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## National News

### Coca-Cola Executive Continues 18-Year Commitment to National Congress of Black Women's Annual Awards Brunch

Washington, D.C. - The National Congress of Black Women's (NCBW) 18th Annual Awards Brunch, themed "Sisters United" will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2002, and Ingrid Saunders Jones, senior vice president of Corporate External Affairs at The Coca-Cola Company, will once again serve as the Corporate Host.

The National Congress of Black Women has been serving black women for over 18 years and during all this time, The Coca-Cola Company and Ingrid Saunders Jones have been there for us. Ingrid's service and caring has been demonstrated in her work with us and others, and we are pleased to have her in this key partnership with our organization," said Dr. C. Delores Tucker, Chair, NCBW.

The brunch, being held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will feature Coretta Scott King and Children's Defense Fund President, Marian Wright Edelman.

Over 1,500 people are expected to attend the event and Shirley Franklin, Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, Renee Poussaint, co-founder and executive director, The National Visionary Leadership Project, Regena Thomas, New Jersey Secretary of State and Barbara Van Blake, director of human rights and community relations, and The American Federation of Teachers will be honored.

"We are pleased to once again host the National Congress of Black Women Annual Awards Brunch. The Coca-Cola Company is proud to support their work on the important issues pertaining to the economic and social empowerment of women," said Ms. Jones. Florida A&M University's law school is back in business after a 34-year hiatus.

Sixty-two full-time and 31 part-time students start classes next week.

Temporarily housed in offices and library space in Orlando, the school is prepared to open its doors to its 93 waiting students.

Although the students reflect a diverse population, for many there is a common bond. Like Robert Fields, many are there to rekindle a dream deferred.

## Dunbar Opens New Doors to Public

by Angel Wolfe

The dust is starting to settle. The noise has been reduced and the temporary wall dividing the old from the new has been taken down. Dunbar Jr. High's \$2.2 million renovation is now complete.

Open house for the newly renovated Dunbar Jr. High, 2010 East 26th Street, will be Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. This is a time where the public will be allowed to come inside and see the changes that have been made.

These changes include six new science labs, two new classrooms, and an integrated technology lab. Seven old science labs were renovated to create regular classrooms and the old lab storage areas are now being used for extra storage

for other subjects.

A new parking lot has been added to accommodate the new entrance to the school, which also houses new administration offices. The new entrance and parking lot are located on the southwest side of the building. The facilities entrance had been located on the north side of the building with little parking available. The district hopes this will make the building more user friendly.

Jim Crites, science specialist and science department director, said he thinks the new science wing will be a safer environment for the students. "This new wing will be tremendously easier and safer for the students and teachers," he said. The new science classrooms have the lecture and lab

area separate. "This way the students can store their book-bags and things away from the lab equipment and chemicals," he said.

Dunbar bills itself as a hands-on science facility, using a 60 percent lecture and 40 percent lab class schedule. The junior high is now the only one in Lubbock ISD to offer block scheduling, allowing for the ninth grade Pre-Advanced Placement science block. This block allows students to receive two high school credits while still in junior high.

In addition to the science aspects of the magnet program, students are also given the opportunity to take applied math and engineering elective courses. This is the first year for this program.

## Ron Kirk Addresses Federation of Choirs

The members of the Federation of Choirs had a surprise visit from Ron Kirk, Democratic nominee, for the U.S. Senate last Sunday afternoon at the New Hope Baptist Church.

In a well received speech, during the half-way point of the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs, he let the house filled persons know he wanted their vote. "When you vote for me, take someone else with you, so we can win this election," said Kirk.

The former mayor of Dallas and Secretary of State,

Kirk told the audience of the hectic schedule he has to keep each day which includes at least 18 appearances each day. "With less than 50 days remaining until poll day, every day is important for me," he said.

He summed up his appearance by asking for the vote of those

who were present at the monthly meeting of Federation of Choirs. He received a loud "Amen!"

Also present last Sunday afternoon was Lavin Justin, band director of Estacado High School, who asked for the support of them so the young people of Estacado High School will have an opportunity to play to an audience of 86,000 people. "We want our young people to see what is going on in the world," said Lavin. "We're are about \$17,000.00 from reaching our goal. Each bandperson has to raise \$600.00, and we are on our way," he said.

He concluded by asking for the help of all present. "Will you help us get there," he asked.

Next month Federation of Choirs will meet at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church, 2411 Fir Avenue.



RON KIRK

## Meet Lauren Elise Patterson



Here she is, the four month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. (Ursula) Patterson Jr., who was born May 27, 2002. Isn't she lovely?

The 'Pattersons' have another child, T.J., III. Both are the grandchildren of T.J. and Bobbie Patterson.

## LCU Makes Gains In National Survey

LUBBOCK, TX—September 17, 2002—The reports are in and US News and World Report's annual "American's Best Colleges" issue, which just hit newsstands yesterday, spells good news for Lubbock Christian University. The university has moved this year up to SECOND TIER.

Only the top 10 schools in LCU's division (Comprehensive Colleges-Bachelor's) are given a numerical ranking. But we do know this, LCU ranked somewhere between number 11 and number 21 in the nation in the West region. Only three other Texas universities were ranked in the second tier: East Texas Baptist, McMurry University and Howard Payne.

When asked about the new ranking LCU President Dr. Ken Jones responded, "I think many of us are realizing that Lubbock Christian University is growing and improving in many ways. This new improved ranking only verifies that we have been greatly blessed.

The future is very bright. I am grateful to our excellent faculty, staff, students and friends for their efforts in the continuous improvement of LCU."

## Uninsured Latinos Fall Through Health-Care Gap

By Ramon Castellblanch

Here's a startling statistic: Each year, 18,000 people in the United States die prematurely from lack of health insurance, according to a recent study by the Institute of Medicine. Uninsured adults with diabetes, heart disease, kidney failure or mental illness are much worse off than their insured counterparts. And even when the uninsured get care, it is often substandard, the institute found.

Lack of health insurance has dire consequences for the Latino community in the United States, since nearly half of working-age Latinos are without health insurance for all or part of the year, according to the Commonwealth Fund.

One reason for this crisis is that Latinos have fewer chances of getting jobs with health insurance. Many are hired in industries and occupations that don't offer coverage. Even within these industries, they are less likely to be offered available coverage. And the 1996 welfare-reform act denies Medicaid to legal immigrants, many of whom are Latinos.

Not having insurance sickens and kills those with high blood pressure, according to the Institute of Medicine report. The uninsured have their blood pressure monitored less frequently, and when their disease is diagnosed, they are less likely to begin, or stay under, needed treatment. As a result, uninsured people with hypertension are more likely to suffer heart attacks and strokes.

Lack of health insurance has taken the lives of many Latinos with breast cancer. When they are uninsured, they are less likely to have timely screenings. Their diagnoses are also delayed. When the cancer is finally found, it is more likely to be at an advanced stage. Uninsured women with breast cancer have had a 30 percent to 50 percent higher risk of dying than those with insurance, according to the instituted.



