results from a retention election held last month showed more than 83 percent of the voters in favor of continuing eradication in the zone.

The Northwest Plains began eradication in 1999 and is on the verge of eliminating boll weevils from the area's cotton fields, as pheromone trap catches have fallen to the point where only an average of 9 weevils were caught for every 10,000 traps inspected during the 2002 growing season.

This represents a decrease in the zone's weevil populations of more than 99 percent.

"We were real pleased with the way the vote turned out," said John Savior, the

zone's representative on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. "It just reaffirms that what we're doing is right, and everyone is committed to finishing the program."

Saylor was re-elected to his position on the board in the election.

"Our board members have kind of adopted a saying these days: A good investment, finish the job," said Lindy Fatten, executive director of the foundation.

"Growers across the state seem to agree that eradication has been a good investment, and like the Northwest Plains producers, they've shown their commitment to finishing the job with their votes."

Growers in active boll weevil eradication zones in the state must vote every four years whether to continue eradication activities in their zone.

It's The A-J's Make Kids Count \$10,000 Scholarship Giveaway For Ages 4-8 Year Olds

In 2003, The Avalanche-Journal, as part of its Make Kids Count campaign, will again hold four \$10,000 scholarship giveaways for children of all ages will be able to participate during the course of the year. The second giveaway is open to 4-8-year-olds.

Enter using the coupon below. Follow all the rules and get your entry to us by March 28, 2003. The contest is open to children born between Jan. 1, 1995 and Dec. 31, 1999.

Give your child the chance to win a \$10,000 scholarship fund from The A-J.



SCHOLARSHIP GIVEAWAY RULES

- The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, as part of its Make Kids Count project, will provide a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond to the winning child who meets all eligibility requirements as listed below.
- The contest is open to all children born between Jan. 1, 1995, and Dec. 31, 1999, to parents (or parent) who are U.S. citizens and residents of The Avalanche-Journal's home newspaper delivery area, which includes counties in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.
- Employees of The A-J and Morris Communications Corporation and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.
- No purchase is necessary.
- Official entry forms will appear regularly in The Avalanche-Journal starting March 28, 2003, or can be obtained at The A-J's Customer Center, 710 Ave. J, Lubbock, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- A copy of a legal birth certificate and a reproducible photograph of the child must accompany each entry form. All entry forms must be completed in their entirety. Only one entry per child will be accepted.
- Deadline for entry is 5 p.m. Friday, March 28. Entries received after March 28 will not be accepted. Entries can be mailed to MAKE KIDS COUNT SCHOLARSHIP GIVEAWAY, P.O. Box 491, Lubbock 79408, or dropped off at The A-J Information Center.
- All entrants agree to allow their names, pertinent birth information and photographs to be published in The Avalanche-Journal without further compensation.
- The Avalanche-Journal is not responsible for submitted entries that are late, damaged, late, lost, misdirected, illegible, incomplete or postage due.
- Final winner will be determined through a series of random drawings. From the total number of entries, 49 names will be drawn in five draws. The 49 names will be placed in 10, 10, 10, 10 and 9 separate drawings.

- In addition to the \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond awarded to the winner, The A-J will present a \$5,000 Savings Bond to the runner-up, \$1,000 Savings Bonds to the other four quarter finalists, \$500 Savings Bonds to the other four entries who make the round of eight, and \$100 Savings Bonds to the other eight entries who make the round of 16. All Savings Bonds will be issued in the names of the winning children after conclusion of the contest.
- The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal may adopt or amend rules and regulations governing the procedures for drawing, dispersing and supervising the awards.
- By entering, each contestant or their representative acknowledges acceptance of the rules and agrees to be bound by them.
- Decisions of the contest organizers are final.

Child's Name _____ Parents Name _____

Parents Signature _____

Child's Date Of Birth _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Home phone _____

Grandparents Name _____

Grandparents Name _____

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S PICTURE AND A COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE! If you would like the photo returned, include a self-addressed stamped envelope. All other photos will be thrown away.

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South Plains Food Bank Seeks Funds to Double Through Matching Challenge

For the sixth consecutive year, the South Plains Food Bank of Lubbock is facing a special challenge. It's called "The Feinstein Challenge"; and, in simple terms, it's a Rhode Island philanthropist's way of fighting hunger.

The Food Bank's executive director, David Weaver, says the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation is again pledging up to \$1 million to match

funds raised by hunger organizations across the country. To qualify for the matching funds, gifts to the South Plains Food Bank must be received between March 1 and April 30 of this year. Information is being sent out to thousands of prospective donors in this region, but details may also be secured by calling the Food Bank at 763-3003.

Each week, more than 4,400 people receive meals—

and some needed hope—from the Food Bank and its 246 member-agencies; and the demand is growing. Weaver says, "While we are working to feed the hungry, other forces in the economy are at work increasing the number of people turning to us for help. Weaver adds, "Every dollar we receive in donations generates more than \$27 worth of donated food."

Texas Tech Hosts Economic Development Summit

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech University is among the sponsors of a seminar designed to help businesses learn how 10 do business with state agencies.

The West Texas Economic Development Summit is set for March 25 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Sixth Street.

"We hope this economic summit will help businesses, large and small by allowing them to find out about procurement opportunities that exist statewide," said Bubba Sedeno, manager of Texas Tech HUB Operations Office.

The day-long seminar that runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., features workshops and a chance to register with public sector supplier databases and make contacts to secure sub-contracts and prime contracts. A variety of booths featuring regional contractors and agency buyers also will be set

up. Pre-registration deadline is March 7 for businesses or agencies wishing to set up an exhibition booth. The registration fee for state agency representatives is \$200, it's \$250 for non-state agencies. There is a \$25 charge for each addition representative. There is a \$50 fee for registration after March 7.

Registration for the luncheon only is \$10. Admission to workshops and the exhibition is free. For more information, contact Sedeno or Dale Garcia as Texas Tech HUB Operations Office at (806) 742-4440 or e-mail bubba.sedeno@ttu.edu.

The summit is sponsored by Texas Tech University, Market Lubbock Inc., the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas building and Procurement Commission.

