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BUSINESS BRIEFS

"Small" is Better When It Comes To Bank Fees

The services provided by banks may be convenient for managing personal finances, but what about the cost of these services? According to a report by the Federal Reserve, the cost of managing your money is higher at a larger bank (more than \$1 billion in assets) than at a smaller one. In order to pay for size and staff, large banks often charge more for transactions and assess higher fees than community banks. On average, large banks charge 50 percent more than small banks for stop-payment fees (\$18.92 vs. \$12.62); bounced-check fees (\$21.29 vs. \$15.10); fees for customer withdrawals at other banks' ATMs were 20 percent higher at larger banks (\$1.22 vs. \$1.02); fees for overdrafts were 39 percent at large banks (\$20.04 vs. \$14.45). For African Americans, why not put your money in a black-owned bank to gain such savings as well as increase black community assets? For a nation listing of black banks, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: The International Exchange Network, 2034 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

"Al Sharpton Labels Wendy's 'Most Racist Corporation in America'"

Calling it a "Boycott of Disrespect," and "Boycott Wendy's Beef...Til We Get Relief," Rev. Al Sharpton and Chicago-based Rev. Al Sharpton have called on African Americans to launch a boycott against Wendy's Restaurant during the Holiday Season. Wendy's, the nation's third largest hamburger chain, is the defendant in a \$150 million class action lawsuit filed by Wendy's Houston-based franchisee, Thelton Branch. Sharpton accuses the chairman of Wendy's Board of Directors saying Wendy's African American customers are "insignificant in their situation." Therefore, Sharpton wants the boycott by Wendy's consumers and for the only African American on the board, Janet Hill, wife of former NFL football star Calvin Hill and mother of NBA star Grant Hill, to resign her position in protest.

"Where Are The Top Inner-City Businesses?"

The Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC) and Inc. Magazine are currently producing the inaugural Inner City 100. "The ICIC/Inc. Magazine Inner City 100" is the first national listing that will document the 100 fastest-growing companies located in America's inner cities. The list will be published in the May 1999 issue of Inc. Magazine. The ICIC is looking for outstanding inner-city businesses. The requirements are: 1) Fifty-one percent of their physical operations are located in inner-city areas; 2) they have 10 or more employees; 3) a five-year operations sales history with sales of at least \$1 million in 1997. Information on such companies should be sent, via e-mail, to Raisa Lawrence at rlawrence@icic.org or Rob Devaney at rdevaney@icic.org.

"Mike and Monica Are Moving"

Boxer Mike Tyson is selling his 62-acre estate outside of Cleveland, Ohio, along with homes in Las Vegas, Farmington, Conn., and Bethesda, Maryland, outside Washington, D.C. The asking prices exceed \$22 million. The former heavyweight champion is selling the homes to spend more time on the West Coast, primarily in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area.

"An Education Gets You More Money"

The earnings gap between people who have college degrees and those who hold high school degrees is growing. Those with college degrees now earn 76 percent more than those with less education. Last year, college graduates had an average income of \$40,478, compared to \$22,895 earned yearly by the average high school graduate. In 1975, the earnings premium that college graduates enjoyed over workers with only a high school education was 57 percent. The average black college graduate made 75 percent of what a white college graduate earned, by 1997 black college graduates only make 77 percent of their white counterparts. Also, there remains a racial gap in terms of college education - more than 287 percent of white Americans 25 to 29 years old have at least a bachelor's degree, compared to 16 percent for blacks.

"IRS Sends Nicole Brown Simpson Estate 'Notice of Deficiency'"

The Internal Revenue Service is seeking more than \$6.5 million from the estate of Nicole Brown Simpson, a claim based on a \$12 million civil judgment owed the estate by O.J. Simpson but never paid. The trust was created to support her two children. In all, Simpson was ordered to pay \$33.5 million to the estates of heirs of Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald L. Goldman. Mrs. Simpson had \$765,000 in assets when she was fatally stabbed on the walkway outside her Brentwood townhouse in June 1994. The IRS tax rate on the jury award is 55 percent.

It's All About Me!!!

(Editor's Note: This is the second article submitted by young ladies of New Directions, a program in the Lubbock Independent School District, with Ms. Yolanda Jeffrey as their teacher. The principal is Ms. Dorothy Phea-Norville. The author of this month's article is "O'Margaret.")

I was born on May 31, 1982 at South Park hospital, Lubbock, Texas. I lived with my mom and dad for two years right next door to my grandparents. On February 23, 1984 my brother was born. One year later my mom and dad divorced and my mom, brother and me moved out. About six months later my mom met an airplane mechanic from Reese Air Force Base. They were married on October 31. Through this marriage I acquired two step brothers. One was two years older than I was and the other one was only one year older.

When I was five years old my step dad transferred to Robins Air Force Base in Marietta, Georgia. So we packed up all of our things and moved away from our dad and grandparents. This is one of the reasons we started to not like my step - dad so much. In Georgia my mom got a job on a horse ranch and at a western apparel store. On the weekends, my mother and I would go and work at the ranch renting out horses for an hour at a time. Horses became my life when my mom bought our first horse. I learned to run barrels and ride pleasure on this horse. We practiced everyday during the week and worked as trail guides during the weekend. About three years later I had worked enough weekends to buy my own pony. This is when I began to race seriously. I won twelve first place trophies and on championship trophy on him. Later that year I grew out of my pony. I had to sell him. The people who bought him from me let me see him whenever I wanted and also took lessons from me on him. So I went back to racing my mom's

horse. For about five years I raced my mom's horse. The horse became my best friend, we knew each other so well. Soon she got too old to be ridden hard, so we retired her to the land where my old pony was.

One year later my mom divorced my step-dad. He had been negligent towards her and he had been taking her money. She just didn't love him anymore, so my mom, my brother, and I moved again. This time to a different county. There I bought a new horse and I met my boyfriend. I was training with a championship winning trainer and winning money with my new horse. In June of 1998, I found out that I was pregnant. I had no idea what to do. I had to sell my horse and Cecide on my own future. After many fights and tears, my ex step dad got mad at me because I wouldn't give up my baby to his brother and sister-in-law. I did not think that it was right, so I called my dad. He agreed that it would not be right for me to give the baby up and he asked me to come and live with him. So after ten years, I moved back to my home in Lubbock. In October, my baby's dad decided that he was not ready to be a father. He tried to talk me into giving my baby up. When I would not, he decided he would be cruel to me for punishing him. (Or least that's how he saw what I was doing as punishment). After four months of nothing but cruelty from him, I left. I could not take him being drunk all of the time. I didn't want my child growing up with a drug addict and an alcoholic. On February 22, 1999, my baby girl was born. She was healthy and happy. She is the best thing in my life. And even though he doesn't want to live with her, he is her father and he does love her and wants to see her.

On The Move

Help These Estacado Athletes



Clark Jordan Ross Washington

Four Estacado High School athletes have been invited by the International Sports Tours to participate in two track & field meets in Europe this summer. This offers an opportunity for these young ladies to grow in athletics, education and culture. But these young ladies must raise \$1,700.00 each and would appreciate any contributions.