RAMON CASTELLBLANCH

findings. The illnesses and fatalities that poorer Latinos suffer due to lack of insurance may soon be at the door of many middle-income neighborhoods and other American communities. Accelerating health-insurance costs and employer resistance to paying for the increases, threaten to force many insured workers off of their health coverage. Tolls from heart disease, cancer, AIDS and many other deadly diseases may start to rise.

It's time for Congress to quit fooling around in the face of this growing disaster.

In every other industrialized country in the world, the government ensures that all people have health insurance.

In our country, Medicare and Medicaid systems have done a good job at helping seniors and millions of children receive coverage. But these programs need to be expanded to cover the rest of the population.

It's time to put a stop to the plague brought on by lack of medical insurance. Until we do it, the medical crisis that is already stalking many in our Latino communities will increasingly endanger the rest of America.

Ramon (an accent over the o) Castellblanch is director of the undergraduates health-management program and an assistant professor at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. He can be reached at pmproj@progressive.org.

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## The Secret Is Out: Dunbar has Journalism

by Angel Wolfe

A little known fact about Dunbar Junior High is that it offers a journalism program. Students are allowed to transfer to Dunbar Jr. High for journalism.

The program at Dunbar consists of a journalism course largely built on news writing. Julie Freeman, journalism and English teacher, said her students complete all work for "The Panther" that comes out once every six weeks.

The paper is supported by advertising sales and is typically between four to six pages depending on how much content is available to print. The newspaper staff works with PageMaker, a design software that students

can use in many areas other than newspaper.

Freeman said students might transfer to Dunbar for the journalism program at any time and begin taking courses. "Students can take the journalism course starting in seventh, eighth or ninth grade. If they do well in seventh grade they might be an editor in eighth grade she said. If students take the journalism class in ninth grade only, students cannot be on the newspaper staff.

Students are also free to work for the yearbook at Dunbar. This extra computer work helps give students an advantage in working with different computer software. Yearbook staffers work with Tempo, a yearbook design software.

## City Investigates Towing at Tech

Citizens whose cars were towed are urged to contact Lubbock Police to aid investigation

On Saturday afternoon, September 14, 2002, numerous cars were towed from private property during the Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss football game.

Some of the owners of these towed vehicles complained they paid money in order to park on private property, and were subsequently towed. The individuals allegedly taking money for parking were not present after the game, and have not yet been questioned. Complaints were also made regarding the placement of no parking signs, saying it was not clear parking was not allowed on private

property.

The Lubbock Police Department is reviewing the facts in connection with vehicles towed on that day. The police urge all persons who believe their cars were towed improperly to contact Sgt. Danny Holder at 775-2870.

Citizens should be aware that they have certain rights under state law when their vehicles are towed. Questions about these rights can be answered by a personal attorney. In addition, a citizen may request a hearing before the Justice of the Peace within a time frame set by state law.

For more information: Anita Burgess, City Attorney, 775-2222



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.

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# Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

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## JAY'S CORNER

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The Church Theme for New Hope Baptist Church is: "If you have faith enough to believe it, God has power enough to do it" Matthew 9:18.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m. with all teachers present. For thirty minutes, students received instruction and reassembled to main-ante auditorium at 10:15 a.m. After prayer, highpoints of the morning lesson were given.

The morning devotional period was conducted by Sister Joan Ervin and Brother Clarence Ervin. They were assisted by the Praise Team.

The Senior Choir of New Hope Baptist Church marched in the morning processional singing praises to God. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Benta Sanders. After the singing of a selection by the Senior Choir, the morning scripture was read by Brother Napoleon Cooper. Sister Dorothy Kinner read the morning scripture. After the singing of another selection, the responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother Clarence Hatcher.

The morning hymn was "Jesus Is Getting Us Ready." Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. After the singing of another selection by the Senior Choir, Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "A Testimony For God." His scripture text was Joshua 4:1-9. What a message!

After the invitation to discipleship was extended, the morning announcements were read by Sister Cynthia Hatcher. All visitors were welcomed by Brother Johnnie Martin.

"Before Time Runs Out, a breath health awareness play—written by Thomas Meloncon of Houston, Texas—will be presented Saturday afternoon, October 12, 2002, at New Hope Baptist Church. Lunch will be provided. Admission is free. There will be door prizes, and you must have a ticketed to win.

For more information, call 743-1901, ext. 233. This program is sponsored by the Southwest Cancer Center, UMC Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Mass Choir of New Hope Baptist Church will meet the first Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p. m. All members are asked to be present.

The Third Annual W. M. S. Musical will be held Friday, October 25, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. At this event, the Male Chorus will be presented to the community in "An Evening With Christ." The public is invited to attend and share the blessings in songs. Committee ladies are Annie Taylor, Cleotha Quigley, Vossie Ball, and Joan Y. Ervin, president.

Let us keep talking about the "Women In Red Banquet" which is set for Friday evening, November 15, 2002, at the UMC McInturf Conference Center. The Brotherhood of New Hope will be special guest. Tickets are \$20.00.

The New Hope Baptist Church is invited to New Direction Community Church Anniversary at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 13, 2002. The church is located at 805 East Fordham Avenue. Elder Marshall Harris is pastor.

Let us not forget our sick and shut in citizens. Among them are Sister Helen Skierf, Brother Harry Stokley, and Sister Rosie Reddie.

Don't forget those who are bereaved at this time.

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**By:**  
Ms. Jean Carlton  
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until October 8, 2002 at 3:00 pm (CST)  
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Additional information or questions regarding the Request For Qualification should be addressed to the Texas Tech University System; Project Manager: Debbie Cox. Contact via phone (806) 742-2116, Fax 806-742-2241 or e-mail: [debbie.cox@ttu.edu](mailto:debbie.cox@ttu.edu).

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**WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS**  
"FOLLOWING JUDAS AND NOT JESUS"

ISAIAH 58:1, THE LORD SAID, CRY ALOUD, SPARE NOT, LIFT UP THY VOICE LIKE A TRUMPET, AND SHOW MY PEOPLE THEIR TRANSGRESSION.

LORD, YOUR TOLD YOUR DISCIPLES: TO GO AND PREACH IN YOUR NAME, BUT LOOK AT THE CONFUSION AMERICA IS IN; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!

JOHN 20:21, JESUS SAID, PEACE BE UNTO YOU: AS MY FATHER HATH SENT ME, EVEN SO SEND I YOU.

MANY SAID, SEND ME: I WILL PREACH UNTO THE WHOLE WORLD, BUT SOME WENT PREACHING ANOTHER GOSPEL; TO MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS.

GALATIANS 1:8, BUT THOUGH WE, OF AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN PREACH ANY OTHER GOSPEL UNTO YOU THAN THAT WHICH WE HAVE PREACHED UNTO YOU, LET HIM BE ACCURSED.

LORD, MANY WENT PREACHING FREEDOM; BY WAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, THEY GAVE MANKIND THEIR RIGHTS; IT IS NOW THE SIN; OF THEIR SHAME.