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CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

This writer wants to thank all of you for all the telephone calls and compliments about this new column. As many of you may know, this column begun is really continuation of the "Ruby Jay Corner", a lady who did well each week advising all of us of what was really going on in our community. Now as her daughter, this space will be filled each week because of what she meant to me. It will be our obligation to fill this space with citizens who are visiting our city. Also, we want to advise the community of the various community meetings.

We want to announce those persons who are having birthdays or celebrating a wedding anniversary. This year, this column wants to report to you of those educators who are retiring this year. After all, those persons have toiled for many years with our children. So let's salute them.

So again, thank you for all you have done to encourage me. You may write to me; Chatman Hill Corner, Attn: Clarissa Jay, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Looking forward to hearing from you.

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2202 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care" and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit with us. You will be glad you did so. God is able!

Sunday School began last Sunday morning with all teachers at their post of duty, beginning at 9:30 a.m. All students received thirty minutes of instruction, and marched to the main auditorium singing God's praises. What a time had in Sunday School. If you are not attending, then do so as soon as possible. You will be glad you did so! After prayer, high points of the morning lesson were given. This being Youth Sunday, all had a wonderful time about the Lord.

The morning devotion was conducted by the Youth and were assisted by the Praise Team. What a time all had in rejoicing the Lord.

The Youth Choir marched in the morning processional singing out of their hearts and souls. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Mercelle McCutchin. After a selection by the Youth Choir, the morning scripture was read by Sister Pam Moton. The morning prayer was given by Brother Hector Blakes. The morning hymn was "This Is The Day The Lord Has Made." After the responsive reading, Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. As always, he leaves all of those present with something to feast on during the upcoming week.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Every Child Of God Should Be Like A Tree." His scripture lesson was Psalms 1.1-3. What a wonderful message. After the invitation to discipleship was extended, announcements of the morning were read by Brother Leonard Wilson. Brother Cleo Hodge.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens as well as those who have family members who are deceased.



CHURCH DIRECTORY



WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS

"WHY WORRY? TRUST IN GOD"

JOHN 2:15, LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD. IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM.

BEFORE I GOT SAVED, AND FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THINGS OF THIS OLD WORLD, ALWAYS DID; THEY UPSET MY HEART.

MATTHEW 5:3, JESUS SAID, BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS ARE THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

I WAS ALWAYS WORRYING AND UPSET; ABOUT THE WORLD, THIS AND THAT, BUT LET ME TELL YOU PEOPLE, I WAS TRULY ON THE WRONG TRACK.

MATTHEW 11:28, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR (WEARY) AND ARE HEAVY LADEN (OPPRESSED), AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

THE DAILY NEWS KEPT ME HEAVY LADEN, AND THAT WAS ALL THE TIME, WORRYING ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, IT ALMOST BLEW MY MIND.

REVELATION 3:20, JESUS SAID, BEHOLD (LOOK), I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK. IF ANY MAN HEAR MY VOICE AND OPEN THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM, AND WILL SUP WITH HIM, AND BE WITH ME.

I OPEN THE DOOR OF MY HEART, AND JESUS CAME INTO MY LIFE, NOW MY LIFE IS SO SWEET, BECAUSE IT IS FILLED WITH JESUS CHRIST.

MATTHEW 11:29,30, JESUS SAID, TAKE MY YOKE (THE HOLY BIBLE) UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME, FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART; AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN (HIS WORD) IS LIGHT.

NOW THAT IS THE PROBLEM, OF MANY PEOPLE OF THIS DAY, THEY NEED TO OPEN UP THEIR HEART, BECAUSE JESUS IS THE WAY.

MICAH 7:5, THE LORD SAID, TRUST NOT IN A FRIEND, PUT YE NOT CONFIDENCE IN A GUIDE, KEEP THE DOORS OF THY MOUTH FROM HER THAT LIETH IN THY BOSOM, FOR THE SON OF DISHONOUR (RETH) THE FATHER, THE DAUGHTER REITH UP AGAINST HER MOTHER, THE DAUGHTER IN LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER IN LAW.

A MAN'S ENEMIES ARE THE MEN OF HIS OWN HOUSE.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE BOUGHT MUCH PLASTIC AND SO MUCH LOCK TAPE, FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR HOMES, BUT ITS JESUS; HE IS THE ONLY WAY.

ISAIAH 57:20,21, THE WICKED ARE LIKE THE TROUBLED SEA, WHEN IT CANNOT REST, WHOSE WATERS CAST UP MIRE AND DIRT, THERE IS NO PEACE, FAITH MY GOD, TO THE WICKED.

IT DON'T MATTER WHAT MR. SADDAM HUSSEIN DO, IF PART OF GOD'S PLAN, THE BIBLE SAID, WHEN YOU HEAR OF WAR, YOU MUST BE READY, UNDERSTAND.

MATTHEW 24:6, JESUS SAID, YE SHALL HEAR OF WARS AND RUMOURS OF WARS; SEE THAT YE BE NOT TROUBLED, FOR ALL THESE THINGS MUST COME TO PASE, BUT THE END IS NOT YET.

WHEN YOU RECEIVE JESUS INTO YOUR LIFE, YOU BECOME A F/W, AND LIFE IS SWEET, YOU NOW HAVE THE POWDER, TO PUT THE DEVIL'S HEAD UNDER YOUR FEET.

(JUST BECAUSE OUR MONEY HAS IN GOD WE TRUST, IS THAT THE TRUTH?) ISAIAH 54:17a, THE LORD SAID, NO WEAPON THAT IS FORMED AGAINST THEE, SHALL PROSPER.

WRITTEN BY BETTY B.J. MORRISON, HI, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "God Gives the Victory"

In times like these (Russia vows to block U. N. War resolution; Annan warns against Iraq war without United Nations; Pakistan finding it very difficult to support Iraq War; France, Germany, Turkey, and our neighbor bordering the southwest, Mexico are showing their true colors toward the United States) we need to support the leadership and soldiers of the United States of America. I suggest that those who reap the many blessings, comforts, protection and other things that make life worth living, and want to support another country's views, pack your "stuff" and LEAVE! O yes, while I support free speech, I do not support boneheaded speech.

