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State News

Comptroller Strayhorn Kicks Off Annual College Scholarship Poster Contest

(AUSTIN)—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn invited school children to draw pictures of their dream careers and enter the seventh annual Texas Tomorrow Funds Poster Contest. Winners will receive four-year Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan scholarships covering tuition and required fees at a Texas public university. Runners-up will receive one-year Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan community college scholarships.

"Whatever you want to be in life—whether it's a doctor or a firefighter, a scientist or a computer chip designer—a college education is the first step," Strayhorn said. "A Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan scholarship from the Texas Tomorrow Funds will guarantee that your tuition and required fees will be paid when you are ready for college."

The Texas Tomorrow Funds Poster Contest is open to elementary and middle/junior high school students. The winner in the elementary school category and the winner in the middle/junior high school category will each receive a four-year Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan scholarship sponsored by Belo Corp. and Farmers Insurance Group. Intel Corp. will award a four-year scholarship in a third contest category, the Intel Math, Science, Engineering and Technology (IMSET) scholarship. The IMSET category is open to any contestant whose drawing depicts a career in a technical or scientific field.

Four runners-up in the elementary school category will receive one-year community college scholarships sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas and three runners-up in the middle school category will be awarded one-year community college scholarships sponsored by Fannie Mae.

The contest entry deadline is Tuesday, April 29. Winners will be announced in May. Complete contest rules and entry/parental consent forms are available from local schools and libraries, or they may be downloaded from the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan Web site at www.tgtp.org.

The Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan allows families to set up a flexible, affordable plan to prepay their children's college tuition and required fees at today's prices. The State of Texas guarantees to cover those expenses when the children are ready for college, no matter how much costs may have risen. The current Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan enrollment period ends May 23. For more information or to enroll online, visit the Web site at www.texas-tuition.com.

Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area Chast Council Second Saturday, 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 1701 Avenue G.
- Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post #68 2nd Tuesday—7:30
- Forgotten West Riders, First & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St.
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TCU 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:

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

Texas Businesses Have April 15 Deadline for Filing Property Tax Renditions

(AUSTIN)—The state Comptroller's office reminded Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 15. To render is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property that a business owned or managed as of January 1, 2003. Appraisal districts use the information to set property values.

Business owners and operators are required by law to file an annual property tax rendition, but any property owner—including homeowners, farmers and ranchers—may render

their property with county appraisal districts. Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office.

The Comptroller's office also announced that owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that

could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 15 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on January 1, 2003.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office, email the Comptroller's property tax division at ptd.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us or call the property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121 for general property tax information. In Austin, call (512)305-9999.

Here They Are: Board of Trustees of Paul Quinn College at Dallas

After celebrating the 131st year of Paul Quinn College, which is located in Dallas, Texas, the Board of Trustees of Paul Quinn College are very excited of the future of this Black institution of learning. A new president, Dr. Dwight J. Fennell, took over the reign last fall.

Last week, the Presiding Prelate, 11th Episcopal District, Florida and Bahamas, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop John Hurst Adams, devoured a dynamic address in the Richard Alien Chapel. The Senior Bishop of the AME Church spoke on the theme, "A

Past To Cherish And A Future To Fulfill." Bishop Adams was introduced by Bishop McKinley Young, Presiding Prelate of the Tenth Episcopal District, Texas, African Methodist Episcopal Church.

HERE ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE Board of Trustees of Paul Quinn College: Bishop McKinley Young, Chairman of Board; Dr. Dolly Dessile Adams, Honorable Dr. Lee P. Brown, Rev. Dr. W. Raymond Bryant, John Castle, Rev. E. E. Coates, Dr. Comer Cottrell, Claytie Davis, Jr., Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn Donald

Mims, Periy Fagan, Dan Fazell, Rev. Leon M. Griffin, Rev. Dr. Daryl P. Ingram, Alphonso Jackson, and Rev. George Johnson, Jr.

Also, T. J. Johnson, Esq., Willis Johnson, Dr. Erma C. Johnson-Hadley, Honorable Vonciel Jones Hill, Rev. Dr. Alvin Larke, Jr., Honorable T. J. Patterson, Charles Rainwater Jr., Richard Sherman, Michael J. Sorrell, Esq., Peggy Sterling, Gus Warren, Dr. Thomas J. Watley, Hiawatha Williams, Rev. Dr. Elmer L. Wright, II and F. Karl Zavitkovsky.



McDonald Chosen to Lead LP&L

Interim City Manager Tommy Gonzalez announced today that the City of Lubbock has signed an agreement with Carroll McDonald to become Chief Executive Officer for Lubbock Power and Light. Mr. Gonzalez has also appointed Gary Zheng

as the Chief Operations Officer for Lubbock Power & Light. "In the challenging utility business, you need a Chief Executive Officer and someone who is managing operations. There is a lot of work to do at LP&L and this places the utility in the best position to succeed." Mr. McDonald was an Assistant City Manager of Utilities in the City of Lubbock prior to his retirement in 1994. Mr. McDonald also has an additional 30 years experience working for the private sector in the electric utility industry.