JEREMIAH 23:25,28, THE LORD SAID, I HAVE HEARD WHAT THE PROPHETS SAID, THAT PROPHECY LIES IN MY NAME, SAYING, I HAVE DREAMED, I HAVE DREAMED, THE PROPHET THAT HATH A DREAM, LET HIM TELL A DREAM; AND HE THAT HATH MY WORD, LET HIM SPEAK MY WORD FAITHFULLY. WHAT IS THE CHAFF TO THE WHEAT?

LORD, THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW YOU; PREACHING MANKIND CAN BE SAVED, BUT THEY FOLLOW ANOTHER SPIRIT; LIKE JUDAS, YOU HAVE BEEN BETRAYED.

ISAIAH 56:10,11, THE LORD SAID, HIS WATCHMEN ARE BLIND; THEY ARE ALL IGNORANT, THEY ARE ALL DUMB DOGS, THEY CANNOT BARK; SLEEPING, LYING DOWN, LOVING TO SLUMBER. YEA, THEY ARE GREEDY DOGS WHICH CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, AND THEY ARE SHEPHERDS THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND: THEY ALL LOOK TO THEIR OWN WAY, EVER ONE FOR HIS GAIN, FROM HIS

QUARTER (ANNIVERSARY).

\*\*\*\*\* WILL A PREACHER ROB GOD? \*\*\*\*\*

LORD, THEY LOVE THAT T.V. PREACHER; IN HIS WILD COLORS OF CLOTHES, HE PREACHERS TO TICKLE THEIR EARS; NOT TO SAVE THEIR SOULS.

ROMANS 1:25, WHO CHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD INTO A LIE, AND WORSHIPPED AND SERVED THE CREATURE MORE THAN THE CREATOR, WHO IS BLESSED FOR EVER. AMEN.

LORD, MANY TURN: BECAUSE THEY GET CURSED, BACKSTABBED AND SPIT ON, SO THEY TURN TO ANOTHER GOSPEL; FOR POWDER AND MONEY; AND KNOW ITS WRONG.

JOHN 15:18, JESUS SAID, IF THE WORLD HATE YOU, YE KNOW IT HATED ME BEFORE IT HATED YOU. \*\*\*\*\* FOLLOW JESUS! \*\*\*\*\*

THE LORD DONT WANT YOU TO FOLLOW: A PREACHER; WHO IS GOING WRONG, PRAY AND STUDY GOD'S WORD; IT IS HE THAT WILL KEEP YOU STRONG.

JOHN 4:23,24, JESUS SAID, THE HOUR COMETH, AND IS NOW, WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPPERS SHALL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH:

FOR THE FATHER SEEKETH SUCH TO WORSHIP HIM. GOD IS A SPIRIT: AND THEY THAT WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

LORD, MANY ARE PLAYING CHURCH; JUST LIKE THEY DID IN THE CLUBS, THEY HAVEN'T GIVEN THEIR HEART TO YOU; ITS YOU THEY DON'T LOVE.

\*\*\*\*\* THE CHURCH CLUBS ROBBING GOD? \*\*\*\*\*

MATTHEW 7:13-15 JESUS SAID, ENTER YE IN AT THE STRAIT GATE; FOR WIDE IS THE GATE, AND BROAD IS THE WAY, THAT LEADETH TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY THERE BE THAT FIND IT, BECAUSE STRAIT IS THE GATE, AND NARROW IS THE WAY, WHICH LEADETH UNTO LIFE, AND FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT. BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS WHICH COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, 111. YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS.



## from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "On Being A Man In A World of

Recently I have taken a hit from small-minded preachers in the community for what their limited intelligence define as "selling out." These pieces of "whatever" do not have the ability to lead and want to dictate policy and procedure. They want to take the '60's' slingshot approach to face a nuclear age Goliath that can use the warhead of finance along with the criminal justice system to impoverish present and future generations to come.

We live in a constant changing world. Changes that are made economically, politically, and socially with their many tenets in our global world, affect the total of humanity. Change liken to a raging river, does not wait for anyone. To survive the "river of change" one has to prepare themselves.

Too long have the home-bred religious leaders of Lubbock pointed their finger at the prepared outsider in a negative manner while

reaping the benefits of intellectual diplomacy. Those who point their finger and criticize need to understand that "no man is an island." We live in a world with others and we have to work things out in a timely and honorable fashion.

We also need to understand that if you don't stand on your feet and be a man and stop taking Goliath's money you will always be a BOY. The religious leaders need to quit whining and use to the betterment of humanity what God has blessed them with. They need to understand to effect change, one has to look outside the walls of their own circumstance. For instance, there are many boards in this city one can give their voluntary service. The Goliath's are constantly helping others through volunteering and God is richly rewarding their labor. You might not be able to give a thousand but, you can give the "widow's mite." Don't just sit on your back part and do nothing!

While the Goliath's may not say

anything, part of Lubbock's Black community is seen as to passive. What this means is that you will let anything go on in your neighborhood. If you don't keep your property up, its value goes down. When we let drug-dealers, destroy our community and the preachers are satisfied because their relatives give them a handout at their Pastor and Wife's anniversary, we are counted for nothing. When we don't support the NAACP, yet be critical of it leaders for doing the best they can with what they have we are supposed to be called BOYS and other things that fit our feline footed character.

On Friday, September 20, 2002, the lead line of the Detroit Free Press was "NAACP faces members' issues while its relevance is questioned." The Detroit Chapter of the NAACP which has one of the largest "sit-down" banquets in the nation (more than 10,000 people) is a vital force in civil rights in Detroit and the nation. However little boot-

leg black preachers and their imps across

America have criticized nationwide the NAACP for being out of step with more vocal protest and activism and with civil rights organization that appeal to a younger audience. These preachers like many of these in our city have to realize that nothing in today's world is achieved in a "Billy the Kid" manner. Just as Colin Powell, the Secretary of State, is working things out with others before Saddam Hussein is dethroned, we must do the same.

The faith-based black communities of Lubbock need to understand that we have to work through the judicial system. While justice is slow, it is not blind. We must not find a way out of being on jury duty. We MUST take a part in the whole of Lubbock are we will die like a watermelon on a drought stricken vine.

### The Faith Foundation Launches EcoFamily Program To Trim Digital Divide

Black Church Launches National Program For Families To Donate Computers To Families In Need As Part of A Country-Wide Effort To Get More Churches and Organizations On Board

MOUNT VERNON, N.Y. Grace Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, New York (www.gracebapt.org) and Ecofaith's Faith Foundation (www.ecofaith.com) saluted the first sponsors in The EcoFamily Program Sunday, August 18, 2002, during the church's annual family day outing in New Rochelle, New York. The Rev. Al Sharpton of The National Action Network was guest speaker for the event.

The EcoFamily Program, administered by the Faith Foundation for Community Base. Technology, based in Mount Vernon, provides computers to lower income families by linking computer-sponsoring families (EcoSponsors) with recipient families (EcoFamilies). The program was launched last spring with more than 28 families from Grace Baptist Church publicly announcing their commitment each to provide \$1,000 to purchase computers for families in their church and community. In addition to receiving a computer, EcoFamilies also receive at least one year of Internet service. The church announced Sunday that The EcoFamily Program would become a national effort.

