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NATIONAL NEWS

Evers-Williams Will Not Seek Re-election as Chair of NAACP Board of Directors

On Feb. 10, Myrtle Evers-Williams announced that she will not be a candidate for re-election as chairman of the Board of Directors of the NAACP, and will instead seek to establish an institute named for her late husband, civil rights martyr, Medgar Evers. Evers-Williams has served as NAACP Board Chair since 1995 when she won election by a single vote. "When first elected Chairman, I promised to work with the Board and our members to restore credibility, financial integrity and focus to the NAACP," said Evers-Williams. "Together we have accomplished that mission." During the first year of her chairmanship the NAACP reported cash balances increased \$1.32 million, expenses were reduced by \$6.7 million (36 percent decrease) and for the first time in more than five years, the contributions, revenue and support exceeded operating expenses. Evers-Williams will remain a member of the NAACP Board of Directors through February 1999. "As a member of the NAACP Board, I will continue to have input into the direction of this great organization. Today, I am confident that the NAACP has the stability and the support needed to meet the challenges facing our people," said Evers-Williams. She is currently consulting with social justice, civil rights, business and political leaders to refine the concept of The Medgar Evers Institute.

Coalition Calls for National Week of Investment

The Coalition of Black Investors (COBI), has called for a National Week of Investment, April 20 - 24, 1998. The observance aims to heighten African-American consumers' awareness of the need to save and invest more aggressively. "The unequal distribution of wealth, power and resources has stagnated growth in Black communities," said COBI president Carol Davis. "To build wealth, African Americans must get into the habit of saving and investing, and do so at a higher rate." COBI asks that on Friday, April 24, designated as Pay Day, African Americans must commit at least \$25 or more to deposit in a bank or invest in stocks, bonds or mutual funds. "If we participate as we did in the Million Man March and Million Woman March and two million of us saved an average of \$50, the net worth of our collective Black community will increase \$100,000,000 in one day!" said Davis. During the Week of Investment COBI will also be sponsoring a student essay contest and calls for Black investment professionals to host seminars targeting children, women, senior and investment clubs. The National Urban League has endorsed this event and Urban League affiliates nationwide will host seminars. For information on investment opportunities, including a list of Black publicly-traded companies, managed mutual funds and resources for locating Black financial institutions and financial advisors, visit COBI's website at WWW.COBIINVEST.COM. For more information on the National Week of Investment call (910) 945-8977.

Matthew Henson Story Comes to TNT

On April 6, 1999 one of modern history's most remarkable events took place—two men conquered the North Pole for the first time. One came home to a hero's welcome; the other slipped into anonymity, all but forgotten by history. Turner Network Television presents the film biography of Matthew Henson, the unsung hero of Commander Robert E. Peary's famed North Pole expedition, in "Glory and Honor," a TNT Original adventure-drama. Delroy Lindo ("Malcolm X," "Clockers") plays the role of Henson, the first Black man to conquer the Arctic, with Henry Czerny ("Clear and Present Danger," "Mission Impossible") as Robert E. Peary. Peary, a civil engineer, was consumed with reaching the North Pole. He hired Henson to be his personal valet in the early 1890s and during the 18 years of association and nine attempts to the North Pole, Henson—by virtue of the fact that he learned to communicate with the Inuit people, served as Peary's translator and drove the dog sleds—became indispensable to expedition. Henson lived his life after conquering the North Pole quietly and with honor. The glory came 79 years later, when, on April 6, 1988, his body was moved from a cemetery in New York and reinterred with full honors in Arlington National Cemetery—next to Peary. On the 1988 tombstone, Henson is at last credited with being "co-discoverer of the North Pole." "Glory and Honor" premieres on Sunday, March 1 at 8 p.m. with encore presentations scheduled throughout the month; check your local listings.

A Strong Black Soldier In the 1950's

In the 1950's, Sgt. Otho W. Childers served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict War. Today, he resides at 2607 Dave Avenue in Lubbock, Texas.

He was one of several of their family members who served in the Korean War. Other family members included: his brother, James Childers, Robert Childers who is deceased, as well as Charlie Childers who is also deceased. There was also Willie "Good Daddy" Sneed, Lincoln Lewis, Billy Bailey and E.J. Johnson. There are Lubbockites who

may have been forgotten and never known. These are members of only one family of East Lubbock who served and sacrificed their lives for their country.