Terrorists with connections to Osama Bin Laden (public enemy, no. 1) hijack four aircraft two are crashed into the World

Trade Center towers in New York, collapsing both towers. Another plane is crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, collapsing one side. The fourth plane crashes in a Pennsylvania field. The death toll exceeds 3,000 lives. President George W. Bush has responded with a global attack on terrorism. The Bush Administration has connected Saddam Hussein, the Dictator of Iraq with state-sponsored terrorism.

What America has recently experienced, the children of Israel of the Bible found themselves in long ago. These people found themselves trapped between an oncoming Egyptian army and the Red Sea. The Hebrews (like our government knows about Saddam Hussein and his puppets around the world) knew the power and cruelty of the Egyptians from personal experience, and quickly saw the hopelessness of their lot.

Trapped between the Egyptian's army and the Red Sea seemed like a hopeless position to be in, but God had put them in it to force a final showdown with the Egyptians and to display His power and love for the Israelites.

The Lord commanded Moses to stretch out his staff toward the sea, Moses obeyed, and God drove the waters back by a strong east wind, turning the muddy bottom into dry land. At this location strong winds frequently sweep off the desert with amazing force. But this time God so controlled this wind that it miraculously divided the waters and created a roadway for Israel's safe passage.

As God's people marched forward obediently throughout the night, they found that the same water that earlier had cut off their escape now was safely pushed back to either side of them. The Lord delivered His people.

God's miraculous rescue of the Hebrews at the Red Sea and the destroying of the Egyptian army that pursued them was a vital ingredient in transforming a group of escaping slaves into the nation of Israel: it is true that these people had not then the last of danger and double but they caught sight of God's loving-kindness and His almighty power.

Could it be if the people of Iraq are delivered from the evils of their oppressors, they will come to know the true God? Skeptics need to realize that God ways are far beyond their finite intellects.

"Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptian;... and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses." Exodus 14:30a, 31.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

What an awesome God we serve. He is Lord almighty, omnipotent King, Lion of Judah, Rock of Ages, Prince of Peace, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Provider, Protector, Paternal Leader, Ruling Lord, and Resigning King of all the universe.

He is Father, Helper, Guardian and God. The First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. He is the Keeper of Creation and the Creator of all he Keeps. The architect of the universe and Manager of all times. He is the Fountain of Living Water, he always will be and will be unmoved, unchanged.

The World can't understand him, and the leaders can't replace him, Herod couldn't kill him, the Pharisees couldn't confuse him, the people couldn't hold him, Nero couldn't crush him, Hitler couldn't silence him,

the new age cannot replace him.

He is Light, Love, Longivity, and Lord. He is Goodness, Kindness, Gentleness, and God. He is Holy, Righteous, Mighty, Powerful, and Pure. His ways are Right, His Word Eternal, His Will is unchanging and His Mind is on Me and you, he is our Redeemer, he is our Savior. He is our Guide, he is our peace, he is our Joy, he is our comfort, he is our Lord.

We serve him because his bond is Love, his burden is light, and his goal for us is abundance of life. We follow him because he is the Wisdom of the wise. The Power of the powerful, the Ancient of the Days, the Ruler of the rulers, the Leader of the leaders, the Overseer of the overcomers, and the Sovereign Lord of all that was, is, and is to come.

And if that seems unimpressive to you, try this on for size. His hand measures the

expanse of the stars and yet he knows the very count of the hairs on our heads, his goal is a relationship with us, he will never leave us, forsake us, mislead us, forget us, overlook us and never cancel our appointment in his appointment book.

When we fall he picks us up, when we fail he forgives us. When we are weak, he is strong. If you are lost, he is the Way. When you're afraid, he is courage, he does not give you the Spirit of fear, when you stumble, he's there to steady you. When you hurt, he will heal you. If you're blind, he will lead you, when depressed, he'll pull you out. When stressed, he will lead you by still waters. If you're hungry, he will feed you. When facing trials, he is with you. When you face loss, he provides for you and I.

He is everything for everybody. Everywhere. Everywhere and in every way. He is God. He is faithful. If you're his and he is yours, you have everything you

need, and if you're wondering why we feel so secure, understand this, he said it, we believe it, and that settles it. God is in control, that means all is well with out souls. Keep praying for others, keep doing those drive by's you might not can See the Result. What does Heb. 11:1 say? Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the Evidence of things not seen.

Pray for your neighbor as they drive for work that they may have a safe drive - as you pass the schools, churches, let us all become intercessors. Thanks for reading Precious People.

II Corinthians 7:14 Mark 11:22-26 Acts 1:8

Sister Dorothy Hoody president; Sister Christene B. Nelson, vice president; and Sister Joyce Ross, secretary

P.S. Saints, don't spend your time talking about how dark the world is getting, spread some light in it. Remember our Lord is the Light of the World.

Paul Quinn College Celebrates 131 Years of Existence

Dallas, TX - Paul Quinn College will celebrate its 131st anniversary during Founder's Week, March 17-23, 2003 with several activities and events to highlight the history of the campus.

The week-long activities includes an exciting mix of cultural presentations, alumni activities, student-led events, religious services and celebrations — all designed to reunite former Paul Quinn College students, alumni and energize the College's strong Tiger Spirit.

Among the presentations include "Letters to My Father" a play written by Dr. Njoki McElroy and directed by the nationally known director Latteras R. Whitfield; a feature presentation by Ann Williams of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre that will include a mixed repertoire of modern, jazz, ethnic, and spiritual works; a reunion of Bishop College alumni; the Parade of Churches featuring Hamilton Park Baptist Church Male Chorus and a scholarship banquet benefiting the college's International students.

The highlight of the week is the Founder's Day Convocation which pays tribute to the 131 years of the institution's existence and features an academic procession and memorial service. A special dedication and renaming of the administration building in honor of A.M.E. Senior Bishop and former Paul Quinn College President John Hurst Adams immediately follows the convocation.

Many of the events are designed to generate funds for Paul Quinn College and the United Negro College Fund. The funds will be used to upgrade campus facilities, increase student support and increase the scholarship fund for future leaders of tomorrow.