"This bold and historic action taken by the members of Grace Baptist Church is solidly rooted in the African American Christian tradition of families helping other families," said Jon Walls, Eco Faith President and Faith Foundation volunteer. "Our children are competing for opportunities with other children who have access to the Internet and information

from around the world 24 hours a day. This program takes the Digital Divide struggle beyond the technology center and to the next battleground, the homes of our children."

The Faith Foundation for Community Based technology is a not-for-profit organization resulting from a collaboration between Ecofaith and the Congress of National Black Churches (CNBC). In addition to the EcoFamily Program, under the leadership of its President, Dr. Adolphus Lacey, The Faith Foundation is also charged with building a network of technology centers in Black churches across the nation.

Ecofaith.com, Inc. (www.ecofaith.com) is an advanced technology company, offering Internet access, affordable computers, and a web portal featuring African American centered content through its partnership with the 20 million member CNBC (www.cnbc.org). Ecofaith's Directors and Advisors include: Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, senior pastor, Grace Baptist Church and co-chair National Action Network; Mr. Robert Holland, former president, Ben & Jerry's; Dr. Wyatt T. Walker, pastor, Canaan Baptist Church of Christ, New York City and Frank Mercado, President SL CEO, The Heritage Networks. Other individuals, organizations or churches wishing to participate in The EcoFamily Program should contact The Faith Foundation at 914-664-8524.

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

What is deliverance? We're glad you asked. Deliverance is a way of bringing oneself into conformity to the image of Jesus Christ by closing the gap between oneself and Satanic influences. Deliverance is taking a look at yourself through the eyes of honesty and with the spirit of humility. Not thinking more highly of yourself than you ought to think. Deliverance is a purging Psalm 51:7.

Deliverance is a process of cleansing for the Body of Christ, a means of preparation for presentation to Christ without spot or wrinkle, Holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:27. Deliverance is an ongoing process, dying daily and bringing your flesh into subjection. Deliverance is submitting yourself to God and resisting the devil.

It is pulling off the old nature and putting on the new nature. Deliverance is living saved. Deliverance is also the process of expelling demons. It is a way that God uses to cleanse the Christians temple. Demons are evil spirits. Their objective in human beings is to tempt, deceive, accuse, condemn, pressure, defile, resist, oppose, compel, steal, afflict, kill and destroy.

The aim of deliverance is to remove the trespassing demon spirits from the soul and body in order that Jesus can reign over these areas. Deliverance is a way of eliminating the hindrances to spiritual development. If a man, therefore, purge himself from these, he shall be a good vessel unto honor. Sanctified and for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work. II

Timothy 2:21.

Deliverance is the children's bread. Mark 7:27. Delivered sinners must first experience the new birth. Christians, however, can be taught to maintain their deliverance by living a life sanctified and Holy unto God. After deliverance, the house life must be filled. You should fill your house with the fruits of the spirit. Begin to put on the mind of Christ with constant submission unto God. Continue to fight against the wiles of the devil through a life of constant prayer and fasting.

"Seven Steps To Deliverance"

1. Honesty and Humility ~ Psalm 32:5
2. Repentance
3. Forgiveness - Matthew 18:21-35
4. Renunciation
5. Commitment - James 4:8
6. Prayer - Joel 2:32
7. Warfare - Mark 16:17

Lazarus had to take several steps toward Jesus before his grave clothes were removed. This reminds us that we, too, must take several definite steps to qualify for deliverance. These steps require faith and obedience.

May God continue to bless you is our prayer.

Keep those drive by prayers going for our nation and our world, as well as our communities and homes, churches and schools.

Don't forget the food drive. If you want to help, call Sister Christene Burleson at 762-8033 or go by 2407 East 9th Street.

Let us not forget our sick and shut in as well as those who have lost loved ones. God is able!

### WOMEN, WOMEN, WOMEN

There will be a GREAT DAY IN THE LORD at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church on Saturday, September 28, 2002. The General Mission will host a Women's Day Program with four great Speakers -- our theme is: Young Women Speaking Up and Out for Jesus.

Registration will be \$5 per person and this will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration starts at 8:15 am until 8:45 am. The speakers are: Linda Woods, Mary White, Linda Harvey and Amy Holt. All are welcome to join us and we know you will receive a Blessing -- Remember Saturday September 28th at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, the corner of MLK and 24th Street at 8:15 am. Rev. W.D. Davis, Pastor.

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Evening Worship 6:00pm  
Wednesday Bible Study 12:00 Noon and 6:00pm

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

### CLASSES BEING OFFERED AT OUTREACH CENTER

Enrollment for classes will begin Friday, September 27, 2002, at the Outreach Center, 1303 East 24th Street; All materials for a project will be furnished by the participant. No fees will be expected, but donations will be accepted.

You will have an opportunity to enroll in the following classes: quilting, sewing, crafts, and Bridge. You will also have an opportunity for regular blood pressure checks.

If there is interest, a Hand Writing Class will be offered. There must, however, be enough to participate in such class.

For more information or suggestions, you may call (806) 762-3350 or 765-5639.

The sponsor of this effort is the Dunbar/Mankattan Heights Neighborhood Association.

## water wisely

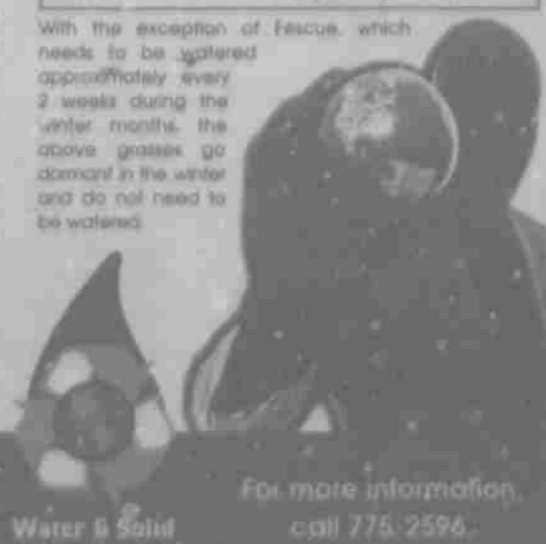
Q. How do I know how much water to apply on my particular kind of grass?

A. This applies during the growing season. See chart below.

Types of Grass	Watering Frequency
Buffalo Grass	Every 2 weeks
Turf-10	Every 7 to 10 days
Bermuda	Every 4 to 6 days
Fescue	Every 4 days

With the exception of fescue, which needs to be watered approximately every 2 weeks during the winter months, the above grasses go dormant in the winter and do not need to be watered.

Q. What is water run-off?  
A. Water run-off is typically caused by over-watering, aiming sprinklers in the wrong direction, or watering on a windy day. Your lawn is like a paper towel. It can only absorb so much water in a given period of time. If you apply too much water too quickly, the water that your lawn is unable to absorb will become water run-off. It is critical that you visually observe your lawn to verify your sprinklers are watering the grass and not the sidewalk or street and to observe that you are applying the proper amount of water to your lawn. Also, shut off your sprinkler system on windy and rainy days. By following these simple tips, you will help us prevent water run-off.