When you visit a cemetery on Memorial Day and see the U.S. Flags placed on their final resting places, why not stop and give thanks to God for their many efforts and sacrifices.

Furthermore, Otho Curtis Wayne Childers serves as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserves.



METTS Now Accepting Grant Applications

METTS, Inc. is now taking grant applications for events to be scheduled in the Civic Center or Auditorium-Coliseum for the 1998/99 fiscal year (October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999).

One of the functions of METTS, Inc. [Marketing, Entertainment, Tourism, Travel, and Sports] is to provide cultural, educational, and entertainment activities for the citizens of Lubbock. The METTS grant program provides funds to assist programs and events with building strong participation in

order to become self-sufficient on an annual basis. Applying organizations must be non-profit, and the proposed event should have a large or broad cultural and/or educational impact and appeal to all sectors of the community.

Applications can be picked up at the Civic Center Administrative Office, 1501 6th Street, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline for submitting completed applications is March 27. For more information contact: Chris Harmon, 775-2242

5th Annual African American History Bowl



Bozeman Elementary wins this year's African American History Bowl. Shown above (LtoR) are Bozeman students Phylcia Isaces, Eric Peeples, and Anissa Parson. Bozeman coaches (LtoR) Barbara Carnes, Tonya Neal, and Principal Vee Hisey are standing in rear.

PROMINENT ATTORNEY F. LEE BAILEY HIRED TO REPRESENT DR. HENRY J. LYONS; BAILEY TELLS THE MEDIA THAT THEY MUST LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD

a St. Petersburg, Florida, February 13, 1998—Dr. Henry J. Lyons, President of the National Baptist Convention have been villified by some of media for the last 8 months, allegedly spearheaded by the St. Petersburg Times, the local newspaper in Lyons hometown, crisscrossing this nation, interviewing members of the National Baptist Convention and anyone associated with the baptist leader in what appears to be an effort to destroy Lyons credibility and shape the public's opinion about his leadership of the Largest African-American religious organization in United States. Every avenue of his life has been under attack, from his family, church, convention, friends, associates and all business deals that he has been involved in.

In a press conference on Wednesday in Saint Petersburg, Florida Lyons hired well known Attorney F. Lee Bailey, to defend him against any possible charges that may arise following and unfortunate mishap that occurred when Dr. Lyons, wife, Mrs. Deborah Lyons set fire to a house Lyons, co-signed for a friend. Attorney F. Lee Bailey praised Mrs.

Lyons, who has steadfastly defended her husband since the incident. During the press conference Mrs. Lyons stood beside her husband along with their youngest daughter, Vonda Lyons. The couple has been married 26th years and have three beautiful children.

Bailey said, "Mrs. Lyons is sticking by her man in a way the song never contemplated, and I think that Dr. Lyons is fortunate to have that (in Deborah Lyons)"

In past interviews, Mrs. Lyons have attacked the St. Petersburg Times for its coverage of her husband, stating, "They have twisted every kindness he has ever shown to others and that is deplorable". Attorney Bailey said, "for whatever reason the media have called for Lyon's scalp repeatedly and consistently". He called on the media "to show some responsibility in its coverage"

Bailey has represented defendants in several Trials of the Century, such as O. J. Simpson, Dr. Sam Sheppard and Heirress Patty Hearst.

Bailey said of Dr. Lyons, "He is my kind of a guy and I am very proud to be asked to represent him".



Who are these African American ladies? What organization did they belong and what was the nature of their organization? Looking

back over the years, there were always several Annual each year. Did you attend any of them? Let us hear from you!

SOUTHWEST DIGEST ENDORSES CANDIDATES!

At this point in time, it is very important to vote. It is your duty as well as your God given right. Now, with rights come responsibility. If you fail to vote, you have no reason to complain!

The editorial staff of the Southwest Digest, after much deliberation and discussion as well as some research on some candidates in the upcoming Democratic and Republican Primaries, we've come up with the following endorsements. These endorsements are based on such things as attitudes, performances, experiences, record, inclusiveness and, we think, most of all, ability.