"Carroll's knowledge and expertise is unmatched in the field of electric utilities. I

believe he is the ideal person for this leadership role at Lubbock Power & Light," Gonzalez indicated. "Lubbock Power & Light wishes to maintain its competitive, home-owned advantage, and I am confident that Carroll has the experience to get the job done. It was important that we move quickly with this decision, and therefore we are immediately enacting this short term agreement with the objective of bringing a long term agreement back to Council in the near future."

Under the current terms of the agreement, Mr. McDonald will be paid \$10,000 per month.

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Nadia Lewis Vying for "Miss Lubbock Teen U.S.A."

One of Lubbock's beautiful Black sisters, Nadia Lewis is vying for the title of "Miss Lubbock Teen USA" on Saturday evening, March 29, 2003.

The 16-year-old Estacado High School sophomore sings in the school's choir and is a member of the track team. She is also on the Matador cheerleading squad.

Pageants are not new to this young lady who garnered the title "Little Miss East Lubbock

Queen" when she was ten. Nadia says she enjoys the excitement, learning experiences, and the new friendships a pageant provides.

Miss Lewis attends New Hope Baptist Church, and is the daughter of Cecelia Hooper and Rodney Lewis.



CBCF President Praises Effort by JP Morgan Chase to Increase Minority Homeownership and Announces New CBCF Pilot



(Edison, NJ) Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. President Weldon J. Rougeau recently participated in a JP Morgan Chase event during which an unprecedented \$500 billion dollars was committed to provide increased home financing for minority borrowers across the full economic spectrum. JP Morgan Chase is a major partner in the CBCF's "With Ownership, Wealth" Initiative.

"The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation embraces homeownership as a key way to implement one of its major strategic goals, Economic Development. While almost 73-percent of white Americans own their homes, fewer than 48-percent of African Americans do. Every major indicator that measures the wealth of a people goes up when homeownership is factored into the equation. That's why I am here to support JP Morgan Chase in this effort," said Mr. Rougeau.

The CBCF is now conducting a pilot to reach out to young people at this nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), who have great earning power and little debt. The pilot phase of this effort, called the "Student Homeownership Opportunity Program" or (SHOP), was launched in February at Jackson State University in Mississippi, and Xavier University in Louisiana. After launching the Pilot this Spring, CBCF plans to tour all 116 Historically Black Colleges and Universities with this important message.

SHOP will be accompanied by a multi-faceted media blitz aimed at the 18-to-35 year-old age group. The message: "Don't build debt, build wealth!" Two years ago, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. noted that, despite all the gains African Americans have made socially and economically, there are still major barriers to homeownership. The numbers told a story that could not be ignored.

Approaching its third year of operation, WOW now has homeownership activities underway in 22 states, and WOW Partners are actively involved in every activity. "With the commitment we have to the SHOP program and the WOW Initiative, we know we will reach our goal of a million new African American homeowners, said Congressman William J. Jefferson, Chairman of the CBCF. "We have acknowledged the difficulty of this task, and have embarked upon a road that we hope will move us along more quickly."

The CBCF recently adopted its Strategic Plan that touts Economic Development as one of its primary goals. The Foundation believes that by stressing homeownership as a tool for building wealth, more African Americans can participate fully in the opportunities offered by American society. SHOP and WOW are viewed as useful tools for building a sound economic future. This Initiative is supported by grants from the Fannie Mae Foundation, CitiGroup Foundation, and State Farm Insurance Companies.

Fashion Fur

by Shirley Robinson
A SPRING ASSET

Spring is the beginning of a new season, it's a time to make changes.

Change in wardrobe, change in hair styles and changes in your make up, maybe some lighter, brighter, softer shades of color.

All of these fashion changes are extremely important. It's great to be stylish and in the fashion know. Yet, the most important fashion this season is smiling.

Ladies, you should always wear a smile, smiling is never out of season, it is not a fad so it will always be in style.

Smiling is definitely the in thing. A smile looks great on everyone who wear it, it doesn't matter who you are, or what size you are.



Smiling is refreshing, soothing, relaxing and empowering. Smiling is also contagious very contagious, when you are wearing a beautiful smile, everyone you come into contact with will want to wear one also.

My beautiful sisters, the best thing about a smile is that it is price less.

It cost you nothing, but will get you everything

I'LL SEE YOU OUT THERE, I'LL BE THE ONE WEARING A BEAUTIFUL SMILE WHAT WILL YOU BE WEARING ?