For more information, call 775-2596.

Water & Solid Waste Services



**In Remembrance...**



**Henry Barnett**

Funeral services for Henry "H.J." Barnett were held Wednesday afternoon, September 18, 2002, at Lyons chapel Baptist Church with the Rev. Roger Calverson officiating. Rev. W.D. Davis is pastor.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Mr. Barnett passed away Friday, September 13, 2002.

He was born April 11, 1937, in Bastrop, Texas. He married Ozella Hagget Haggerty Barnett on June 3, 1963. He worked at Farm Pac and Coca Cola Bottling Company for many years. He also attended the Mae Simmons Senior Citizen Center.

Mr. Barnett is survived by a daughter, Felicia Barnett Hughes of Dallas, Texas, two sisters; Dorothy Curry and Thelma Turner; both of Lubbock, Texas; and three brothers: Oscar Hyde; R. L. Barnett; and Floyd Dillard; all of Lubbock, Texas.



**Ommie Baker**

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Ommie Baker last Monday afternoon, September 23, 2002, at the Providence Baptist Church with Rev. Jesse Johnson officiating.

Burial was held in Jemison Quarters Cemetery in Tennessee Colony, Texas under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Baker died Wednesday, September 18, 2002.

She was born September 20, 1928, in Anderson County, Texas. She married A. C. Bakery Jr. in January, 1945 in Anderson County. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1992. She attended Providence Independence School District and moved to Lubbock 17 years ago from Seminole, Texas. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by her mother, Eliza Hamilton of Lancaster, Texas; three sons: A. C. Jr. and Theressle, both of Arlington, Texas and Howard of Austin, Texas; three daughters: Beverly Chatman of Amarillo, Texas, Brenda Young of Alexandria, La., and Shelia Hawthorne of Irving, Texas; three sisters: Jackie Gavon of Houston, Texas and Maudie Ellis and Annie Langford, both of Dallas, Texas; eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.


**2002 Farmer-Stockman Show Holds Blood Drive**

LUBBOCK, TX - In light of recent blood shortages, the Farmer-Stockman Show and United Blood Services encourage the public to visit the Farmer-Stockman Show on Saturday, October 12th for an annual blood drive.

The tenth Annual Farmer-Stockman Show runs Thursday, October 10th through Saturday, October 12th at the Lubbock City Farm, one and one-half miles east of Loop 289 on East

**"THANK YOU, LUBBOCK!"**

Mr. Lorenzo Sedeno



God looked around His garden. And found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth. And saw your tired face. He put His arms around you. And lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful. He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering. He knew that you were in pain. He knew that you would never Get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough. And the hills were hard to climb. So He closed your weary eyelids, And whispered: "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you. But you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you. The day God called you home.

On behalf of the Lorenzo M. Sedeno family, I want to give thanks for all of your prayers, flowers, food, and especially your friendship of my dad, Lorenzo Sr. He was a strong advocate of the poor and the unfortunates of his lifetime. Lorenzo Sr. never forgot where he came from and always stood for justice!!

Along with the Pattersons, the Stokleys, the Ervins, the Richardsons, and the Chatmans of Lubbock as well as all of the rest of the Freedom Fighters of East Lubbock, he stood for righteousness!

Thanks for everything!  
Love you all,  
Bubba Sedeno

**Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Supports Asian Pacific Americans' Efforts to Increase Voter Registration**

(Washington, DC) Noting that voter education is a key to holding fair and problem-free elections, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) issued a statement today, in support of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies' (APAICS) efforts to highlight Election Day Registration (EDR), a current ballot issue in California.

"There is nothing more important in a Democracy than the ability to register and cast a vote for the candidate of your choice," says Weldon J. Rougeau, President of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF). "Having the ability to register and vote on Election Day is an excellent motivator for people who may not otherwise be inspired to participate in this important process. It is also an excellent tool for expanding the reach of citizen participation. Voter education is also a high priority for the CBCF, especially as it relates to people of color in America and around the world."

Mr. Rougeau noted that an analysis of the 2000 election showed dismal turnout rates except in the six states of Maine, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Idaho, and Wyoming, all of which have EDR already in place. As reported in the Federal Election Commission (FEC) publication, "Voter Registration and Turnout," during the 2000 election, 68-percent of Minnesota's eligible voters turned out, 67 percent of Maine residents voted, 62-percent of New Hampshire residents voted, and 59.7 percent Wyoming residents voted respectively. The report estimated that California's voter participation rate would increase by at least nine percent if the system were implemented in that state.

50th Street. Prospective donors should plan to visit the mobile blood unit between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday of the show. The blood drive will be located near the Farm & Fireside Building. Show gates open at 8:00 a.m. and admission is \$5 for adults, 17 years and under are free. Parking is also free and handicap spaces are available. Buses are welcome.

**Its Show Time!**

LUBBOCK, TX - Farm Progress is proud to present the 10th Anniversary Farmer-Stockman Show, October 10-12th in Lubbock, Texas. The largest outdoor working farm show of its kind in the south-western United States, the Farmer-Stockman Show promises to be better than ever, with patrons traveling from many neighboring states and as far away as South America to attend the three-day event. The show will kick-off Thursday, October 10th with the traditional ribbon cutting and anniversary

**Strength for Today  
hope for Tomorrow**  
*by Gerald Jackson*

**Question:** What about September 11, 2001?

**Answer:** This day has been permanently burned into our minds. Even as we see the replays of the World Trade Center towers collapsing on television it is difficult to believe that a tragedy this devastating could happen to the United States of America. As the towers fell thousands of souls were issued into eternity to meet their Creator.

*Whatever it takes for us to tell of our Savior and to save a soul it would be worth it.*

Do you remember the brave firefighters and police who entered while the buildings were still burning, attempting to rescue as many as they could? Most of them marched into the buildings never to return, but they died trying to save others. Jesus says, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friend" (John 15:13). These brave men and women knew their lives were on the line, but saving someone else was more important. Also lets not forget the armed forces who are fighting the war against terrorism at this very moment.

our Savior and to save a soul it would be worth it.

What about 9-11? It should serve to remind us of how blessed we are. It should remind us of the sacrifice of brave men and women who died trying to save others. It should call us to prayer for the families who lost loved ones. It should serve to unite us as one nation under God. May it cause us to be vigilant against the cowardly acts of terrorist all around the world, but most of all may it inspire us to reach lost souls that they may receive the salvation paid for by the Savior's blood.

Grace and peace  
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## Ask the Attorney General



Obtaining Past-Due Child Support

**Q:** My child's other parent has considerable financial assets but doesn't pay child support. Can the AG's Office get me the money that is owed?

**A:** Many parents stay current on child support because it is their moral responsibility. If parents fall behind, the Office of the Attorney General can freeze, and ultimately seize, certain financial assets to collect past due child support.

The Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) program, which began in December 2000, allows our agency to locate assets held in financial institutions by non-custodial parents who fail to pay child support. Child support officers match information about delinquent parents ordered to pay child support to a database of depositors supplied by financial institutions that operate in Texas and across the nation.