The students who have been invited are: LaDonna Clark, daughter of Mary Clark; Natasha Jordan, daughter of Bennie and Carolyn Jordan; Lakisha Ross, daughter of Iron Ross; and LaQuisha Washington, daughter of Carla Washington.

The athletes will leave for Amsterdam, Holland on June 24th. They will see Anne Frank's house and take a canal tour while there. Then, they will travel to Paris

France and participate in the first track meet. While in Paris, they will have an opportunity to visit the Eiffel Tower and the Palace of Versailles among other attractions.

From Paris, they will travel to London, England where they will watch the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace and go shopping at Harrods.

The athletes will travel to Brussels for their second track meet. They will work out daily and have lunch with some Olympic athletes.

Finally, they will attend a Grand Prix Track & Field meet while on the trip.

No doubt about it, this trip will be a once in a lifetime experience for these students. For more information, call Coach Caylene Caddell at Estacado High School, (806) 766-1394 or 766-1400.

Scoop Hooper Begins Work As New Youth Services Coordinator



Everett "Scoop" Hooper has joined the City as Youth Services Coordinator. He comes to us

from Lubbock Mental Health and Mental Retardation, where he has spent the past 24 years working throughout their organization.

His experience spans substance abuse, HIV/AIDS education and prevention, and he was most recently the Clinical Supervisor at the Neighborhood Involvement Center and The Ranch, which is a residential treatment program for boys. Scoop is also a Licensed Chemical and Drug Counselor.

Scoop's position with the City will be to establish relationships with all key youth serving departments in the City of Lubbock and with the various agencies in the community. Initially, he'll gather data and develop community consensus that will help the Community combat youth problems such as dropout rates, teen pregnancy, drug use, and crime.

He has also been asked to create a Youth Commission, which will report to Council,

and is committed to helping increase job opportunities for our youth.

He has begun working with the "Lubbock's Promise: the Alliance for Youth" program, a national movement headed by General Colin Powell which helps communities address the five key needs of young people. The five resource areas are: mentoring, protecting, nurturing, serving, and teaching. This program is being directed out of the Volunteer Center, but involves agencies all across the community.

Scoop is a graduate of Lubbock Dunbar High School,

played scholarship baseball for Texas Southern University and is a United States Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

Not content to work with youth just through his profession, Scoop also coached in several youth baseball, football, and basketball leagues during the past 20 years. Married to Wanda for 30 years, the Hoopers love spending time with their nine grandchildren.

When he's not out in the community, you can find Scoop's office in the City Manager's Suite, 775-2093. If you have ideas to help children, Scoop is eager to hear from you.

Act 1 President To Be Recognized

LOS ANGELES, CA - Janice Bryant Howroyd, founder, president and chief executive officer of ACT-1 Personnel Services, one of the nation's largest minority/woman-owned employment agencies, has been selected as one of 50 "Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World" for 1999. Howroyd and the other honorees will join past recipients for the Third Annual Gala and Celebratory Events in the Principality of Monaco, April 26-29, 1999. These top women business owners, representing 35 countries, collectively contribute more than \$15 billion dollars to the global economy.

"Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World" is produced by The Star Group, to highlight the

accomplishments of women business owners worldwide and to showcase them as role models of success for the next generation. The global honoree selection process was conducted by a distinguished international selection committee. The outreach extended to more than 700 sources worldwide, including more than 75 global business organizations and women associations, as well as U.S. and world governmental agencies spanning six continents and 68 countries.

"I am quite elated to be honored in the company of such distinguished women entrepreneurs from around the world," said Howroyd. "As we create strategies for conducting business in the new

millennium, we must truly understand how our economy is really a global economy."

In 1978, Howroyd founded ACT-1, with a \$1,500 family loan for a lease and phone. Today, the company is a privately held firm with 57 branch offices across the country. With headquarters in Torrance, Calif., ACT-1 has expanded its divisions: ACT-1 Personnel Services; ACT-1 Technical; ACT-1 Engineering and Managed Services; ACT-1 Entertainment; and Enterprise Communications. ACT-1 also owns and operates two accredited learning institutions: the California National University for Advanced Studies, which provides distance learning degrees in disciplines such as accounting, economics, finance and marketing; and the Academy of Computer Technology, which provides computer training for corporate employees.

"Pride in Performance" is ACT-1's company motto. "You'll find throughout the office and in our training that we try to keep the humanity in human resources," says the 46-year-old Torrance, N.C. native, whose 1998 sales exceeded \$80 million.

For additional information about ACT-1, contact Tobin & Associates at (323) 856-0827.



Police Chief Asks FBI To Handle Investigation

Lubbock Police Chief Ken Walker has asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct an inquiry into the claim of police brutality being made by a local teenager in a television news interview.

On Friday, May 7, Lubbock police arrested a local teen after he was observed spraying graffiti on mobile homes at DNS Mobile Home Center, 4002 N. 1-27. The business had made numerous reports to police over the past several months for graffiti, vandalism, and the theft of a handgun.

The arrested party has claimed

through a local television station that he was beaten by the arresting officer. Attempts by police to reach him and his mother have been unsuccessful. On Wednesday, police learned that the teen's attorney has advised him not to file a police report.

"Given the nature of the allegation made against one of our officers I've asked the FBI to handle this matter from this point on. I want these questions answered without a hint of impropriety," said Police Chief Ken Walker.

All future inquiries about this case should be made to the FBI.

State of Texas Launches Video Web Site of Available Children

The Texas Adoption Resource Exchange (TARE) has just become the first adoption web site of its kind in the United States to launch a listing of children available for adoption that features online video clips.

Working with video footage provided by agency staff and television stations throughout the state, the agency has posted online files for more than 30 children. Staff use the Iomega Buz to capture video to computer and post the files in RealVideo format.

The TARE web site is located at www.tdps.tx.us/adoption and the Real Videos are listed under "Voices of Love."

Ella Zamora, TARE project director, said she hopes this addition to the web site will help speed up the process of linking prospective adoptive parents with children waiting for loving homes.

"In 1995, Texas became

the first state to launch a web site that identifies children available for adoption," said Zamora. "Through the Internet, we have increased the number of inquiries for children and now with video, we hope to generate even more interest."

In order to see the RealVideo files, viewers will need RealNetwork's RealPlayer, available for free download at www.real.com.

TARE, which in any given month has more than 500 children, recruits prospective and approved adoptive families for children who enter the state's care due to neglect or are legally free for adoption.

All children in TARE are at least six years old, at least two years old and members of a racial or ethnic minority, have been professionally diagnosed with a physical, mental, or emotional disabling condition, or belong to a sibling group who needs to be placed together.

Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2402 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the pastor. If you need a place to worship, then consider the New Hope Baptist Church.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School with Superintendent Henry High presiding. All teachers and students were in their various places for instruction for 30 minutes. At 10:15 a.m., all reassembled in the main auditorium marching and singing "What A Fellowship." Prayer was given by Brother J. C. Quigley.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department — Primary Class won the Offering Banner, reporting \$35.50. Senior Class received the Attendance Banner.

Adult Department: Adult Class No. 4 received the Offering Banner with \$400.51. Adult Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner. Adult Class No. 4 had a visitor from Abilene, Texas who was Sister Jerry Ward.

The morning devotional period began at 10:45 a.m. with the prayer team leading the devotion. Prayer was given by Brother J. C. Quigley.

The Senior Choir marched proudly singing out of their hearts one of their favorites, "We Got To Praise Him." Scripture was one of their favorites, "We've Got To Praise Him." Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "Everything Is Going To Be Alright," was sung. The scripture read was St. Matthew 6:19-23. Prayer was given by Sister Callie Howard, followed by the singing of another song.

The responsive reading was done with all standing, and led by Sister Nelda Hibbler. The morning hymn was "Pass Me Not." The pastoral observations by Pastor Moton always brings a special inspiration. He gives all something good to feast upon. Another song by the Senior Choir was sung in a beautiful manner. The choir Senior Choir really did sing out of their hearts.

The hymn of preparation was "Amazing Grace." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "God Said It, Don't Sweat It." His scripture text was Numbers 11:16-23. You should have been present and heard this dynamic message. God was IN the house last Sunday morning. God used Pastor Moton. All received something to feast upon all week long. Thank God! Praise God for a God sent Pastor.

Let us not forget those who are sick among us. It was good to see Julia McFaden and Clarence Ervin at church last Sunday morning.

R. T. Nelson is a patient at Methodist Hospital, room 513. He is James Emma Jackson's uncle.

Let us continue to pray for Sister Norma "Baby" Austin. Mrs. Homer Avery has gone home from the hospital. Also, Linda Henderson.

There may be others who we fail to mention. Don't forget to pray for all who are sick.

Dunbar Alumni Association Special Call Meeting

Meeting this Saturday, May 22nd and 1:00 p.m. at the alumni office — corner of 27th Street and M.L.K. We need to finalize plans for the Juneteenth Parade. Dunbar Graduates - PLEASE join us.

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Netown News



Air Force Reserve Airman Jessica Guzman has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base,

San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Guzman is the daughter of Jessie and Yolanda Guzman of 3804 42nd St., Lubbock, Texas.

She is a 1988 graduate of Coronado High School, Lubbock.

Air Force Airman Jon. D. Gilchrist has graduated from basic



military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Gilchrist is the son of Charles D. and Shirley C. Gilchrist of 4319 42nd St., Lubbock, Texas.

His wife, Stacy, is the daughter of George W. and Beverly A. Reese of 6002 Upland Ave. Winghaven, Lubbock.

The airman is a 1989 graduate of Beaumont Christian High School, Texas.



New York, NY April 21, 1999- The MC who had all hip hop fans around the country chanting the infamous hook "C stands for Cool Breeze who's known as the champ, Freddie Calhoun the coolest cunter at camp, my one's and my two's got your whole town shook, better listen to your corner and Watch For The Hook" is set to release his follow up single entitled "Cre-A-Tine".

Cool Breeze's successful debut single "Watch For The Hook" spent 4 weeks at #1 on Billboards rap singles chart and his follow up single "Cre-A-Tine" is already buzzing the ears of many.

"Cre-A-Tine" a video directed by Diane Martel and a track produced by the infamous producers Organized Noize tells a grimy story of the people Cool Breeze grew up seeing in the dirty south of East Point, Atlanta. Cool Breeze rhymes about controversial tales of people who are still on parole, on house arrest, who make dirty money with taps on their phones, and who love to hustle on powder and pills.

(l-r) Cool Breeze and director Diane Martel on the set of the successful "Cre-A-Tine" video shoot take a break to pose for our photographer.

Partial Victory For Black Farmers

By Bernice Jackson Powell

We often hear the joke about the person knocking on the door and saying, "I'm from the government and I'm here to help you." Well, this time, for African American farmers that phrase maybe true. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently settled a longstanding class action lawsuit brought by the National Black Farmers Association on behalf of 1,000 of its members.

Under the settlement the Agriculture Department has agreed to pay as much as \$300 million dollars for claims dating back 16 years to black farmers who have an active discrimination case or who file an affidavit of discrimination that names specific individuals in the Agriculture Department who denied them loans. Those eligible will be able to get a \$50,000 tax-free payment and will have all their debts to the Agriculture Department forgiven. If they have better documentation they can forgo the \$50,000 payment and negotiate with an arbitrator for a higher payment.

The discrimination faced by thousands of black farmers is a legacy of the Reagan administration, which dismantled the Agriculture Department's Office of Civil Rights. While the black farmers watched white farmers receive loans, they were often told by local elected county officials who disbursed the funds that they

had run out of dollars. John Boyd, Jr., president of the National Black Farmers Association, himself told of how the county supervisor threw his application in the trash in 1992, saying he had no more money. When investigators asked him why he had made only two loans to African American farmers, he replied that blacks were lazy. Other black farmers were required to produce evidence of agricultural and financial expertise not demanded of white farmers or had their loans delayed until after planting season. In 1997 the Agriculture Department took away much of the power of the Farm Service Agencies when many of these inequities came to light.

Farming holds a special place of honor in the African American community, since most of us are descendants of slaves who worked the land, making their owners rich. But much of that special respect has been lost over the past 25 years as fewer and fewer farms are owned by African Americans. Indeed, in 1920 14 percent of the nation's farms were owned by blacks. By 1992, only 1 percent of farms were owned by African Americans and even that number has probably dropped in the past six years.

Sadly, this settlement may be too little too late for some black farmers. When they were denied Agriculture Department loans, many were forced to take out commercial loans at much higher rates and are now facing

foreclosure. Thus, the \$50,000 will do little to help these farmers. Others lament their inability to expand or modernize because the government loans were unavailable to them, causing them to lose money which they can never regain.

Moreover, many black farmers are disturbed that the settlement did not include any punishment for officials who denied them loans. However, the Agriculture Department promised to change its

SPC Chapter Wins At State And Qualifies For Nationals

LEVELLAND — Five students in a South Plains College business leaders group have qualified to compete at the National Phi Beta Lambda Future Business Leaders Conference July 4-8 in Chicago, Ill.

Elijah Williams and Derek Bradley from Levelland, Keri Patton from Morton, Nicole Clark from Canadian and Kris Chandler from Crosbyton qualified for the nationals based on results from the state Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference recently hosted by Wayland Baptist University.

"We are very proud of these students and all those who competed on the state level," said Ann Gregory, chapter sponsor and associate professor of accounting at SPC. "They did a good job; there was some stiff competition from the universities." They

internal procedures for investigating bias claims and has streamlined many of its procedures. The Office of Civil Rights was re-instituted by the Clinton Administration in 1996.