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

Army & Air Force Hometown News

William L. Bolden has been promoted to the rank of master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Bolden is a procedures superintendent assigned to the 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas. He has 18 years of military service.

He is the son of Ida M. Ausim of E. Second St.; and the brother of Charles R. Bolden of E. Colgate St., both of Lubbock, Texas.

His wife, Teresa, is the daughter of Sammy and Gloria J. Holloway of Bonham, Texas.

The master sergeant is a 1982 graduate of Estacado High School, Lubbock.

Mark A. Christy has joined the United States Air

Force under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to enlist and delay going into basic military training for up to one year.

Qualified men and women are eligible to receive skill training, experience and up to \$20,000 in education benefits.

After completing basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, airmen receive specialized technical training in one of more than 125 job career fields.

Christy is the son of Don Christy of 99th St., Lubbock, Texas. He received an associate degree in 2001 from Blinn College, Brenham, Texas.

Extra Hours of Free Help with Tax Returns Offered by Community Volunteer Preparers

Free help with income tax returns—for Lubbock people who need it most—has been expanded by the coalition of Community Assistance Volunteers. American State Bank will have volunteers available at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th St., from one p.m. to 4 p.m. on the next four Saturdays—March 22, March 29, April 5, and April 12.

ASB is a partner in the Coalition of Community Assistance Volunteers (CCAV), which earlier this year began offering free help to low-income, non-English-speaking, elderly, and disabled residents. The service will continue to be available at the Mahon Library from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays; at the County Annex building, 916 Main, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; at Our Lady of Grace Church, 3107 Erskine, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and at the Lubbock Senior Citizens Center, 2001 19th St., from 9 a.m. to one p.m. on

Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The CCAV estimates nearly \$9 million is available to nearly 5,000 local families through Earned Income Tax Credits they have failed to claim through the tax return filing system. The CCAV's mission, according to ASB Vice-President and Trust Officer Marion Bryant, is to help such families obtain "money which is rightfully theirs."

President of the CCAV is Lubbock County Judge Tom Head. The organization has representatives of the Texas Tech School of Law, the Tech Accounting Department, the Lubbock African-American Chamber of Commerce, the South Plains Association of Governments, American State Bank, and the American Association of Retired Persons.



CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

asked to wear their white and red.

The members of the Christian Education will be having their second meeting to confirm plans for the 77th Church Anniversary on Thursday, March 28th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All leaders of auxiliaries are asked to be in attendance.

Easter Activities at New Hope: The Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday afternoon, April 12, 2003, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Booker T. Washington Park, which is across the street from New Hope. The Children's program will be held during the Sunday School hour on Easter Sunday morning, April 20, 2003.

Sister Clarissa Jay will be the contact person for the Solace Committee for March and April. Please call her after 6:00 p.m. at 744-1025.

A Dust to Dawn Prayer will be held on Good Friday, April 18, 2003. More information will be coming concerning this effort.

Let us continue to pray for all our sick and shut-in citizens. Don't forget those men and women who are in Iraq in the war.

Brother Johnnie Martin and Rev. Cheryl Saunders exchanged wedding vows last Saturday afternoon, March 22, 2003, at New Hope Baptist Church. We wish them the very best and may God be with them.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Among them is the family of Billy West and the Archie White family. God is able!

The Betha Dunn Circle of New Hope Baptist Church presented Pampers to the Women's Protective Services (WPS) last week. This is a project this circle has taken up to help others.

COME CELEBRATE THE ARTS!
We are excited about the 2003 Annual Lubbock Arts Festival. The celebration begins from April 10th - 13th at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. You should be involved! There are opportunities to volunteer, perform, display art (of various) items. Will you help? Just fill this out and turn it in. It's time to celebrate the arts in you.

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\$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 - one each quarter - \$10,000 scholarship giveaways! 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. This 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 parents) who are U.S. citizens and reside in the Avalanche-Journal's home newspaper delivery area, which includes counties in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.
 - Employees of The A-J and Moore 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 through March 28, 2003, or can be obtained at The A-J Information 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. Also, entry forms must be completed in their entirety. Only one entry per child will be accepted.
 - Disqualify the entry at 5 p.m. Friday, March 28, Eastern Standard Time. Entries received after March 28 will not be accepted. Entries can be mailed to: MAKE KIDS COUNT SCHOLARSHIP GIVEAWAY, P.O. Box 491, Lubbock, Texas, or dropped off at The A-J Information Center.
 - All contestants agree to allow their names, pictures, birth certificates and photographs to be published in The Avalanche-Journal without further compensation.
 - The Avalanche-Journal is not responsible for entries that are forwarded, late, lost, misdirected, damaged, illegible, incomplete or postage due.
 - Contest winner will be determined through a series of random drawings. From the total number of entries, 64 names will be drawn at random. Those 64 names will be listed 12, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1 weekly until the winner is announced on Monday, May 26, 2003.
 - 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 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 completion of the contest.
 - The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal may adopt or amend rules and regulations governing the provisions for choosing, accepting and accepting the prize.
 - By entering, each contestant or their representative agrees to accept the rules and agrees to be bound to them.
 - Questions of the contest regulations 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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AS WE HEAR PEOPLE SAY, GOD BLESS AMERICA; BUT TAKE THE B OUT, AND THAT IS WHAT AMERICA IS TODAY.