The \$52 Community fundraising campaign, was launched by Willis Johnson, KKDA Radio Personality, Board of Trustee and strong supporter of the Paul Quinn College for more than a decade. Johnson uses his "on air" opportunity to promote community activities which include the highly successful Bishop Five Plus One Revival fundraiser which raised more than one million dollars for the College over the last decade.

"It is important for us to continue to support historically black colleges," said Johnson. "We are lucky to have one right here in Dallas and we should all make a concerted effort to help Paul Quinn College continue to educate future leaders."

The \$52 Community Campaign urges supporters to contribute funds that will help Paul Quinn College's endowment "Endowed funds will bolster the stature of the Paul Quinn College, increase our enrollment and help strengthen our campus," said Dr. Dwight Fennell, President of Paul Quinn College. "The institution is currently enjoying a growth in enrollment, with current student population on a 10 year record high."

Paul Quinn College was founded by a small group of African Methodist Episcopal circuit-riding preachers in Austin, Texas, April 4, 1872. The College was opened by the African Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership of Bishop J. M. Brown. Founders were A.M.E. ministers: Bishop R. H. Cain, The Revs. J. H. Armstrong, W. R. Carson, J. V. Goins, Abraham Grant, William Leake and Henry Wilbite. In 1877, the College was moved to Waco, Texas, and was established as a modest one building trade school at Eighth and Mary Streets, where the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway Station now stands. Here, newly-freed slaves were taught the skills of blacksmithing, carpentry, and tanning and saddle work inside the walls of the modest institution. To construct the first building, a "Ten Cents a Brick" campaign was launched throughout the A.M.E. congregations. Thus, pennies of desperately poor people built the first solid monument to their dreams. In May 1881, Paul Quinn College was chartered by the State of Texas. The name of the College was changed to Paul Quinn College, in commemoration of Bishop William Paul Quinn, an A.M.E. missionary, who served as the representative of the western states for almost thirty years. In 1990, the Board of Trustees voted to relocate Paul Quinn College to the former Bishop College campus in Dallas, Texas. The first semester in its new home began on September 20, 1990, with an enrollment of 1,020 students.

Ma Jones Missionary Society of Bethel A.M.E.
2202 Southeast Dr. will host their 40th Annual Missionary Day program March 16th 2003 3 p.m.
The Keynotes Speaker will be the Rev. Erna Jean Million a native of Lubbock, but resides in Tacoma, Washington at the present time. Rev. Milton is dynamic motivational and spiritual speaker. She is the pastor of Greater Works Ministries of Deliverance in Tacoma, Washington.


Bethel A.M.E. Church will host Paul Quinn College Concert Choir of Dallas, Texas, Friday, April 4, 2003 at 7:00 pm.

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"This is our big contest of the year," says Executive Director Mark Schramm. "We trust our prizes will encourage new poets to share their talent." The deadline for entering is March 28, 2003.

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NAACP Announces Special Award Honorees

Hall of Fame Award to producer/director Spike Lee;
Chairman's Award to actor/activist Danny Glover;
President's Award to Tennis Stars Venus and Serena Williams

Los Angeles - (February 1, 2003) - At the NAACP Image Awards Nominees Luncheon, host Diahann Carroll joined NAACP Image Awards Chair Charles Whitehead in announcing this year's recipients of the special Image Awards, with Spike Lee for the Hall of Fame Award, Danny Glover named the Chairman's Award winner and Venus and Serena Williams as the President's Award winners. All three awards will be presented at the 34th NAACP Image Awards, which tapes March 8 and airs Thursday, March 13 (8:00 - 10:00 p.m. ET/PT) on FOX.

Presented annually, the NAACP Image Awards celebrate the outstanding efforts and performances of people of color in literature, television, motion pictures, and recording. This year's theme "Image-A-Nation" aims to honor those works not only wide and deep in impact, but also those that creatively overstepped bounds and conventions to forge a greater nation of images.

The nation first noticed Spike Lee after *She's Gotta Have It*, his 1986 independently financed project that garnered \$7 million and critical praise at the Cannes Film Festival. That was soon followed by movies like *School Daze*, *Jungle Fever* and the critically acclaimed *Do the Right Thing*. Though at times light and comedic, as in *Crooklyn* and *Girl 6*, his most poignant works, from *Four Little Girls*, to *Malcolm X*, to *Bamboozled* complete a circle of critical film thought.

NAACP President and CEO, Kweisi Mfume said, "With films that consistently challenge critics and viewers to discuss issues of class and race, Spike Lee has become the most intensely studied and most successful African American director and producer ever. A typical Lee film guarantees two reactions - thought and controversy. In the tradition of the legendary Oscar Micheaux, and for all he has done to help shape and give contrast to the American culture, Spike clearly deserves to be in the Hall of Fame."

The Chairman's Award, chosen by the NAACP Board Chairman Julian Bond, is bestowed for distinguished service and dignified representation of people of color. Bond said that, "Danny Glover stands almost alone in his profession in his interest and involve-

ment in vital issues of social justice. In his principled opposition to discrimination, inequality and exploitation he sets a high standard for others who must be reminded that responsibility comes with privilege and affluence. The NAACP is honored to honor him."

Glover originally pursued acting to spread messages as an activist at San Francisco State. In time he gained starring roles in blockbusters such as the *Lethal Weapon* series and in riveting African-American dramas like

Serena has claimed the 2002 Wimbledon U.S., French and Italian Open titles, the 1999 U.S. Open title, and most recently the 2003 Australian Open title. As a doubles pair, the duo were victorious at the 2002 and 2000 Wimbledon finals, the 2000 Summer Olympics, the 1999 U.S. Open finals, and the 2001 and 2003 Australian Open finals.

Previous NAACP President's Award recipients include National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, performing artist Lauryn Hill, former President Bill Clinton, radio network celebrities Tom Joyner and Tavis Smiley, and former cabinet secretary Alexis Herman. Past recipients of the NAACP Chairman's Award include artist and actress Janet Jackson, former Commerce Secretary and Democratic National Committee Chairman Ron Brown, social activist and author Dick Gregory, and cartoonist Aaron McGruder in 2002. The NAACP inducted Little Richard into the Hall of Fame last year.