Black farmers deserve a special place of honor in this nation's history. The settlement is only one step forward in their journey for justice. But it is a step forward. It's good news for us all.

competed with more than 300 students from 22 universities and colleges throughout Texas.

At the state meet, Patton took first in computer applications, Williams, second in public speaking; Clark, second in business communications and Bradley, third in accounting. Chandler advanced as an alternate with his fourth-place spot in business law.

Misah Bredemeyer from Sweetwater also qualified for nationals with her second-place spot in Ms. Future Business Executive, but she will be unable to attend.

Also at state, Carey Kidd from Levelland took fourth place in word processing, Amanda Burrell from Lubbock took fifth in job interview, and Chris Linton from Lubbock took fifth in management.

"JUNETEENTH" CELEBRATION PARADE

Dear Juneteenth Celebrant:

You are invited to participate in our Juneteenth Celebration Parade. If you did not join us last year, we encourage and welcome you to do so this year. Our parade will be held Saturday, June 19, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. All entries will assemble on the east parking lot of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1801 6th Street, at 8:45 a.m.

Please complete and return the application form to: Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Committee, 902 East 28th Street Lubbock, Texas 79404

All applications are to be in the office of the committee no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, June 14, 1999.

"JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION" - PARADE APPLICATION - 1999

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Former Pastor Of Bethel AME Church Succumbs In Dallas Last Week

Dallas, Texas - The former pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Lubbock, Texas, Rev. N.H. Franklin, succumbed last week. He had retired at Bethel in November, 1998.

Funeral services were held for Rev. Franklin Monday morning, May 10, 1999, at St. James AME Church in Dallas with Presiding Elder Rev. John Walker of Fort Worth, Texas and Rev. Charles Franklin officiating.

Burial was held in Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Home of Lubbock, Texas.

Rev. Franklin passed away Wednesday, May 5, 1999 in Dallas.

Born October 16, 1928 in Dallas, he served in the U.S. Army for 20 years. Her served in the church as a minister and pastor for 50 years. He had been pastor of the following churches: Payne Chapel AME Church in Colorado; Johnson Chapel AME in Odessa, Texas; Visitors Chapel AME Church in El Paso, Texas; Bethel AME Church in Abilene, Texas; Johnson Chapel AME

Church in Amarillo, Texas; Baker Chapel AME Church in Big Spring, Texas; Greater Ball Tabernacle AME Church in San Antonio, Texas and St. James AME Church in Weber, Texas.

Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Janette Franklin of the home; five sons: Rev. Charles Franklin of Lancaster, Texas, James Franklin of Dallas, Texas, Rev. N.H. Franklin, Jr. and Timothy C. Franklin, both of Dallas, Texas; three daughters: Sandra M. Franklin, both of Dallas, Texas, Jessica J. Thompson of Arlington, Texas and Elaine Williams of Dallas, Texas; his mother, Mrs. Eula Wesley of Dallas, Texas; sixteen grandchildren and other relatives.

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Why Me, Y2K

The year 2000 problem, better known as Y2K, is the cause of much concern and some hype and hysteria. But Texas Tech Medical Center has created an award-winning web site to help sift fact from fiction.

Each day, more than 1,000 people and organizations from across the world visit the site to learn more about Y2K and possible problems, according to Robby McCasland, Texas Tech programmer analyst and site webmaster. The Y2K crisis concerns whether computer-based equipment will shut down when the year turns 2000 because some internal calendars will not recognize the number "00."

For imparting relevant knowledge about the situation, the Texas Tech site has received

"hot site" status and additional praise from a number of organizations, including USA Today and The Los Angeles Times.

"We've gotten people from the Netherlands, New Zealand, Switzerland, Austria and people from the United States to sign our guest book," McCasland said. "They've only had good things to say about it."

The site provides an overview of the Y2K situation and provides links to other sites. Many organizations have made progress in becoming Y2K compliant, but others still face problems.

"Some people are coming here to learn what Y2K actually is," McCasland said. "And other people from hospitals and counties and various other agencies

visit. They're looking for resources to help them with their projects. Or they may just be starting and this kind of gives them a kick-start so they don't have to reinvent the wheel. It helps them to understand what it is. So they can do a little investigating themselves."

McCasland believes the Y2K threat is real, but that it will not be as severe as some have predicted.

"I think there will be some problems. But I don't think it is going to be the cataclysm that the doomsayers are predicting," he said. "Y2K is not unlike a natural disaster such as a hurricane, and that is the way we need to think

about preparing for it.

"There is a great deal of speculation and rumor surrounding Y2K. There have even been reports of scams that use an individual's fears of Y2K to dupes them into revealing their bank account and credit card numbers. It is important to review the available information to gain an understanding of Y2K and form your own conclusions. The more aware you are about what's going on, the more prepared and less fearful you will be."

To get more information on the Y2K problem, you can view the Texas Tech web site at <http://www.ttuhs.edu/pages/year2000/Tuy2k.htm>.

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What: Dance & Karaoke
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MEL RENFRO TOUCHED MANY HEARTS! THIS N THAT ... along with several hundred Lubbockites ... had an opportunity to hear ... MEL RENFRO ... a star with the Dallas Cowboys under Tom Landry days ... speak from the heart at the Mayor's Prayer Luncheon ... It was well received ... and ... boy ... it's so refreshing to ... HEAR THE PLAIN OLD TRUTH ... that is ... about life ...

BLACKS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN RELAY FOR LIFE! THIS N THAT ... participated in the ... SECOND ANNUAL ... "RELAY FOR LIFE" ... a team event to fight ... CANCER ... It was held at the Monterey High School Track ... last Friday and Saturday ... More than a ... 1000 people ... who are were either ... SURVIVORS ... or ... RELATIVES OF A SURVIVOR ... participated ... THIS N THAT ... has been advised that there are ... BLACKS ... who are survivors of cancer ... So next year ... why not get involved ... If you have any questions ... call 792-7126 ... Let's get involved ... next year ... CANCER SURVIVORS!

HELP THOSE ESTACADO TRACK ATHLETES! THIS N THAT ... would hope ... after reading the story on the ... FOUR ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL TRACK ATHLETES ... who happen to be female ... you will help them go to ... EUROPE ... and participate on an international level ... Help these young ladies ... who knows what they will do in life ...

JUNETEENTH DRUG AND GANG MARCH! THIS N THAT ... is announcing the ... ANNUAL JUNETEENTH DRUG & GANG MARCH ... which is set for ... TUESDAY EVENING ... JUNE 15, 1999 ... beginning at 6:00 p.m. The location of the ... ANNUAL EVENT ... will be forthcoming ... This will be the ... 72ND MARCH AGAINST THE EVILS OF DRUGS AND GANGS ... in the community ... In looking around the community ... there are so many ... NEW LOCATIONS OF ALLEGED DRUG HOUSES ... in our community ... No doubt it ... THOSE MARCHES HELP A LOT ... and we will continue ... WILL YOU HELP US? If so ... give us a call at ... (806) 762-3612 ... and do it today ... before we lose our neighborhoods ... Keep in mind ... the LUBBOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT ... needs our help ... Shall we count on you ... JUNE 15TH?