ISAIAH 1:4. AH SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVIL DOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS; THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD.

LORD, OUR FOLK FATHERS PRAYED AND WORSHIPED, GIVING THE GLORY TO ONLY YOU; YOU SAID YOU WOULD BLESS THIS LAND, AND THEIR SEEDS TOO.

EXODUS 20:3,4,5. THE LORD SAID, THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GOD BEFORE ME, THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE, OR ANY LIKENESS OF ANY THING, THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF TO THEM, NOR SERVE THEM; FOR I THE LORD THY GOD AM A JEALOUS GOD.

EVEN IN THE COTTON PATCHES; THEY PRAYED AND SING UNTO ONLY YOU, THEY KNEW THAT YOUR WORD WAS TRUE, AND WOULD SEE THEM THROUGH.

DEUTERONOMY 10:16,19. THE LORD SAID, THEREFORE SHALL YE LAY UP THESE WORDS IN YOUR HEART AND IN YOUR SOUL, AND BIND THEM FOR A SIGN UPON YOUR HAND, THAT THEY MAY BE AS FRONTLETS BETWEEN YOUR EYES, AND YE SHALL TEACH THEM YOUR CHILDREN, SPEAKING OF THEM WHEN THOU SITTEST IN THINE HOUSE, AND WHEN THY WALKING BY THE WAY, WHEN THOU LIEST

DOWN, AND WHEN THOU RISEST UP.

LORD, AMERICA WANTED TO FOLLOW A MAN; HE SAID THAT HE HAD A DREAM, EVERYONE WOULD BE EQUAL, AND NOW ITS NO NIGHTMARE, AS IT MAY SEEM.

JEREMIAH 23:25,27,28. THE LORD SAID, I HAVE HEARD WHAT THE PROPHETS SAID, THAT PROPHESY LIES IN MY NAME, SAYING, I HAVE DREAM, I HAVE DREAMED, WHICH THINK TO CAUSE MY PEOPLE TO FORGET MY NAME BY THEIR DREAMS WHICH TELL EVERY MAN TO HIS NEIGHBOUR, AS THEIR FATHERS HAVE FORGOTTEN MY NAME FOR BAAL, THE PROPHET THAT HATH A DREAM, LET HIM TELL A DREAM, AND BE THAT HATH MY WORD, LET HIM SPEAK MY WORD FAITHFULLY, WHAT IS THE CHAFF TO THE WHEAT?

LORD, BUT AMERICA STOP FOLLOWING YOUR WORD, TO DO HER OWN THING, SHE IS GODLESS IN THE HOMES, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, SHAME, SHAME, CHAMBER!

ROMANS 1:21,22. BECAUSE THAT WHICH THEY (THE CHURCHES) KNEW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL, BUT BECAME VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS (DREAMS), AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED, PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS.

LORD, OF THE TROUBLES IN AMERICA; WE WANT TO TEACH THE FOREIGN MAN, AMERICA IS LIKE THE EGYPTIANS, SHE IS THE WORSE IN THE LAND.

(AMERICA RIGHTS ARE WRONG; NO PRAYER IN SCHOOLS RIGHTS, BLACK RIGHTS, WOMAN RIGHTS, ABORTION RIGHTS, DRUGS IN SCHOOLS RIGHTS, NO SPANKING RIGHTS, DRIVE BY SHOOTING RIGHTS, GAY RIGHTS, CONDOMS IN KINDERGARTEN RIGHTS, KILL THE ABORTION DOCTOR RIGHTS, BOMB THE FEDERAL BUILDING RIGHTS, CLONING RIGHTS, KILL THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS RIGHTS, KILL THE FAMILY RIGHTS, SUICIDE RIGHTS, SNIPERS RIGHTS).

GALATIANS 6:7. BE NOT DECEIVED, GOD IS NOT MOCKED, (TO BE PLANTED WITH) FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP; FOR HE THAT SOWETH TO HIS FLESH, SHALL OF THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION; BUT HE THAT SOWETH TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, THE YOUR BROTHER IS JESUS.



from the Desk of Parson D. A. Smith "Mixed Up Minds"

Day after day the complexities of our society tend to baffle the mind on the way things ought to be. When I read Burie Pettit commentary in Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Sunday, March 23, 2003, I was taken aback.