"The special award winners have made field-shifting impact in their respective professions and have significantly raised social awareness around the world," said Whitehead. "Their focus and strong beliefs have led to great achievements and a redefining of what we can expect from athletes, actors, directors and producers."

Nationwide returns as the title sponsor for the 34th NAACP Image Awards. Other sponsors include Wachovia, Blockbuster, Bank of America, and General Motors. For tickets, contact Ticketmaster outlet, Universal Amphitheatre Main or Citywalk Box Office, at (818) 622-4440, or charge by phone at (818) 232-TIXS (8497). For information or to purchase tickets online, go to www.naacpimageawards.org.

Founded in 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its half-million adult and youth members throughout the United States and the world are the premiere advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

The *Color Purple*, *Bopha!* and Lorraine Hansberry's *Raisin in the Sun*. His participation in over 50 motion pictures has grossed over \$1 billion.

While acting, the multi-Image Award winner simultaneously crusaded for human rights. Glover is a recipient of the Amnesty International USA Lifetime Achievement Award for his role in the civil rights movement in Namibia, his work as Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Program and his commitment to the abolition of the death penalty.

This year's President's Award goes to two California sisters who have blazed new trails in the world of professional tennis. The Williams sisters have volleyed their way to astonishing achievement. The pair learned the basics from their father, Richard, on the modest tennis courts of Compton. Now the two dominate the highest courts in the world.

Mfume said, "Venus and Serena are more than champions on the tennis courts, they are prime examples that there is no substitute for brains, hard work and dedication. Their unparalleled abilities and resolve to keep pushing forward have made them models for all to emulate. I am honored to salute the Williams sisters."

Venus' career highlights include the 2001 and 2000 U.S. Open Singles titles, the 2000 and 2001 Wimbledon Singles titles, the 1999 Italian Open Singles title and the 2000 Olympic Gold Medal.



THE 34th NAACP IMAGE AWARDS

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Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

Question: Are we headed for Armageddon?

Answer: With the specter of war looming large between the United States and Iraq this question is being asked more frequently. The answer to the question is yes, but this does not mean that a war with Iraq is the beginning of the final conflict. I answer yes to the question simply because every day we get closer to the end times. Consider Paul's words, "...knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed." (Romans 13:11).

guarantee of salvation. After the scare was over, they went back to their same lifestyles. This is the "not so" comical part of the problem.

Why play with God? For those who are in Christ judgment day does not intimidate us, it offers us the final platform for graduation to heaven. "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1). For those who are straddling the fence about whether or not to become a Christian let me encourage you to make a decision now for Jesus.

So why do so many people fear the judgment. You don't have to be afraid of the Living God if He is your Father. He wants to save you, but He will not drag you into heaven kicking and screaming, you must willingly obey and come to Him. Back in the day when I was a much younger jock we would talk trash to each other on the court. When we believed we were better than another athlete would say, "If you are scared, join church." If I had only known the power and blessing of being in the church at that time I would have encouraged everyone to get there. Certainly in the church you can receive strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

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If the subject of the end times were not so serious it would be comical when you hear people talking about the final conflict and judgment day. I guess the comical side is the fact that many people who are not ready for judgment day try to do everything to avoid having to get ready. This brings to mind the scare at the turn of the century. Many people were afraid that it was going to be the end of the world. All sorts of prophets of gloom and doom were predicting the end of the world. People were trying to make bargains with God, Buddha, Mohammed, Buddy Holly or anyone else who would grant them a

Firstly, those who are in Christ will not face the judgment. We are considered to be righteous because we have trusted and obeyed Jesus. "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18).

Secondly, we have the benefit of knowing that God will work all things for our good if we love Him (Romans 8:28). How good can it get? Jehovah takes care of us through this life and then He saves us and takes us to heaven. It doesn't get any better than this.

Upcoming Events at the Public Library

All Aboard the Spring Break Express!

Choo choo! The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker will have model trains running all day in the community room during spring break, from Monday, March 17, through Saturday, March 22. Don't get railroaded and miss this treat! For more information, call 792-6566.

Book Discussion at Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will hold a discussion of the book *The Emperor of Ocean Park* by Stephen L. Carter at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 22. Copies of the book are available for checkout at all Lubbock Public Library locations. This is a free program. For more information, contact the Patterson Branch Library at 767-3300.



Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Meetings For The Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization's

FY 2004 - 2006 Transportation Improvement Program Comment Period Ends April 8, 2003.

Residents of the Cities of Lubbock and Wolforth and Lubbock County citizens living within the Metropolitan Area Boundary of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are encouraged to review and comment on the FY 2004 - 2006 Transportation Improvement Program. The Transportation Improvement Program is a short-term (3 years) listing of projects designed to meet the future transportation needs of the Lubbock Metropolitan Area and includes public transit system projects.

Drafts of the FY 2004 - 2006 Transportation Improvement Program can be found at the locations listed below or on the MPO's website www.mpo.ci.lubbock.tx.us

Citizens are encouraged to attend the public meetings and offer comments on the Transportation Improvement Program. Comments may also be made in writing to the MPO at the address below or via email to swoods@ci.lubbock.tx.us

PUBLIC MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

March 18, 2003	March 19, 2003	April 8, 2003
7:00 pm	7:00 pm	8:30 am
Groves Library 5520 19th Street	Patterson Library 1836 Parkway Drive	Transportation Policy Committee Meeting 1625 13th Street Room 103

Locations of Draft FY-2004 - 2006 Transportation Improvement Program

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Experts Say: Heartburn Sufferers Should Use Non-Prescription Medications First

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What's crunchy and cheesy and green all over? The Double Cheddar Green Bean Casserole! Americans love cheese and the original Green Bean Casserole. Use this recipe to get two great tastes in one:

Double Cheddar Green Bean Casserole

(Makes 6 servings)
 1 package (1.8 ounces) white sauce mix
 2 1/4 cups milk
 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
 1 package (16 ounces) frozen cut green beans, thawed

1 1/3 cups French's Cheddar French Fried Onions

1. Prepare white sauce mix according to package directions using 2 1/4 cups milk. Add 1 cup cheese and stir until melted.