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: HAPPINESS ... doesn't come from ... DOING WHAT ER ... like to do ... but from ... LIKING WHAT WE HAVE TO DO ...

Community Invited To Participate In Archaeological Excavations, Research

The Lubbock Lake Landmark is accepting applications for volunteers who are interested in participating in its Summer Field Research Program, June 16-August 15. Applicants must be at least 13 years old. Field work (excavation) opportunities are available for those 15 years of age or older. Younger volunteers generally are assigned lab and matrix duties. Volunteers are required to attend a daylong orientation and training session, and should be able to contribute at least 30 hours during the course of the nine-week excavation season. Workday hours are from 7 am to 4:30 pm, Wednesday through Sunday (Mondays and Tuesdays off). Scheduling and time commitments are flexible, but participants should plan to work a minimum of four hours on their scheduled days. Although the program is free, volunteers conducting field work should plan on spending \$40 for equipment. Each person must carry health and accident insurance, and provide proof of a current tetanus shot.

"The excavation season is part of the Landmark's public interpretive program," said museum educator Sue

Shore. "Our volunteers range from teens to seniors and come from all walks of life. As a premier archaeological site, community volunteers have an opportunity to work side-by-side with archaeologists, volunteers, and students from the US and abroad. Eligible applicants who are willing to work hard, act responsibly, and learn are welcome to join our team. In exchange, we are certain they will have an extraordinary learning experience and meet others who share their interests. Many enduring friendships began at the Landmark over a brush and trowel."

The research program is overseen by Dr. Eileen Johnson, director of the Lubbock Lake Landmark and curator of Anthropology at the Museum of Texas Tech University. The Museum has been involved with the discovery, preservation, research of, and education about Lubbock Lake for 60 years.

For more information or to request an application, please call the Landmark's Education Office at (806) 742-1116, or email to musr@ttu.edu.

Once the site of an ancient, spring-fed watering hole, Lubbock

Lake Landmark has produced evidence of an unbroken human presence spanning the last 12,000 years. Today, guests of this archaeological preserve may enjoy interactive exhibits and hands-on activities at the Nash Interpretive Center. An outdoor sculpture garden features extinct species of animals discovered at the site, including a giant short-faced bear, mammoths, ancient bison, and giant armadillo. The excavation sites may be observed from viewing stations situated around the one-mile archaeological trail or by scheduling a guided tour. Native plants, wildflowers, and animals of the region are highlighted along a four-mile nature trail. The Landmark's on-going public programs and its two annual community festivals provide guests with creative learning experiences in archaeology, as well as cultural and natural history.

The Lubbock Lake Landmark is operated jointly by the Museum of Texas Tech University and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department as the Lubbock Lake Landmark State Historical Park. It is located at 2401 Landmark Drive on Lubbock's north-west edge (accessible via marked Loop 289 exits, or following signs at US 84 (Clovis Road) through Landmark Lane to Landmark Drive). For additional information, visit the Museum's website at <http://www.ttu.edu/~museum/>.

ISSUE UPDATE

With Mac Thornberry

There Are No Simple Answers To The Tragedy In Littleton, Colorado

All of us struggling with the horrible events last week in Littleton, Colorado.

Our hearts go out to the families, and those of use with children in school can't help but worry a little more about their safety. There are no simple answers, but there are a couple of things to remember.

First is that these murders were committed by two individuals. No one made them do it; it was their choice and their decision. Each of us faces choices every day, and sometimes evil is tempting. But it is up to us—each individual—to make the right decision. Fortunately, most young people don't go down the wrong path, but as parents, we cannot rely on government—or the schools—to raise our children for us.

Secondly, we need to think about what it is in our society and our culture that might encourage young people to make these kinds

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Re: USDA Programs and Services

Dear Recipient:

Texas is both the fastest growing state in the nation and the state with the most counties in chronic decline. As the second largest state, Texas includes great differences and many remote areas. We at the USDA are challenged to service the area and needs of our rural and urban communities. The Texas State Food and Agricultural Council (TFAC) oversees the administration of rural agricultural and economic development through 219 service centers that serve 254 counties in Texas. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) serves its constituents through 208 offices. The Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) serves its constituents through 219 offices, and Rural Development serves its constituents through 30 offices. Distribution of race and ethnic groups vary widely across the state. In some rural communities there has been historic suppression of minority ownership of property and limited access to USDA type programs in general, and as a consequence there has been under utilization of USDA programs by some

DEAR EDITOR:

groups.

Income improvement is not likely to result from external forces. The low wage manufacturing base has shifted to other areas and other countries, mineral recovery remains slow, and the agricultural economy seems gripped by boom or bust. The Texas Food and Agriculture Council fully supports the goals of USDA Civil Rights Action Team (CRAT) to remove barriers to serving traditionally underrepresented and underserved customers throughout rural Texas.

We ask the recipient of this letter to take the time to provide a shot response in regards to the needs of underserved populations, areas, and communities within your jurisdiction. Our USDA Service Centers have numerous programs available that minority/underserved populations may not readily know about. Please provide a brief response to the following questions:

How can USDA, through our Service Centers, meet the needs of your particular group?

How can our agencies benefit you and provide a better way of life for identified underserved and minority populations?

What type of services/programs are needed within your area and/or organization(s) to not only help underserved and minority populations, but also

include women, persons living below the poverty level, and other social and economical underserved groups?

How can we, as the local USDA Service Center, increase outreach efforts to meet the needs of identified underserved groups?

We hope that you will provide a response to our questionnaire, so that we can better design our services and outreach efforts to offer assistance, training and guidance to our minority and underserved areas and populations.

Thank you for your time and response. Responses should be mailed to:

USDA Service Center
Local Food and Agricultural Council
6113 43rd Street, Suite B
Lubbock, Texas 79407

Please feel free to call our Service Center at (806) 785-5644, if you have any questions regarding this questionnaire. Sincerely,

Walter Head,
Rural Development
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Herbie Marchbanks,
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Home Security Needs Addressed By Protection One

LUBBOCK, TEXAS — Protection One's growth has allowed the nation's second largest security alarm monitoring company to provide ever more value for customers. That value has come to Lubbock where All Secure Security has become an official Protection One dealer authorized to offer the company's home security systems and state-of-the-art monitoring with lifetime service.

"Protection One started with the essential idea that every family in America deserves to feel safe and secure," said Tom Rankin, Protection One President. "We're working every day to train the best team and employ the best technology to make that idea an affordable reality."

"Because of our subscriber base, we're able to offer a complete package of security services, which includes 24-hour customer service through our call center, for approximately a dollar a day," Rankin said. "We're making professionally

monitored residential security available to everyone."

"We're enthused about our new relationship with Protection One," said All Secure Security's Bill Pemberton. "Their dedication to customer service mirrors our own philosophy."