When a match occurs, the Office of the Attorney General can place a lien on the delinquent parent's account, thus freezing the assets. My office has the authority to freeze assets held in checking, savings, demand deposit, time deposit, stock, certificate of deposit, and money market mutual fund accounts. In September 2001, state law was amended to allow the Office of the Attorney General to seize frozen accounts of parents who fail to voluntarily settle their child support debts.

Through the cooperation of more than 1,000 financial institutions that are currently participating in the program, the Office of the Attorney General has collected \$15 million in past due child support since the pro-

gram began. The program's largest collection occurred earlier this year when my office located the bank account of a McAllen father who, having never made a single payment, had accrued a child support debt of \$264,000 on three separate child support cases. After we froze his bank account, the man agreed to settle his child support debt by dividing the funds among the children's three mothers.

But a letter from a young boy to his child support officer in San Antonio does the best job explaining the program's importance to children. The 13-year-old thanked the employee for using FIDM to collect \$7,000 in court-ordered child support from the delinquent parent. The boy stated that the non-custodial parent had been behind in child support for many years, making it necessary for the other parent to work three jobs "...just to make sure I get everything I need." He added, "Being in a single parent family isn't easy, but I can say that you have helped in a big way." The boy said that the \$7,000 collection was used to put braces on his teeth.

The words of this young man are the true measure of the FIDM program's success. In addition to placing liens on financial assets, the Office of the Attorney General also has the authority to file liens against a delinquent parent's real and personal property, such as land, automobiles and boats. Non-custodial parents who owe at least \$5,000 in court ordered child support may be subject to a lien, if they reside or own property in the county where the lien is asserted.

In July 2002, our agency expanded the use of child support liens by launching a program with insurance companies to identify delinquent non-custodial parents who file certain insurance claims. My office matches those who owe child support to a national insurance industry database of pending claims. Proceeds from insurance settlements for personal injury and other liability claims are intercepted to settle the parent's child support debt. We have already submitted more than 400,000 cases with arrears to be matched to insurance claims, and that list is updated monthly. Based on the experiences of other states, the Texas child support program anticipates a collection of \$3,300 per settled claim, resulting in additional collections of \$4.5 million by September 2003.

For more information on child support services offered by the Office of the Attorney General, call (800) 252-8014. Information is also available on our Web site at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us).

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## "Lubbock Is Still On a Roll"

By Eddie P. Richardson

Twenty-five years ago, the Lubbock Digest was born, and later changed to the Southwest Digest in order to reflect the area of coverage.

Fifteen homes for disadvantaged families began in one week with a blitz to build, and it was done!

Lubbock was blessed to have the co-founder of null Habitat For Humanity International in our fair city recently to encourage those who were participating in the blitz program. He is Millard Fuller, and we thank him and God for what he has been able to accomplish.

We must give all praises to God for blessing Lubbock!

The Southwest Digest was overbooked at the last minute as our cut off date was August 27th, but we didn't have to turn anyone away. No doubt about it, we could not have sold anymore tables, because there was no more room. But through it all, we made it and it worked, because we had several tables which were sold and paid for, and were no shows. This allowed some ticket holders an opportunity to attend.

Even the non-reserved or paid for who showed up at the door, and said they were a friend and special guest of — this writer calls it high siding — being slicky because this is not my style. But through it all, everyone who showed up was accommodated and everyone had a very good meal and enjoyed a very good program. Hopefully, they enjoyed themselves as God truly blessed us through it all.

The Digest is fine! HABITAT For Humanity is fine. We did not even have any high siders out at the blitz saying they are raising money for Habitat.

We have to do a little house cleaning with the Juneteenth Celebrations and everything will be better. Nothing is wrong, but it is always good to do a little adjustment which are already in place to keep a free Celebration and entertainment to celebrate the delayed recognition of a people knowing they were supposed to be free in the land of the free, in the home of the brave. Since the happenings of 9-11, this date, June 19th, should have a lot more meaning for all Americans!

Through it all, God has been good and truly blessed Lubbock. Lubbock is still on a roll!

Nuff Sed! WHY Not?

## Privatizing—Not the Answer to Crisis in Education

By Meryl Simon and Ruth Oron

We feel strongly that privatization of our schools cannot answer the crisis in education. Established over 300 years ago as the proud cornerstone of democracy in America, public education must now be made to fulfill its original promise—to bring out the best possibilities in every child. Taxpayers' money meant for this beautiful purpose should not be diverted into the pockets of stockholders.

Aesthetic Realism, founded by the great American educator Eli Siegel, explains that the purpose of education and the purpose of the profit system are utterly incompatible. The purpose of education, and every person's deepest desire, he stated, "is to like the world through knowing it." The opposing desire, on which the profit system is based, and which interferes with the best thing in every person, Mr. Siegel explained, is contempt, "the addition to self through the lessening of something else."

In 1970, he showed that our economic system had failed, stating: "Deeply, what has made the profit system weaker is at the very beginning of history... man was not made to be used by man for money... It is a corruption, it is artifice."

Because it is harder to make profit in these years, corporations—out of desperation—are looking to public institutions—the post office, health care, Amtrak, and now, education—as fields for making money.

It is contempt that has private companies, such as Edison Schools, "in a feeding frenzy" as an article in the American Teacher puts it—to take over schools in such cities as Hartford, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Baltimore,

Boston and Los Angeles, overriding the objections of "parents, civil rights activists, labor organizations, educators and other concerned citizens." The American Teacher quotes J. Whyatt Mondesire, president of the Philadelphia chapter of the NAACP: "The people behind [privatizing] are more interested in making sure their company stays profitable on Wall Street than in the education of black, Latino and white schoolchildren."

"Public education," explains Ellen Reiss, Class Chairman of Aesthetic Realism in the international journal The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known: "is the saying that all the people of a land owe it to a single child to have knowledge come to him or her. It is also a saying that a child's need for knowledge should not be exploited for private profit... the effort to undo public education is, really, as reactionary as an effort to have this nation ruled again by a king."

How proud should we Americans be that public education began in this country? In The Right of, Ms. Reiss quotes Horace Mann who tells of the importance of the Massachusetts act of 1647 making education free for all children: "It is impossible," he wrote, "for us adequately to conceive the boldness of the measure... As a fact it had no precedence in... history."

Now over 350 years later, through the Aesthetic Realism Teaching Method, all children can learn that their deepest desire is "to like the world, through knowing it," by seeing the world aesthetically. The basis of this method which enables students to love learning math, science, history, reading, and also be kinder, is this principle by

Eli Siegel: "The world, art, and self explain each other; each is the aesthetic oneness of opposites."

And on July 26, as part of the historic celebration of the centenary of Eli Siegel's birth this year, the Honorable Elijah E. Cummings of Maryland entered a tribute which he titled "Honoring Eli Siegel" into the Congressional Record. Congressman Cummings states in part:

"...teaching method, based on Aesthetic Realism, has been tested in New York City public schools. [It] has been tremendously successful. Understanding and using the teaching method may be used as an effective tool to stop racism and promote tolerance, because it enables people of all races to see others with respect and kindness... Eli Siegel died in 1978, but his poetry and the education of Aesthetic Realism will be studied in every English, literature, and art classroom across the nation for years to come."