2. Place beans and 2/3 cup French Fried Onions in 1 1/2-quart baking dish. Pour cheese sauce over beans and mix gently to combine.

3. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until heated through; stir. Sprinkle with remaining cheese and onions. Bake 5 minutes or until onions are golden.

You feel that burning sensation in your chest, topped off by an uncomfortable feeling in your throat. You swear that if you live through this, you'll never touch another buffalo wing or bowl of chili again. It's common, everyday heartburn, a condition that affects 61 million Americans.

The good news is, relief may be as close as a trip to your local drug store. An expert panel of leading gastroenterologist recently concluded that as many as 7 out of 10 heartburn sufferers can effectively relieve their symptoms with over-the-counter (OTC) heartburn medications, rather than prescription (Rx) medications like proton pump inhibitors. The American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)* expert panel specifically found that the most effective heartburn symptom relief was provided by the combination of medi-

cines (H2 blocker/antacid), which is currently only found in Pepcid Complete.

In these new recommendations, the panel concluded that consumers should treat their episodic heartburn with OTC products first, and consult a physician if they experienced "severe, frequent or prolonged symptoms" for more than four weeks.

"This is great news for heartburn sufferers," says Steven R. Peikin, M.D., Head of Gastroenterology and Liver Diseases at The Cooper Health System and author of Gastrointestinal Health. "These recommendations indicate that many sufferers may not have to rush to prescription medication. We've now confirmed that most people can effectively treat episodic heartburn with OTC products."

"In fact, the medicine in Pepcid Complete, which com-

bines antacids and H2 blockers, was found to be the best way to manage heartburn. If your heartburn symptoms are controlled, you can maintain OTC therapy," added Dr. Peikin.

Your stomach naturally produces acid to help digest your food. Some foods, such as peppermint, spicy and fatty foods, trigger the production of too much acid. Acid is what causes the burning sensation that starts in the stomach, and moves up through the upper chest into the throat. This pain can be felt under the breastbone, or at the bottom of the esophagus. Other conditions such as pregnancy, obesity, or even wearing tight clothes, can also put pressure on the stomach, causing food and acid to push back into the esophagus. Additional triggers include:

- Milk
- Citrus Fruits, Citrus Juices, Tomatoes, and Tomato Products
- Big Meals
- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Caffeine

Heartburn can usually be treated and prevented through lifestyle changes, and with medication. For more information, log on to www.pepcid-complete.com or www.gastro.org.

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The Yellow Bird "Remaining Tough on Crime" Returns to Lubbock

This year, the co-chairs for the 25th Annual Lubbock Arts Festival are bringing back the yellow bird logo. Co-Chairmen Texas Tech University Chancellor David R. Smith, M.D. and Lubbock Arts Alliance Vice President Meredith McAlister say they are pleased to announce this return.

In the past the fat, little, yellow bird symbolized the Arts Festival, but it has not been used for several years. The friendly reminder of the Festival had disappeared.

"We hope everybody will see the bird, remember how much fun the festival is, and come celebrate the arts!" McAlister said.

The yellow bird has not only returned, it has found a new home. This year, it appears inside a laurel wreath, the crown of champions, symbolizing excellence.

For its 25th anniversary, The Lubbock Arts Festival has

its yellow bird back to represent the weekend of art—with artists from many locations and works in many different media. It will not soon be forgotten again.

The public can attend the 25th Annual Lubbock Arts Festival April 11-13, 2003, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Premiere night is Thursday evening, April 10. Premiere night reservations can be made through the Lubbock Arts Alliance office, (806) 744-ARTS.

The Lubbock Arts Alliance is a non-profit, tax-exempt agency that serves as the official arts agency for the city of Lubbock. The Arts Alliance's purpose is to foster the creation, understanding and enjoyment of the arts.

For more information about the Lubbock Arts Alliance or the 25th annual Lubbock Arts Festival, please contact LAA Executive Director Libby Camp at (806) 744-2787.

I am very pleased with this week's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that California's "three strikes and you're out" law is constitutional. I believe that the court's ruling will help ensure that criminals are held accountable for their actions, and will strengthen states' abilities to combat crime.

The U.S. Supreme Court considered the case of a man who was convicted of shoplifting and received a stiff sentence for his crime, and some thought it was too harsh. If shoplifting is the only crime this man had committed in his life, perhaps the 25 years-to-life sentence he received could be considered too harsh; however, this man had committed two previous crimes, and I believe that repeat criminals should be kept off our streets. I certainly would not want someone living in my community who would repeatedly violate the rights of other people.

Opponents to "three strikes

and you're out" law's, which 26 states have on the books, argue that the laws allow for instances in which a criminal can receive a punishment which they believe the crime does not warrant. I believe that argument is preposterous, and I do not believe that a criminal is rehabilitated simply because they commit less severe crimes than he or she has committed in past. Texas does not have a "three strikes and you're out" law, but people who repeatedly violate the law face stiffer punishments for the crimes they commit. I believe that states should have the right to assess punishments they deem are appropriate for crimes committed within their boundaries, and I believe that those who repeatedly flaunt the law should be punished more severely than first-time offenders.

One of the most important roles of Congress is to help protect Americans. Last year, I voted for, and the U.S. House

of Representatives passed, me "Two Strikes and You're Out Child Protection Act." This law protects our children from sexual predators by requiring people convicted twice of federal child sex offenses to serve life sentences in prison. It is sickening to know there are people who wish to harm our children in this way, and studies have shown that people who prey on children are more likely to reoffend than any other category of criminal. I believe that these heinous repeat criminals deserve to spend the rest of their lives in prison, so they are kept away from society and away from our children.

This session, I have co-sponsored a bill which will enhance the AMBER alert system, which aids in the recovery of abducted children. We have seen recent news accounts showing the incredible success that this system has had in helping authorities locate these children, and I

believe the National AMBER Alert Network Act of 2003 will improve its ability to assist in the future. The bill designates an official with the Department of Justice to coordinate the AMBER alert system, and work with states to help ensure regional cooperation and develop additional network elements to improve the effectiveness of this system.