Protection One's philosophy is to be the nation's premier provider of peace of mind through monitored security systems and services. The company's core business is alarm monitoring. With five state-of-the-art central monitoring stations across the country, the company receives and processes over 3 million digital alarm signals each month from customer's alarm systems located throughout the United States. If an intrusion is detected by a customer's alarm system, Protection One's monitoring personnel take action, notifying and dispatching appropriate authorities or Protection One's own trained officers.

Protection One's mission is to redefine security by creating a new service standard for the industry, by making security available to a broad range of needs and budgets, and by expanding relationships with customers to include enhancements like lifetime equipment ser-

vicer, private alarm response, and mobile security. The company was among the first in the industry to offer 24-hour telephone customer service to respond to customer questions about billing, alarm activations, and equipment operation.

All Secure Security serves thousands of businesses and residents in the Lubbock area, its office is located at 1102 Slide Road - Suite #30. For more information about Protection One products and services, contact All Secure Security's Bill Pemberton at (806) 788-0700.

Founded in 1988, Protection One has become the second largest security alarm monitoring company with more than 1,500,000 customers. The company, based in Culver city, Calif., recently completed a merger with Texas-based Westar Security, formerly Westinghouse Security. Protection One has also expanded into Canada and gained a presence in Europe with the acquisition of Hambro Countrywide Security in the United Kingdom and Compagnie Européenne de Télésecurité, located primarily in France, as well as Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

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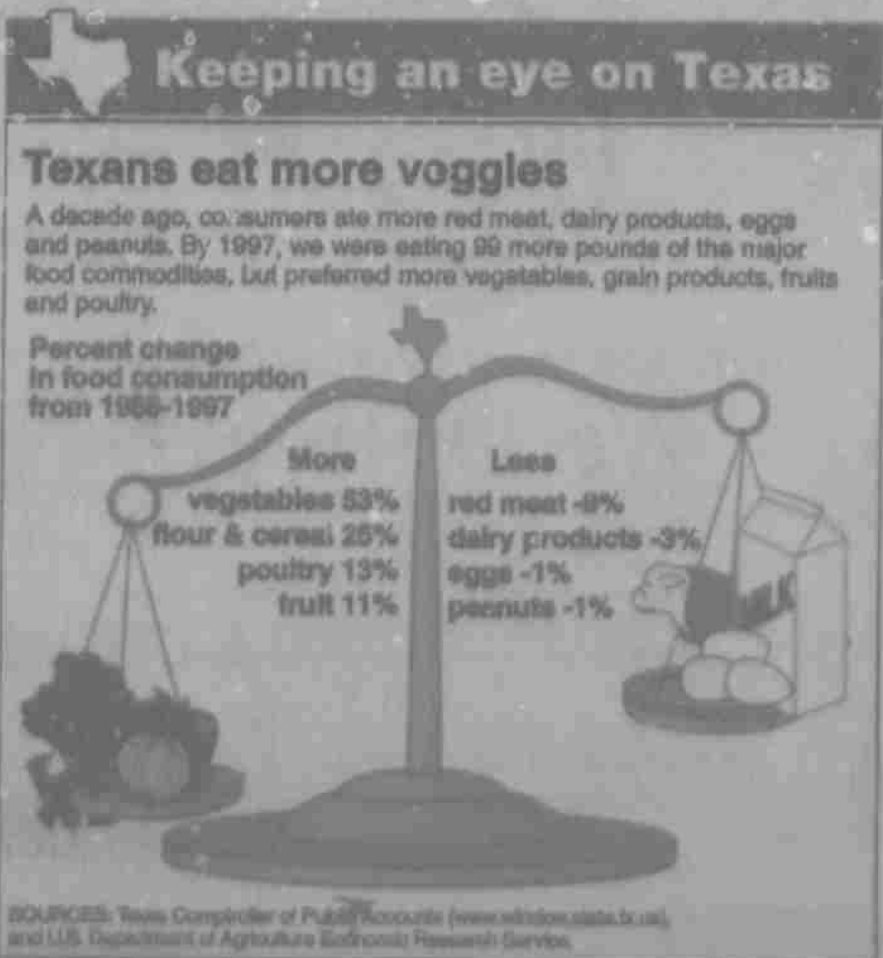
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Covenant Health System Introduced Innovative Fertility Service

(LUBBOCK) - For women wanting to better manage their fertility without chemical or devices, whether trying to avoid or achieve pregnancy, Covenant Health System introduces an innovative fertility management program through its Fertility Care Services

Office. The Creighton Model Fertility Care System (CrMS) was originally developed by Thomas Hilgers, M.D. in Omaha, Neb., and is accredited by the American Academy of Natural Family Planning.

CrMS has two components: FertilityCare and NaProEducation Technology. Through FertilityCare, couples can receive instructions about how to achieve their fertility goals and learn to monitor and evaluate their health. They receive individual instruction during eight

follow-up visits during a one-year period. Working in conjunction with FertilityCare is NaProEducation Technology, which is a new reproductive science that works cooperatively with the procreative cycle.

Research has shown that these two components can help reduce hysterectomies and lead to fewer multiple births.

"This system is totally safe. There are no side effects - just tracking of the woman's biological markers which are charted and monitored throughout follow-ups. Another advantage of this program is that at any stage of reproductive

life or any situation as regular or irregular cycles, breast feeding, coming off the pill and subfertility, etc., this system can be used to achieve or avoid pregnancy. It is highly effective and quite accurate," said Margaret Howard, CNFPE, program coordinator of Fertility Care Services and a certified Creighton Model educator.

Certain situations, such as potential miscarriages and hormonal imbalances, can be identified through the use of this system.

"This program can provide insights for women and be used to monitor and manage ovarian cysts,

premenstrual syndrome (PMS) and maintaining pregnancy to name a few," said Howard.

People can learn more about CrMS during introductory sessions conducted twice a month in the Knapling Education/Conference Center, located on the sixth floor of Covenant Medical Center's West Parking Garage, 21st Street and Louisville Avenue. Upcoming sessions will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 20; Tuesday, June 8; and Thursday, June 24.

For more information and to register for an introductory session, call 796-796-6246.

New Book Explores Black Men and Their Journey to Fatherhood

ATLANTA - having grown up with an abusive, angry, alcoholic father as his only male role model, Leonard Pitts, Jr., author of *Becoming Dad*, (Longstreet Press, \$22, May 1999) never learned how to do most masculine things - like tie a tie. He learned these things as an adult, without the guidance of the most important man in his life.

But Leonard's most challenging task came when he married and had his own children to raise. It was then that he realized what he had really missed most growing up. He didn't know how to be loving, caring and supportive father he had longed for as a child. He knew only fists and guns and alcohol.

Becoming Dad is Pitts' exploration of this long journey from a terrified boy to an angry teenager to an adult making sense of his past and learning from the mistakes of his father. It's a story of killing the emotional demons of the past while forging a new path toward real fatherhood in all its glory.