Let me quote his opening paragraphs: "Just as you get to thinking that things may be about to change for the better over at City Hall, you get slapped right between the running lights with the heavy club called Reality. Nobody among the unwashed public that I have heard talking hasn't believed that the next City Manger should be recruited from elsewhere in order to break this old line of inbreeding that's got us nowhere that wasn't both expensive and inefficient. Yet, remember where (when) you read this: It ain't gonna happen."

Mr. Pettit is of the opinion

that four of the City of Lubbock Council members wants to keep the status quo. He believes that these four want to retain the same mind set so to speak, in hiring Tommy Gonzalez as Lubbock's City Manager. He also believes that they will go through the process of making it look good by deception by going through the search process, wasting taxpayers' money while they know full well they want Tommy.

I was really surprize that Council Patterson is "in the bed with," so to speak, of Councilman Victor Hernandez. This is very disturbing. This could be worst than trusting Saddam Huessin. Who would want to be associated with a man, who will not ask a 70 plus year old black woman who is a leader in the community to forgive him for what he said of her in the past. This is like trusting a viper not to bite you!

The grapevine allege and has leaked that Professor Victoria

Sutton was looked over by the leaders of the Federation of Choirs while convening at St. Luke Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, March 23, 2003. Mrs. Sutton is a candidate for the U. S. District Representative 19 who seat was vacated by Larry Combest.

If this is true, I would advise the so-called leaders to check the credentials of a candidate before you go into your act of stupidity and let the world know what kind of fat heads you are. Everything that "looks and sound good to you is not good for you."

On another note, I am displeased with the Black United Methodist Bishop who dressed down President Bush for beginning at war with Iraq. Why would he have to be the one to speak for the council of United Methodist Bishops? Of all persons who should know what it means to be oppressed and put down by those powers in control

and not to be considered full human, he should understand. He has forgotten his past and what it means to be persecuted. Maybe he should be reminded of the Klu Klux Klan.

On a religious note, we must never forget that this is God's world. There is a war between "good" and "evil." When one look through secular eyes at what President Bush is doing in Iraq, it may appear to be full of holes. However, when we carefully read our Bible, we will come to know what is happening in Iraq is the fulfillment of Scripture.

I have a distaste for the actions of the European nations' treatment of America. While these nations appear to be angels of light, they are not! Their negative action toward America is a fulfilling of Scripture. There are those who worship the Beast whose history is a part of Ancient Babylon what is now Iraq.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

-Hour of Power-
PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Father, in the name of your Son Jesus. We bring before you this nation, and its leaders. Father, you say in your word that you reprove leaders for our sake so that we may live a quite and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. We pray skillful and Godly wisdom has entered into the heart of our President, and all other leaders, and that knowledge is pleasant to them; discretion watches over them and understanding keep them and delivers them from the ways of evil and from evil men.

We pray the upright shall dwell in the government and men and

women of integrity, blameless and complete in your sight. Father shall remain and the wicked shall be cut off and the teachers shall be rooted out. We pray that those in authority will humble themselves and pray, seek God's face, and the decision made by them will be divinely directed by you. Father, for leaders to commit wickedness is abomination. In your sight, Lord, righteousness and just lips are a delight also those who speak what is right. We pray and believe that the good news of the Gospel will be published in our land. We thank you for laborers of the harvest that they will publish your word that Jesus is Lord. In this world, we

thank you for raising up intercessors to pray for our nation, America. In your name, we pray, AMEN.

Thought of the Week: "This world is in this situation not because of President Push, Saddam Hussein, Terrorists, Osama bin Laden. It's God's people, the ones whose called by his name, Christ Like (Christians). According to II Chronicles 7:14: If we would humble ourselves and pray, seek the face of God, He will heal our land. Simple as that!" Keep those drive by prayers going as you go to your job. As you pass your neighbor's house, the school house, the church house. Pray, Saint! When you get to your job.

Say a prayer for your Boss before you punch in your time card. Thank God for your safety to work. In the grocery store, thank Him for the food as you fill your baskets before you take your medication and ask God to bless every pill!

Pray for your Doctor.
Thank you for reading. You are so kind to read our column each week. So hang in there, God's People!
Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christiene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Joyce Ross, secretary.

The Women's Ministry of St. John Baptist Church cordially invites you to our Women's Conference Saturday, March 29, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Theme: "How To Be A Godly Woman" Proverbs 14:1



Topics of Discussion
"Single Parents Raising Children Alone" Sister Virginia Jones
"Stress at the Workplace" Sister Brenda Davis
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Keynote Speaker: Sister Margaret Moton
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In Remembrance...