I believe that these efforts by Congress will help protect Americans, will help keep those who haunt our laws accountable for their criminal actions, and will ensure that those who repeatedly violate the rights of others are adequately punished for their crimes. I am very pleased that the U.S. Supreme Court has supported California's "three strikes and you're out" law, because I believe that states should have the right to determine their own approaches to combating crime to help protect their residents.

Concert to Highlight the Achievements of Women in Music

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech University's School of Music and the Women's Studies Program will present an evening of music, the "Women Make Music: The Third Annual Women's History Month Concert." The event will take place at 8 p.m., Tuesday (March 11), in the Heimle Recital Hall. The concert is in observance of Women's History Month.

"The concert will be an opportunity for everyone to listen to classical works composed by women who made great contributions to music," said Esther Lichti, Ph.D., coordinator of the Women's Studies Program.

The event will feature musical performances by faculty members and students in the School of Music. A variety of musical pieces

dating from the 18th to the 20th centuries will be featured in the concert. Gail Barber and Cara Pollards Ph.D., faculty members in the School of Music, composed some of the music that will be performed at the concert.

Admission to the event is free and open to students and the public. A reception will follow the concert.

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

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Forget the Storm Cloud, Look to the Rainbow!

By Eddie P. Richardson

We look at Michael Jackson, and wonder how many face jobs and nose jobs he has had. So what? Whose business is it or who cares. Actually, it is the media circus, especially the electronic media. Most of the major networks had Michael Jackson Specials. Everyone got into the act. It was called the Jackson Spectacular, but remember one thing, Michael is a Black person. So more. So the show!

Most artist are brilliant

people, but appear weird to the average person, because they are perfectionists and have precise advanced minds. This writer, at one time, was a musician for about 20 years of my 60 plus years. So I understand artist. They are temper, precise and believe in perfection. No doubt about them, they are moody people!

While we as a people are playing with Black peopled peculiarities, we should be lifting up their positive joints and playing with the White electronic media hype.

What is not mentioned, all the "Make A Wish Kids", Michael helped. All of the people with hardships and times he helped. The Black Church, during the rash of church burnings, Michael

Jackson rebuilt and helped rebuild all of these and other

things. For that, Michael Jackson is still overlooked!

If you look at most of the child stars and check out most of them, most of them have had a problem or troubled life. They missed their normal childhood, because they were in the spotlight. They did not have a chance at so-called normal childhood. Most of the adults in their lives were not taking care of and protecting them, but their bank accounts for their own self interest.

Look at Never Never Land and all the so-called things that Michael Jackson did. It's plain to see he is trying to recapture his lost childhood in a very expensive way, because he can afford it.

Nuff Sedi, WhyNot?



In Cinque

By Renetta W. Howard

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Just when we thought that we had conquered the problem with telemarketers, they have found a new way to get through to us. I just knew that when I installed the Caller ID with the anonymous caller rejection, which cost about \$2.95 per month, that my problems were over and did not have to resort to sounding 'out in left field' with the callers.

Before I had Caller ID, and I received a call from me telemarketers, I would immediately tell them that I was not interested in whatever it was that they were calling about and would hang up or attempt to hang up the telephone. Soon after I'd hung up, that same caller or another one with the same pitch would call back. That is when I would become the interviewer. I would ask them their name, telephone number, address and social security number. Most callers would hang up when I asked for their telephone number, but if they did not, asking for their

social security number would terminate most calls.

I am not sure if the Caller ID has proved to be more successful with others than it has for me, as it has been worthwhile to keep me from having to talk to some of the telemarketers, but I still have to get up to answer the telephone to see that it is an 'out of area' anonymous caller, or 'unknown caller,' it appears that the call rejection does not set in until you answer the telephone. Some of these callers use recordings and if you have a telephone answering machine, they still get through to you sometimes anyway.

There are some telephone calls from government agencies, in your area, which may show up on your Caller ID as 'out of area' and they get through to you whether you have anonymous call rejection or not. Calls from companies with which you have a credit card also get through to you and these may include telephone companies with whom you have an account. Calls from political bases also get through to you, especially if they are the recorded kind and your telephone is tied up even when you hang up as

long as it is playing the recording. These types of calls usually come during the day before or during election times.

The latest gimmicks employed by telemarketers is using a telephone which is listed to an individual rather than a company or corporation. The telephone number from which they are calling will show up on your Caller ID, but chances are, if you try to call them back, you will not get an answer from that number, it will usually be a long distance call and to me it is not worth my \$.07. I fear that it is one of those 900 number switches which will make it cost much more than the \$.07. Some of these calls from a number recorded on your Caller ID are coming from outside the United States.

Calls from 902-425-6300, Halifax, NS has been the most harassing call which I have received. They call after 9:00 P.M. and on Saturday and Sunday. There is no respect for the laws of this country. It is time to get 'in cinque' and let our government officials know about the disregard of our privacy by foreign entities.

Drug Companies Are Working on 123 New Treatments for Heart Disease and Stroke

by Larry Lucas

Today, new medicines for heart diseases and stroke are saving lives that would have been lost if these medicines had not been invented. Due in large part to new drug treatments, death rates from heart disease and stroke are falling. And the statistics promise to get even better since 76 pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies have 123 additional medicines for these diseases in the pipeline.

This continuing research is particularly good news for African Americans. Heart disease is the leading killer of all Americans, and stroke is the third leading killer, after cancer. But African Americans have even higher rates of heart disease and stroke than the general population. African Americans have the highest prevalence of high blood pressure—a risk factor for both heart disease and stroke—than

any other ethnic group worldwide. Compared with whites, African Americans develop high blood pressure earlier in life, and their average blood pressures are much higher.

The medicines in development include 10 for high blood pressure, 18 for stroke, 20 for congestive heart failure, 9 for high cholesterol, 7 for heart attacks, and 8 for arrhythmia, or abnormal heart rhythm. All of the potential medicines are either in human clinical trials or awaiting approval by the Food and Drug Administration. Many of these potential medicines use cutting-edge technologies and new scientific approaches. Here are some examples:

- A medicine that shifts the heart to a new fuel source that requires less oxygen, reducing pain and allowing angina patients to be more active.
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- A medicine that blocks a hormone that forces the heart to pump harder, straining the heart muscle and often leading to heart failure.
- A medicine that protects the brain from the damage that occurs in the aftermath of a stroke.