"When you grow up as I did, you find yourself keeping secrets - and keeping them long after the people you've sought to protect are gone," says Pitts. "You keep them by habit, so the secrets become this weight that sits

heavily upon your heart. This book was therapeutic for me in that it allowed me to lift that secret off my back, to look it square in the face and finally come to grips with it."

Coming to grips with his past was easier said than done, says Pitts, a syndicated columnist for the Miami Herald. "I've been writing professionally for 22 years, but it was still a struggle to write about my father honestly and fairly. I found that coping with the emotions that process unearthed was one of the hardest parts of the entire writing experience."

Pitts recounts not only episodes of his own father's abuse during childhood and adolescence, but the memories of numerous other black men as well. These sons of violence each tell a similar story of abusive, fist-wielding fathers or stepfathers who tormented their sons with beatings and threats. They tell of the cowering, defenseless children they were, and the men they eventually became - men determined not to endure the violence anymore. Men who vowed never to hit a woman, and men who commonly broke that vow regardless.

Time and again, Pitts shows the impact that the lack of a

father, or the presence of an abusive one, can have on the children who grow up in such homes. He cuts to the core of the problem with numerous interviews as well as his personal experiences and those of his siblings. He tells of his own attempts to move beyond the pain of childhood, of his efforts to make the adolescence of his own children as secure and happy as possible.

"I want other young men to read this book and realize that the ways in which they've learned to define and celebrate manhood have been self-limiting," says Pitts. "Their children need them, and for more than just financial support. The fact that their fathers failed them doesn't mean they have to fail their children too."

In Pitts' view, the sins of the fathers do not have to be visited upon the sons. By taking hold of hope and refusing to be helpless, black men can end a tragic cycle by instead becoming a solution.

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IN JESUS NAME "SHAME-SHAME-SHAME"

REVELATION 2:7a. JESUS SAID, HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

THE WORLD IS DYING AROUND US, AND WE'RE IN THE EVIL DAYS, MANY CHURCHES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT: CAR WASH, FISH FRIES, MONEY TO RAISE!!!!

MATTHEW 15:7-9. JESUS SAID, YE HYPOCRITES, WELL DID E-SAI-AS PROPHECY OF YOU, SAYING, THIS PEOPLE DRAWETH NIGH UNTO ME WITH THEIR MOUTH, AND HONORETH ME WITH THEIR LIPS; BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. BUT IN VAIN THEY DO WORSHIP ME, TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.

MANY CHURCHES MARCH ON ABORTION CLINICS; BREAKING THE LAW; AND SAY ITS OK, THEY ARE THE CHURCHES OF THE DEVIL; JESUS SAID: FOLLOW ME IN THE WAY!!!!

MATTHEW 5:9. JESUS SAID, BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS: FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD.

(THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CHILDREN OF GOD, AND THE CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL. THE DEVIL'S CHILDREN SAY: THOU SHALT NOT KILL; AND THEN KILL THE ABORTION DOCTORS. WHO ASK YOU TO DEFEND THE UN-BORN BABY'S? WHERE DO BABIES GO WHEN THEY DIE? THEY GO TO BE WITH GOD; THEN WHY TRY TO SAVE THEM? THEY ARE NOT LOST! BUT YOU SAY WE MUST STOP THE KILLING; THEN GO MARCH ON YOUR FAVORITE LIQUOR STORE; ALCOHOL KILLS!!! WHEN YOU BOMB ABORTION CLINICS, AND SOMEONE INSIDE DIES, THEN YOU ARE A KILLER. ARE YOU A TROUBLE MAKER OF THE PEACEMAKER???)

*****WILL THE CHURCHES ROB GOD*****

MANY CHURCHES WILL ALLOW HOMOSEXUAL AND LESBIANS, TO PLAY GOD'S INSTRUMENTS; AND THEY ARE NOT SAVED, IN GOD'S NOSE, THE WHOLE CHURCH STENCH!!!

ECCLESIASTES 10:1. DEAD FLIES CAUSE THE OINTMENT FORTH A STINKING SAVIOUR; SO DOTH A LITTLE FOLLY HIM THAT IS IN REPUTATION FOR WISDOM AND HONOUR.

IF PEOPLE PAY THEIR TITHE, THE CHURCH GOES ALONG WITH THEIR SIN; GOD'S PLACE IS A HOLY PLACE, AND SO SHOULD THE PEOPLE BE WITHIN!!!

MICAH 6:7, 8 WILL THE LORD BE PLEASED WITH THOUSANDS OF RAMS (\$\$\$), OR WITH TEN THOUSANDS RIVERS OF OIL (\$\$\$)? SHALL I GIVE MY FIRST BORN FOR MY TRANSGRESSION; THE FRUIT OF MY BODY FOR THE SIN OF MY SOUL? HE HATH SHEWED THEE, O MAN, WHAT IS GOOD; AND WHAT DOTH THE LORD REQUIRE OF THEE, BUT TO DO JUSTLY, AND TO LOVE MERCY, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH THY GOD.

*****WILL TITHES ROB GOD??*****

MANY CHURCHES ARE SO POOR; IN THE STOREHOUSE, THERE IS NOT A THING; THE GREEDY PREACHERS ARE POCKETING THE MONEY; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

ISAIAH 56:11. THE LORD SAID, YEA, THEY ARE GREEDY DOGS WHICH CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, AND THEY ARE SHEPHERDS THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND: THEY ALL LOOK TO THEIR OWN WAY, EVERY ONE FOR HIS GAIN FROM HIS QUARTER (ANNUALSARY).

*****DO ANNIVERSARIES ROB GOD??*****

MANY CHURCHES WORSHIP DEAD PREACHERS; AND THAT IS A SHAME; JESUS GAVE THE CHURCHES A COMMISSION: PREACH HIM, LIFT HIS HOLY NAME!!!

GALATIANS 1:6-8; 4:16, I MARVEL THAT YE ARE SO SOON REMOVED FROM HIM (JESUS) THAT CALLED YOU INTO THE GRACE OF CHRIST UNTO ANOTHER GOSPEL: WHICH IS NOT ANOTHER; BUT THERE BE SOME THAT TROUBLE YOU, AND WOULD PERVERT (CHANGE) THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. BUT THOUGH WE, OR AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN, PREACH ANY OTHER GOSPEL UNTO YOU, LET HIM BE ACCURSED. AM I THEREFORE BECOME YOUR ENEMY, BECAUSE I TELL YOU THE TRUTH? GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET, SO LET'S PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOU BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS!!!

Special Celebration

The Inspirational Choir of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street, invites everyone to attend their Annual Day on Sunday, May 23, 1999, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The theme will be "We're Still Holding On," 1 Thessalonians 5:18-21.

Special guests have been invited to be a part of this program and are looking forward to their efforts. It will be a great occasion.

Sister Linda Harvey, president and Rev. J.H. Ford, pastor.