Occie Lean Alford

Funeral services for Occie Lean Alford were held Monday morning, March 24th 2003 at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

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



Thousands Pay Last Tribute to Pastor E.V. Hill

The Texan who went to California, Dr. Edward Victor "E.V." Hill passed away in Los Angeles, California Tuesday, February 24, 2003. Services were held Saturday, March 8, 2003, and brought thousands from around the nation in attendance.

Dr. Hill had been pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church for 42 years. Services were held at the West Angeles Church of God in Christ Cathedral.

Per Dr. Hill's instruction, he delivered his own eulogy as videos were shown. Rt. Rev. Charles Blacke was host pastor of West Angeles Church of God in Christ Cathedral.



Willie Lee Stewart

Services for Brother Willie Lee Stewart were held at noon, Saturday, March 22, 2003, at the First Progressive Baptist Church with Rev. Homer L. Avery, Sr. pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Deshawn and Avery and Rev. Glen Samuels.

Interment was held in Peaceful Garden Memorial Park under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors.

Mr. Stewart was born on July 22, 1951, to the parentage of Josephine Stewart and Willie Simmons.

He passed away Sunday, March 16, 2003.

He leaves to mourn his passing; a sister, Evelyn Jo Thomas of Phoenix, Arizona; three grandsons: Banard Lewis, TyRoll Owens and Triellis Stewart, Jr.; longtime friend and adopted father, Brother Robert Avery, Sr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Billy George West

Funeral services for Billy George West were held last Saturday afternoon, March 22, 2003, at Mount Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. Jackie Johnson, pastor, presiding.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Mr. West died here Monday, March 17, 2003, at August Health Care in Lubbock.

Mr. West moved to Lubbock from Jacksonville, Texas some 38 years ago. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He worked for many years in landscaping and owned his own business. He served in the U. S. Army from 1961 to 1963.

He is survived by a special loved one, Winnie Fay West of Lubbock, Texas; two sons, Vincent West of Houston, Texas and James Sneed of Lubbock, Texas; two daughters, Gloria Skinner of Houston, Texas and Princess Sneed of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, Steve West of Lubbock, Texas; three grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, a host of nephews, nieces, and other relatives and friends.



Marvin Ahmad White

Funeral services for 19 year old Marvin Ahmad White were held last Friday morning, March 21, 2003, at the First Baptist Church of Lubbock with Rev. Wendell D. Davis, pastor of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church officiating.

White was a student of South Plains College and was an active member of the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Archie and Mary White; five brothers: Ryan of Round Rock, Texas, Arkese, Chad, Jarretty all of Lubbock, Texas, and Erkenis of Dallas, Texas; a nephew, grandparents, Wilma James, Archie, Sr. and Annie White of Lubbock, Texas; a great grandmother, Imatha Isaac; a very special friend, Ashley Brown of Fort Worth, Texas; and a host of relatives and friends.

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Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Question: How can I control my anger?

Answer: People often choose to humorously dismiss their anger simply as a "hot temper." Some even brag about the fact that they are a "hothead." If the truth were known none of us enjoy being angry. In order to control anger you must understand its nature.

Let me begin by explaining the root cause of anger. Anger is an emotion that is the result of a person feeling diminished in some way. Anger may come about because of an injustice (real or imagined) that was committed against someone. It may come as the result of someone exalting themselves at your expense. If you are made to feel as if you are not being treated appropriately then anger will usually result.

A person can also be made to feel anger because of mistreatment to another person or thing. Mistreatment of any kind diminishes us all. Dr. King said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." There is a basic human characteristic that we all have inside of us, it is the desire to be treated right and to treat others right. They oughta write that down somewhere,

maybe Matthew 7:12 would be a good place to put it. "In everything do to others what you would have them do to you..." (NIV).

Fear may also trigger anger, but again, fear is the result of being made to feel diminished in some way. We may be intimidated or frightened in a way that makes us feel as if we are less than that which intimidates us or frightens us. Whatever the pathway that we arrive at

anger, it will come eventually to the point of being made to feel like we have been diminished. With this information as a foundation to understand anger, we can answer the question.

When you are filled up to the fullness of all that God has created you to be, you can be diminished by nothing or no one unless you choose to be diminished. The apostle Paul said, "I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in you, inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowl-

edge that you may filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:16-19). When we reject or ignore the fullness of God that we have within we give anger power over us.

Now embracing this truth will not remove anger from your life. After all, it is not the intention that we completely remove anger, but control it. When we are comfortable with the truth of our completeness in Christ Jesus we are no longer under the control of anger, but rather, anger is under God's control in us.