For the crisis in education to end at last, and for public education to meet the hopes of all citizens, we urge that the Aesthetic Realism Teaching Method be implemented in our nation's schools; To learn more about Aesthetic Realism, visit [www.AestheticRealism.org](http://www.AestheticRealism.org). Now over 350 years later, through the Aesthetic Realism Teaching Method, all children can learn that their deepest desire is "to like the world, through knowing it," by seeing the world aesthetically; The basis of this method which enables students to love.

## In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

Tort reform involves putting a cap on tort awards.

The lawyers take up to fifty percent of awards. If a lawyer can amass fifty percent of awards to just ten clients, who each receive \$1000, he will be the recipient of \$5,000, while each client received \$500.00. Certainly, the client has \$500.00 that he did not have, but who then is the "rich and famous?" After the lawyer pays taxes of 20% on his receipts, he will still have \$4,000 and each client \$500. Multiply that by millions and figure out who the real winner is! What the black people and other sufferers get, is just a drop in the bucket compared to the gains of the lawyers. They are the ones to envy if envy is in order. The thing that needs reduction is the high cost of legal counsel and representation in tort cases and the high cost of medical care.

There has been no argument to my knowledge about the high costs of legal counsel and representation in tort cases or capping the high costs of medical care. These things are what needs a cap! Wrong is wrong no matter who does it. Doctors and lawyers attend school about

the same number of years as a teacher to be licensed for their trade, but they earn ten times more money in an hour than the best teacher on any given day. Who put the cap on teacher pay?

LAWYERS and/or LEGISLATORS? Who helps big business, doctors and the government to keep much of the money that they make? LAWYERS and LEGISLATORS!

As business goes, we need lawyers and legislators and we need doctors. Following the entertainment field in gross earnings, doctors, lawyers and legislators are the royalty of American society and commandeer the big bucks, supported by big business. So what does tort awards have to do with this? Let us use a little arithmetic.

The big businesses have big money. The doctors earn big money. The lawyers represent big business and busy doctors for big money that they have invested in big insurance which is also big business. Now, in case a poor suffering soul wins a big tort award from big business or a busy doctor, little money is lost by business or a doctor. The lawyer will be paid regardless and the

insurance company was paid a premium by thousands of customers who were not sued. They made money which made interest. Tort settlements are small potatoes.

Insurance premiums are not as much an obstacle for most doctors as they would have us believe. Doctors overcharge too much and unless a patient is covered by Medicare, there is a great chance that they will be paid the overcharge, either by your insurance company or you. Medicare does what it can, when it can, to stop fraudulent charges but too often some of the medical insurances help to perpetuate fraud. I have personally gone over hospital bills which contained items which I know I was never given or were never used for me, and when reporting this to the insurance company was told that it was not my worry as to what they paid for. I was worried, because I had to pay them! Each year, medical insurance goes up on a schedule, whether you use it or not. We, the people, need to get "in cinque" and find a lobby for caps on high medical costs, high insurance rates and high lawyer fees.

The people to worry about are not those who openly disagree with you, but those who disagree with you and are too cowardly to let you know.

## THIS N THAT

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# African Americans Less Likely Than Whites To Receive An Annual Flu Shot

National Foundation For Infectious Diseases Urges African

BETHESDA, MD, SEPT. 13, 2002 — Fewer than half of African Americans over the age of 65 are vaccinated against influenza each year as compared to whites, placing thousands of older African Americans at increased risk for flu-related hospitalizations and death, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Despite recommendations for annual flu shots, only 48 percent of African American adults aged 65 years and older routinely do so, compared to 67 percent of whites.

Another study shows only 25 percent of African children of all ethnic backgrounds with chronic diseases, a group particularly at risk for flu-related complications, receive a flu shot each year.

"African Americans have to make sure we ask for our flu shot every year and take responsibility for our health and our family's well-being," said Bonnie M. Word, MD, speaking on behalf of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) and National Medical Association (NMA), a nationwide organization of African American physicians.

"I encourage all African Americans to become more proactive in consulting their doctors and health care providers in the area of preventive health care, which should include an annual flu shot. Those of us who are elderly, or any adult or child who has a chronic condition such as diabetes, asthma or cancer, must be particularly vigilant about preventive care," Dr. Word stressed.

An estimated 20,000 people die and approximately 114,000 are hospitalized due to flu-related complications each year, according to CDC statistics published this past April. The CDC4 recommends annual flu

shots in October for those at high-risk for developing serious complications. Flu shots are also recommended in October for people who live in the same house with individuals who are high-risk, as well as health care workers who come in contact with high-risk patients and children under 9 years old who are receiving vaccine for the first time. All other groups should receive flu shots in November and December. CDC Influenza Vaccination Schedule

Flu shots are recommended in October for the following high-risk groups at increased risk for complications:

- Persons aged 65 and older
- Residents of nursing homes and other facilities housing persons with chronic illnesses
- Children and adults with chronic pulmonary disorders, including asthma
- Children and adults who have diabetes, heart, kidney or liver disease and certain blood disorders such as sickle cell disease
- Children under 9 years of age who are receiving flu vaccine for the first time, because they will need a booster dose one month after the initial dose
- Persons aged six months to 18 years who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy
- Household contacts of persons at high risk
- Pregnant women in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during the flu season
- All health care workers in hospitals, nursing homes, outpatient centers and homecare settings
- Healthy children aged six to 23 months are encouraged to get flu shots

The following groups should

receive flu shots in November and December:

- All healthy persons including healthy persons aged 50 to 64 years
- Anyone who hasn't received a flu shot or wants to reduce their risk of getting the flu

Flu shots are safe and effective. The most common side effect is soreness at the injection site that can last up to two days. Some people may have mild fever or feel tired for a day or two after receiving the vaccine. Among people who do become sick with the flu, the illness is milder in people who have received a flu shot than those who have not.

The flu vaccine is made from killed strains of the viruses predicted to be the main causes of flu in the coming season. Because the viruses are killed, it is impossible to get the flu from the shot. If you received a flu shot last year, it will not protect you in this year's flu season, since it contains a different vaccine. This is why annual flu shots are necessary.

People who should not receive flu shots are those who have had previous negative reactions to the vaccine or its components, or people who are allergic to eggs (the viruses used in the vaccine are grown in chicken eggs). Persons with high fever should not be vaccinated without consulting their doctors.

However, flu shots are fine for persons with minor illnesses such as a cold, with or without fever, particularly children with mild respiratory tract infections or simple hay fever.

For more information about flu shots, consumers should consult their physicians or contact their local public health department. You may also visit the CDC and NFID web sites at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and [www.nfid.org](http://www.nfid.org).

# Watts Keynotes Event Honoring Negro Baseball League Players, Teams

House set to pass tribute resolution

WASHINGTON - House Republican Conference Chairman J. C. Watts, Jr. (R-Okla.) was the keynote speaker at a luncheon he hosted honoring the teams and players of the Negro Baseball Leagues. The House debated a resolution today honoring the leagues, which will be voted on tomorrow. Watts, the sponsor of the legislation, made the following remarks on the House floor.