Godly Men In an Ungodly World

St. John 17:14-12

Who: The Covenant Keepers of Agape Temple

What: 5th Annual 100 Men in Black Program

When: Seminars are

Friday, May 21, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

and Saturday, May 22, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.

with the main program being

Saturday night, May 22, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Agape Temple - 4510 Ave. Q

Why: To discuss real situations in the world with which Godly men must deal

For more information call

747-4260 (Jackie Bibbs),

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763-2066 or 763-8462 (church)

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from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

We live in a world that is filled with trouble and strife. Our world of violent behavior is becoming a phenomenon. Violent behavior is becoming acceptable in sports. We tolerate it

our homes on our streets and in our world and we allow our children to admire violent public figures. At the same time, peace, corporate and individual, is one of life's most elusive qualities. It seems that the more diligently men and women seek it in their way, the more difficulty they have in finding it.

There has been no other time in history of the world as we know it where more money, time and energy has been spent to secure agreements of peace among nations. Yet, today, we stand on the very brink of international conflict. In this land of the free and the home of the brave, our medical, health and drug care are constantly improving, but drug abuse is a "thorn" in our nations flesh and suicide is one of the most prevalent causes of death. We have various agencies in our society with professional trained people, and churches that offer a wide range of services to help preserve our homes. However, divorce and home life in America is breaking down. A national teen violence survey says that 43% of violent behavior of teen is learned from their parents. Men and women, teens and children, are experimenting with just about everything that appears to offer peace, but they are not finding it. The situation today is similar to that in Judah in the days of Jeremiah, who reprimanded the people for crying, "Peace, peace; when there is no peace" (Jeremiah 6:14).

The main reason for failure in the search for peace is that most people are looking to the wrong source, in the wrong places, for the wrong solutions. True peace is found only Jesus Christ. He is the one who said to his apostles, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, purchased our peace at a great cost. The sins of the whole world were cast on him, yet he did not shrink from the ignominious death that faced him. He counted the cost and freely sacrificed himself for us. His final prayer to his Father in Gethsemane was, "If this cup may not pass away from

Special Appreciation Service Set

The public is invited to attend a Special Appreciation Service for Brother Percy Phenix on Saturday evening, May 22, 1999, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the First COGIC in Slaton, Texas.

Brother Phenix has been a blessing to many churches of the city sharing his talents with others. He has been blessed to give music lessons, write music, and has even written a few songs of his own.

Students Receive University's Top Awards

LUBBOCK, TX - The annual spring Student Appreciation Banquet was held and LCU's top student awards - The Gold Medals - were presented to deserving students.

The "President's Award" is selected by faculty. A graduating senior man and a graduating senior woman are chosen each year. These students represent the greatest possibility of spiritual promise. This year's recipients are Jeana Organ, a social work major from Lubbock and Matthew Thigpen, a pre-med/chemistry major from Lubbock.

The "Trustees Awards" winners are also selected by

He is getting ready to go back to college to complete his education. We want to give him a scholarship in honor of his sister's name, Felicia Carol Phenix.

Sister Tammy Phenix, youth director, will serve as mistress of ceremony. Minister M.L. Session is youth minister; Brother Demodric Cooke, drummer; Sister Gaynell Lenions, secretary; and Elder P.B. Phenix, pastor.

The top student-elected awards each year are "Mr. and Miss LCU". This year Miss LCU is Denise Gray, a social work major from Abilene, TX. Mr. LCU is Charlton Taylor a Bible major from Midland, TX.

Silver awards for extracurricular honors and Bronze Awards for departmental honors were also awarded.

It's Harvest Time: Christians Must Act

Then said he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the lord of harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

The St. John Women's Ministry invites the community to come and participate in our Prayer and Continental Breakfast. Truly it is Harvest Time and Christians Must Act boldly for Christ.

Come and join us in song, prayer, and feasting on the work of God. Our special guest will be the Rev. (Sister) Ruby Doss, of the Freewill Baptist Church, Pastor Jimmy Doss.

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me, except I drink it, thy will be done" (Matthew 26:42). Despite the agony of the cross, he suffered and died with the perfect peace that he had while he lived and taught. Jesus confronted the world head-on, took the worst that Satan could hurl against him, and overcame.

His peace is our peace; his victory is our victory. Because he overcame, we can overcome. Paul said of the resurrection, "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met at the Parkway Manor Care Center, 114 Cherry Avenue, last Saturday morning. We had a beautiful faith filled meeting. There were songs of praises sung. Remarks were given by Sister J. Crawford who also read scripture. Prayer was given by Evangelist B. J. Morrison.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Christine Burleson. Her scripture was Ezekiel 37. Her subject was "Can These Bones Live?"

The power of the Lord was upon me, and I was carried away by the spirit of the Lord to a valley full of old dry bones that were scattered everywhere across the ground. He led me around them, and then said to me, son of man, can these bones become people again? I replied, "Lord, you alone know the answer to that."

The speaker said, "God said that if the people asked, he would come to their aid. We cannot expect his mercy, however, until we have sought new hearts from him. We can be thankful that his invitation is open to all today. This vision has yet to be fulfilled. Ezekiel probably felt he was speaking to the dead as he preached to the exiles, because they rarely responded to this message. But these bones, he will bring life again to this spiritually dead nation, the dry bones represented the people's spiritually dead condition. Your church may seem like a heap of dried up bones to you. Spiritually dead with no hope of vitality. But just as God promised to restore his nation, he can restore any church. No matter how dry or dead it may be, rather than give up, pray for renewal. For God can restore it to life in due time. The hope and prayer of every church should be that God will be his spirit into it. In fact, God is at work calling his people back to himself, bringing new life into dead churches. It's happening all over the world.

"God's promise here goes beyond the physical and geographical restoration of Israel. He promises to breathe new spiritual life into his people so that their hearts and attitudes will be right with him. This same process is for us today. Watch your attitudes, and ask God to give you a clean heart."

May God bless you, Sister Burleson in the word. We love you.

Come by or write to this group of believers today. We're about prayer. If this is what you need, then write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Don't forget your drive by prayers, as well as your walk through prayers in your home and on your job. Make your home a lighthouse of prayer. We're armed and considered to be dangerous. In winning our communities, schools and our children back, we can make it work.

Love everybody, and give your heart a chance. To hate, it puts too much pressure on your heart. Think about it.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Rev. Sister Christine Burleson, vice president; Sister Ernestine Frazier, secretary; and Sister Elvora Jones, acting secretary.

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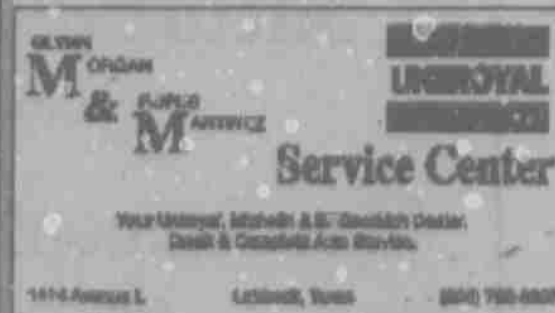
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