• A vaccine that may be able to prevent the transfer of "good" cholesterol to "bad" cholesterol.

These new medicines promise to continue the remarkable progress against heart disease and stroke and to raise the quality of life for patients with these diseases.

For more information about medicines in development for heart disease and stroke, go to www.phrma.org.

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

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Deacons for Defense

DEACONS FOR DEFENSE follows the story of a group of African American men in Bogalusa, Louisiana who, instead of being passive and participating in "sit-ins," armed themselves with heavy artillery and organized their neighbors to fight against the Ku Klux Klan in the 1960s. This black militia group, which has been forgotten by many, became a focal point in the civil rights movement.

Marcus (FOREST WHITAKER) is a quiet, thoughtful family man. He's a war veteran who works in the local paper mill. Marcus has lived his life in quiet acquiescence to the white community, because he feels it is best for his family. His attitude changes when two white civil rights activists from the Norths Deane (JONATHAN SILVERMAN) and Hillibrand (ADAM WEINER), arrive to open a local

office.

While Marcus ignores their plight, his friend T.J. (GENE MACK) is so moved by the idea of equal rights that he does the unthinkable, signing his name alongside white workers for job advancement. After disregarding a warning from management, T.J. is savagely beaten in front of his home in the middle of the night.

Marcus finally changes his passive stance on the civil rights movement when he is arrested and beaten by local cops for trying to defend his daughter during a protest rally. When he doesn't come home from the police station, his wife Velma (MELANIE NICHOLLS-KING) goes to the Reverend Gregory (OSSIE DAVIS) and asks for his help. Later, Marcus arrives at church, badly beaten, and addresses the congregation on why the African American community

must take charge and defend themselves. He pledges his support for the protests and wins an election to lead The Deacons For Defense.

The Deacons - who are mostly made up of other African American war veterans - are armed and patrol African American neighborhoods, protests and the civil rights office. The Deacons not only get the attention of the Ku Klux Klan members, but that of the national media. With the world looking on, transformations start to occur in Bogalusa, including the desegregation of the mill. However that only increases tensions between African Americans and whites. Riots, Klan rallies and beatings continue until the government gets involved. Though it may be just a pretense of harmony, life begins to change in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

What Can You Buy for 25 Cents?

Admission for the 25th Annual Lubbock Arts Festival is 25 cents. Visitors only need a quarter to be a part of the weekend that celebrates the arts in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center April 10-13, 2003.

"One of the things that we're doing that's dramatically different this year is we're only charging 25 cents for people to go," said Meredith McAlister, co-chairman for the Lubbock

Arts Festival. "It's 25 cents because it's the 25th year."

The Arts Festival was once a free event. Then in recent years, the price reached \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

"We're working toward making it a free event like it was in the early days," said Libby Camp, executive director of the Lubbock Arts Alliance. She pointed out that the admission quarter provides future event chairmen more accurate

attendance figures.

Some special events and nighttime performances will require additional admission or purchased tickets.

The public can attend the 25th Annual Lubbock Arts Festival April 11-13, 2003, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Premiere night is Thursday evening, April 10. For reservations contact the Lubbock Arts Alliance office, (806) 744-ARTS.

The Lubbock Arts Alliance is a non-profit, tax-exempt agency that serves as the official arts agency for the city of Lubbock. The Arts Alliance's purpose is to foster the creation, understanding and enjoyment of the arts.

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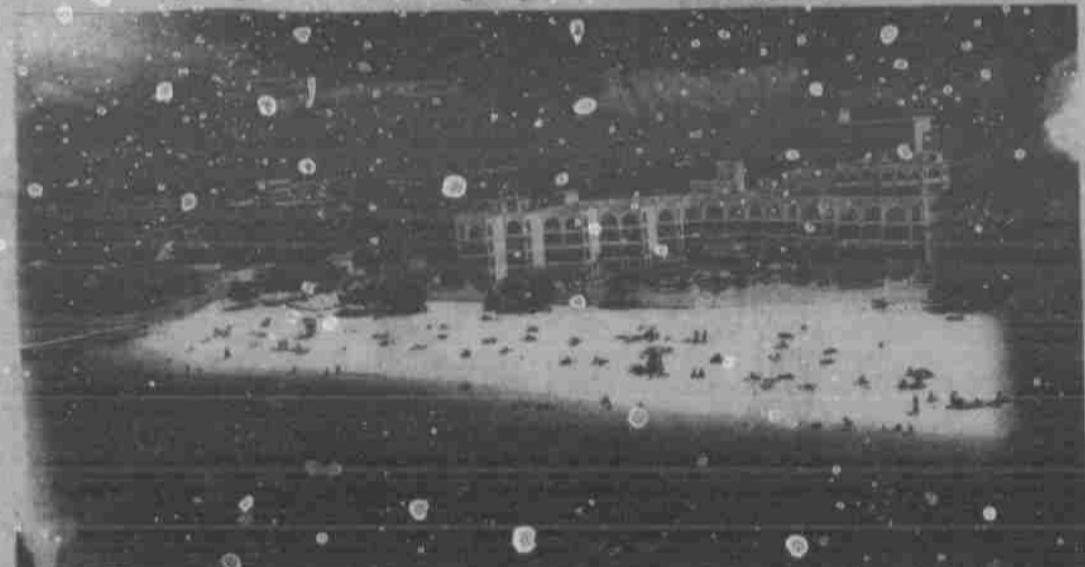
Def Jam recording artist N.O.R.E. and Scott Hunter Smith, President of The Heineken Music Initiative celebrate at the album release party for Red Star Sounds Vol. 2. Proceeds from the album go to support urban music education. Joining N.O.R.E. on the all-star album are Kelly Price, Ja Rule, Foxy Brown, Musiq and Dru Hill.

Recording artist, Ja Rule smiles for the cameras after making a special check presentation to The Heineken Music Initiative. The Heineken Music Initiative is a not-for-profit organization created to raise funds for urban music education. The organization raises funds through the sale of its critically acclaimed Red Star Sounds album series. Ja Rule also contributed a track to the latest album, Red Star Sounds Vol. 2.

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