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Here is an easy and wonderful recipe for this holiday season Bridgford Frozen Bread Dough is used to make delicious chocolate cinnamon rolls. Simply roll a thawed loaf of Bridgford Frozen Bread Dough out to a rectangle. Top the dough with chocolate chips, cinnamon, sugar and nuts. Roll up and slice into large rolls. After rising and baking, top the warm rolls with a smooth vanilla glaze. This recipe is sure to be a family favorite.

2 tablespoon: granulated sugar
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
 1/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)

Vanilla Glaze (1 cup powdered sugar mixed with 1-2 tablespoons milk or water)

Lightly grease one, 9-inch metal cake pan; set aside. Mix together sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl; set aside. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough into a 10 x 12 inch rectangle (if dough shrinks back after rolling, let dough rest for 5 minutes and then continue). Brush dough with 1 tablespoon of the melted butter or margarine. Sprinkle evenly

with sugar mixture. Top evenly with chocolate chips and nuts. Roll up dough starting at the short end; seal edges. Cut the log of dough into 6 equal slices. Place slices, cut side up, evenly spaced in prepared pan. Brush dough with melted butter or margarine. Let rolls rise until double in size (the rolls will fill up the pan). Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven. Brush with melted butter or margarine. Drizzle with glaze if desired.

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Land of the Free! Home of America, God Bless America!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Land of the free, a democratic country, free speech, and all that good stuff, but one little country girl makes a statement which was a very bad statement in many people's opinion. In our opinion, it was an American statement which was a free country's statement like hate, agree or disagree, but a free statement.

If she had made this statement without being a resident of Iran, Iraq, Cuba or a lot of other dictator countries, she could have lost her tongue, head or life, but that wasn't the case. She made that statement about our historical President who made history by being the first President of America who was not president by election, but by appointment of the U. S. Supreme Court with Uncle Clarence Thomas being the lead in his appointment who was appointed by Daddy Bush.

We had elected Presidents as Jimmy Carter who was

joked about murdered and laughed at about his religious man in the White House. He was elected by the people. And there was William (Bill) Clinton who was the blint of everyone's jokes and everyone was okay even the ones who are raising hell with Natalie Maines.

The problem: The President is the President, and this is still a country of free speech like what is said or not.

This is America. Let us not forget that!

Nuf Sed! WHY Not?

Racism and the Drug War

by Jacob G. Hornberger

It's all fine and good that Trent Lott is no longer Senate majority as a result of his praise for Strom Thurmond's 1948 race for president, in which Thurmond endorsed segregation. It's also fine and good that Lott's fellow members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, overwhelmingly condemned his racial insensitivity and elected Bill Frist in his stead.

But given that Congress is filled with people who condemn racism, why is it that most of them continue to embrace and support the most racist government program since segregation the war on drugs?

Consider the following statistics published by the Drug Policy Alliance (www.drugpolicy.org):

- Placks constitute 13 percent of all drug users, but 35 percent of those arrested for drug possession 55 percent of persons convicted, and 74 percent of people sent to prison.

- The rate of drug admissions to state prison for black men is 13 times greater than the rate for white men.

- In 1986, before the enactment of federal mandatory minimum sentencing for crack-cocaine offenses, the average federal drug sentence for African-Americans was 11 percent higher than for whites. Four years later, the average federal drug sentence for African-Americans was 49 percent higher.

- Rates of drug use or drug selling are no greater for members of minorities than for nonminorities, yet minorities are stopped, searched, arrested, prosecuted, and incarcerated at far greater rates than whites.

- Persons of color are typically sentenced to longer jail and prison terms than white counterparts convicted of identical offenses.

- Felony disfranchisement laws have resulted in the disfranchisement of 1.4 million African-American men, or 13 percent of the African-American adult male population, a rate that is seven times the national average.

Or consider how the drug war was used to go after African-Americans in Tulsa, Texas, which has been the subject of a series of scathing editorials by Bob Herbert of the New York Times. In 1999, drug-war law-enforcement officers swarmed into the black sections of that community and arrested more than 10 percent of the town's African-American population.

They didn't find drugs but that didn't stop the prosecutions. The government had the testimony of a single undercover police officer, who had often-referred to blacks as "luggers" and who claimed to have bought drugs from the defendants.

On the basis of his uncorroborated testimony, a black hog farmer named Joe Moore, who is in his late 50s, was sentenced to 90 years in prison. Kareem White, a 26-year-old black man, got 60 years. His sister Kizzie, 25, was luckier — she got only 25 years in prison. Cash Love, a white man who fathered one of Kizzie's children, was sentenced to more than 300 years.

Hey, why fret about losing segregation when you can just use the drug war to remove blacks entirely from a city and relocate them to a penitentiary hundreds of miles away, possibly for the rest of their lives? And it's all legal, just like segregation.