"Mister Speaker, when the National Association of Baseball Players, on December 11, 1868, voted unanimously to bar 'any club which may be comprised of one or more colored persons,' a racial barrier was built, but an opportunity was born.

"A few years later, the Cuban Giants of New York became the first black professional baseball team. The men in this fledgling organization played independently of any structured league, but started what would become a model for the first half of the twentieth century.

"There actually were some black players on integrated teams in the late 1800s. Brothers Moses Fleetwood Walker and Welday

Walker played in the major leagues in 1864. But as a new century dawned, a systemic exclusion kept a lot of good talent off a lot of diamond-shaped fields.

"In 1920, a man by the name of Rube Foster founded the eight-team Negro National League at a YMCA in Kansas City, Missouri. To this day, he is referred to as the father of black baseball. Three years later, a pioneer named Ed Bolden formed the Eastern Colored League.

"In 1933, echoing the major league structure, the Negro National League and the Negro American League were born. That same year, an all-star game was formed. Playing in Chicago's Comiskey Park, Negro League players garnered between twenty thousand and fifty thousand fans who would come and watch the greatest black athletes of the day. Camden Yards in Baltimore, mind you, holds less than forty nine thousand people.

"Up until 1948, the Negro League World Series was played eleven times in all - surviving even the ruins of the Great Depression.

"As we work to educate the public on the rich and awesome history

of the Negro Leagues, we must also reflect on the progress that has been made in such a relatively short amount of time."

"Today, we think nothing of seeing a black man at the plate hit a homerun after homerun on teams like the Dodgers, Yankees, Giants and the Braves. It is difficult to realize we would not see that same player a half century ago.

"Jacques Barzun, a French American historian and former dean of Columbia University's graduate school, astutely observed in his book, 'God's Country And Mine' in 1954 'Whoever wants to know the heart and mind of America had better learn baseball.'

"Mister Speaker, baseball is America. Along with apple pie, jazz and the automobile, it symbolizes who we are as a nation. But let's not forget about who played in the shadows of the big leagues when our country subscribed to the ideology of separation. I urge my colleagues to vote for this resolution to honor the players and teams of the Negro Baseball Leagues."

# What We Must Teach Our Children About Drugs (The "War On Drugs" Begins At Home)

America does not have a drug problem. It has a people problem. People take drugs. Left to their own devices, drugs just sit harmlessly in little packages and do nothing.

According to statistics displayed in a recent Newsweek article, the US drug-control budget was \$18.4 billion last year alone. This is a large sum of taxpayers money spent in an effort to keep people from eating or sniffing or smoking what's in these little packets. We try to stop the flow of illegal drugs into our country and, in what really is quite a desperate measure, our police arrest anyone who is caught in possession of them.

Of course, all this would be very commendable if it did keep people from ingesting these substances. But the end result of all this effort seems to have been to convince a great many Americans that we have a drug problem—one that just won't go away no matter what we do.

So we step up our police enforcement and throw more money at drug treatment programs. We run anti-drug campaigns and put diplomatic pressure on those countries where drug crops are grown. And after all that, we hear from our children that they can buy drugs on the school ground from fellow students!

Something isn't working. Rather than a war on drugs, maybe we need a war on ignorance, apathy and misery, those things that are perhaps most responsible for the continuing wide abuse of drugs. And perhaps this is a war that must start in the home, long before kids start itching to have the keys to the family car.

Like any disease, prevention is always by far the best cure. But how do you ensure that your children stay away from drugs?

There are no easy foolproof answers. But a proper understanding of drugs and the full extent of their harm would be one place to start. It is, incidentally, a point where most drug education programs fall down. Exactly how drugs destroy the mind, effectiveness and capabilities was not known.

The nature of the drug/mind link had stumped researchers for decades until humanitarian and best-selling author L. Ron Hubbard unraveled the mystery. Based on his discoveries in researching and establishing a truly effective drug rehabilitation program (detailed in his book Clear Body; Clear Mind) he was then able to shed new light on the whole subject of drugs.

"Drugs are essentially poisons," he wrote in 1969. "The degree they are taken determines the effect. A small amount gives a stimulant. A greater amount acts as a sedative. A larger amount acts as a poison and can kill one dead. This is true of any drug."

Some drugs, such as those that form the illegal street fare, directly act on the sub-conscious part of the mind, turning on pictures and sensations of past experiences of which the person is not completely aware. The long-term mental after-effects of such drugs, says Mr. Hubbard, are to render a person "stupid, blank, forgetful, delusive, irresponsible." The drug user gets into a "wooden" sort of state, unfeeling, insensitive, unable and definitely not trustworthy.

Also, according to his studies, if drugs are used to suppress unwanted sensations and emotions, these turn on harder once the effect of the drugs worn off. "One of the answers a person has for this is MORE

drugs," says Hubbard. In short, drugs worsen the problem one is seeking to overcome or avoid as well as making a person far less able to cope with life generally.

Explaining to teenagers about these exact effects could be far more persuasive against any peer pressure to try drugs than general scare tactics. For one thing, kids could see these very characteristics in the drug takers pushing the poisons on others.

But beyond factual information on the mental harm of drugs, the real answer lies in helping your children become successful and happy individuals—people who have too much to lose by turning to drugs. Really, their best defense lies in having no reason to be attracted to the temporary escape drugs seem to provide. An understanding of the truth about drugs and how to cure drug addiction, as stated in the book Clear Body; Clear Mind, can make this seemingly impossible task a realistic objective of parenthood. For the attainable goal of L. Ron Hubbard works is a person who is fully able to pursue life with satisfaction and vigor without such crutches as drugs.

The issue of drugs is really the issue of people. It is a story of pain and suffering, of depression and despair.

But there is also happiness and success. There is love and achievement. Perhaps these alone are the real weapons with which the "war on drugs" can be won.

For more information about the true effects of drugs and the L. Ron Hubbard's Purification Program you can visit [www.thinkclearly.org](http://www.thinkclearly.org).

## Community Donates To Estacado Band

On Saturday, September 21, 2002, the Concerned Citizens, the 19th of June Picnic Committee, Anzley's Family Dining and the African American Chamber made a combined donation to Estacado High School Band, for \$650.00.

The Concerned Citizen conducted a United Supermarket Shopping Spree to raise funds for the band. Octavia Givens was the winner of the Shopping Spree. Miss African American Chamber, Shatava Scott pulled the winning ticket.

The 19th of June Picnic Committee sold BBQ sandwiches at United Supermarket to raise their donation.

The African American Chamber and Anzley's Family Dining held a joint Happy Hour to raise their donation. All three groups expressed their sincere appreciation to all who supported the fund raisers. They are encouraging other individuals and groups to get a fund raising project going to support Estacado High School Band's trip to the Sugar Bowl in January 2003. They need to raise over \$60,000.00 as soon as possible to make this trip.

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- East Lubbock Chapter AARR, Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St.

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