We might compare the sen-

tences that the black of Tulsa received to the treatment that has been accorded to President Bush's niece (Gov. Jeb Bush's daughter), Noelle Bush. She first received a jail sentence of 3 days for possession of prescription drugs that were taken from a medicine cabinet in a nurse's office. She then tried using a falsified prescription for Zanax, an anti-anxiety drug, and the same judge sentenced her to 10 more days in jail. While that charge was pending, Noelle was caught at her drug rehab center with what was allegedly crack cocaine but she wasn't prosecuted because another Florida judge ruled that a federal law protecting a drug treatment patient's privacy outweighs the interests of the war on drugs.

So what's the solution to the racist consequences of the war on drugs? Is it the standard one that congressmen use with respect to failed government programs: "The system needs reform?"

If so, then the obvious question arises: Why haven't the (non-racist) members of Congress reformed the drug war to eliminate its racist consequences? There can be only one answer: It can't be reformed because if it could have been the (non-racist) members of Congress would have already done so.

Given the manifest failure of the drug war to achieve its purported goals after several decades of warfare, and given the inability of the Congress to eliminate the racist consequences of the drug war, there is one — and only one — solution to racism in the drug war: Forget about reforming the war on drugs and instead end it.

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va.

Attorney General Offers Help for Victims of Crime

On November 23, 2000, a mother of five was following her parents and two of her children home after having Thanksgiving dinner at a relative's house to her horror, she watched as a drunk driver slammed into the side of her parents' car, knocking them and her children off the road. When the woman reached the car, she found all four of her family members dead.

There is very little anyone can do to help repair this kind of terrible damage. However, the Office of the Attorney General does have a Crime Victims' Compensation Program that may assist with at least the financial burdens that result from violent crime.

It is a well known fact that criminals have many rights. But what about victims? Do they have rights? They most certainly do. Victims of violent crime have many rights, including the right to compensation for certain losses caused by the crime.

This right was established by the Texas Legislature in the Crime Victims' Compensation Act of 1979. The Act established a fund General Offers Victims of Crime for victims and family members of victims to help pay for expenses such as medical bills, counseling

and funeral costs incurred as a result of certain criminal acts.

Money for the fund comes directly from people who break the law, through court costs and other fees. The Crime Victims' Compensation Division of the Office of the Attorney General administers this program for the State of Texas. Eligible victims or family members of victims can apply for benefits. Not all victims of crime qualify, however. Certain requirements and qualifications must be met.

The crime must occur in Texas and the victim must be a Texas resident or a U.S. resident, or the crime must involve a Texas resident who was victimized in another state or country where crime victim benefits are not offered.

The crime must be reported in a reasonable amount of time to the appropriate law enforcement agency, but not so late as to hamper the investigation or prosecution of the criminal offense. The victim and/or claimant must cooperate with law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

The victim must file a claim for compensation within three years of the date of the crime. Time extensions are available for good cause,

such as victim age or physical or mental incapacity of the victim.

Persons not eligible for benefits include a claimant or victim who:

- knowingly or willingly participated in the crime;
- is the offender or an accomplice of the offender;
- was incarcerated or on probation or parole at the time of the crime; or
- knowingly submits false or forged documents to the Office of the Attorney General.

Crimes covered by the program involve criminally injurious conduct, which includes sex offenses, kidnapping, aggravated robbery, assaultive offenses, arson, homicide, and other violent crimes in which the victim suffers physical or emotional harm. Vehicle-related crimes such as failure to stop and render aid, DWI and intoxication manslaughter are also covered.

Every law enforcement agency in Texas is required to provide crime victims with information about the program and an application. Applications are also available through your local prosecutor's office. That office should have a crime victim coordinator who can assist with the application process. Certain hospitals and medical centers may also have applications.

THIS N THAT

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Texas Tech Clarifies Issues Regarding Student Records

LUBBOCK - Donald R. Haragan, Ph.D. interim president of Texas Tech University, said university officials interpret the Family Education Right and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), referred to as the Buckley Amendment, very broadly and he believes that a recent disclosure of information could be considered a technical violation of FERPA. "As we have said previously, the information was never intended to be released to the public or circulated in the community," Haragan said. "We have conducted a careful analysis of the law and how it

applies, specifically to student records. Our position is that the Buckley Amendment is very broad and includes almost all information regarding students. "FERPA was designed to protect the rights of individual students and their families and we share that priority," Haragan said. "All of us at the university and the athletic department regret the incident involving release of information about a student athlete. By clarifying questions now and taking a position that information regarding our students is

included within FERPA, we will prevent confusion in the future," Haragan said. Haragan said he did not anticipate that Texas Tech would lose any federal funding because of the release of the information. It is certainly clear that the university does not have a policy or practice of permuting the release of educational records. He said the release of the information was a mistake and appropriate discussions have taken place to ensure this is not repeated.

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