Here are our endorsements:

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Gary Mauro - Governor
Jim Maddox - Attorney General
Pete "Pat" Patterson - Agriculture Commissioner
Jim Gomez - Lubbock County Democrat Chairman

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

George Bush - Governor
Sam Medina - 237th District Judge
Don McBeath - Lubbock County Judge
Dru Farmer - County Court-at-Law #2
Jean Anne Stratton - District Clerk

VOTE MARCH 10TH IN THE PRIMARIES!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Now is a time, we must think about replacing patriotism and our own agendas and think about what's best for our nation, state, county and even our cities. The political stakes are too high. The times are too grim for us to play games with people's lives and futures for our own power and financial gains.

As Rodney King's famous words stated: "Why can't we just get along." This goes for persons to person; people to people and community to community, and even government to government. It is most important for people and most important for government.

It appears in today's age, some politicians have the illusion that to be a good politician, one has to challenge and be against what others are for and for what others are against. This is not the case! It only proves you to be a fool and progress blocker. There should be disagreement which makes democracy, but the key is being a good politician. A politician is one who is able to negotiate,

discuss and discuss the issues, and in some times, compromise and come to a workable agreement. That agreement should be in the best interest of people and not the politician.

It is a short time before the March 10th Primary, but you still have an opportunity to learn as much as you can about the candidates and issues. It is highly recommended that you be prepared for the May election, and the big General Election in November. It is important to vote and make your voice heard at all elections. You see, there is a record of all elections which goes back to a position in history you didn't vote. If you don't vote, you have no reason to complain.

It's a fact in a lot of cases, the people who do the most complaining, griping and moaning are the ones who do not vote. Politicians are elected for the people, by the people. But on the other hand, politicians are only human. You be the judge and go to the polls and vote for the good of everyone concerned.

Career Awareness Seminar

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Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care", and the

Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. You are always welcome to come and visit our congregation.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. with Brother Virgil Johnson, superintendent, presiding. All classes had 30 minutes of instruction with their teachers at their post of duty. All reassembled at 10:15 a.m. into the main auditorium singing "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was given by Brother J.C. Quigley. High points of the morning lesson were given by Class No. 3 with Sister J. Cooper as teacher. It was very well done. Let's make sure the subject of the lesson soaks in this week.

Secretary's Report - Sister Lucille Jackson is secretary - Youth Department: Intermediate Class received the Offering Banner. There was a tie between the Intermediate Class and the Senior Class for the Attendance Banner. Adult Department: Class No. 1 received both banners.

The Sunday School was dismissed with prayer by Supt. Johnson.

The morning devotional hour was led by Sister Callie Howard and Brother R.J. Givens. What a time!

The morning worship hour began with the Male Chorus marching in singing "On the Battlefield." Altar prayer was offered by Sister Margaret Moton and it was a fervent prayer. A selection was sung and the scripture was with the congregation standing and was led by Brother F.J. Jenkins.

The morning hymn was "What A Fellowship." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. This was followed by the singing of "Pray, Pray!" The sermonic hymn was "Blessed Assurance." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Make The Most Of Every Opportunity." His scripture text was Ecclesiastes 5:15-17. What a wonderful message.

The hospitals and homes are still filled with sick and shut in citizens. Among them include Sister Fayerene Alexander who is home from the hospital. Sister Elnora Johnson is still in St. Mary Hospital.

Sister Cleo Quigley has two brothers who are patients in the hospital. Sister Jennie Chase and Brother Hardin Barrow are ill at this report. It's praying time, Church!

Let's continue to pray for Sister Bernice Kelly who lost her husband, Ulysses who was funeralized at New Hope last Friday morning. A link in New Hope has been broken. Brother Kelly was a Christian man and was loved by all who knew him. Our prayers and sympathy are for all.

If you love God, love your church. Let's get involved about the indebtedness of our church by December 31, 1998. Ruby Jay, this writer, is the Captain for the Month of August. She's counting on you who has a birthday in August by the fourth Sunday in March. She thanks you for your concern.

Also funeral services were held last Thursday morning at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church for a longtime resident, Mr. Leon Melton. He was a good man. The works he has done speaks for him. The church and many friends are in sympathy with his loving wife and family.

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One major factor in the reorganization process of the Canyon Lakes Credit Union is to obtain long term share deposits for investment poses to establish the level of reserves necessary. Once this is established, CLCU can begin generating loans once again for those individuals in Districts I and

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Editorials • Comments • Opinions



THIS N THAT

ATTITUDE IS WHAT WE NEED TO WATCH! THIS N THAT...would like to say...CONGRATS...to the Lubbock Branch of the...NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)...for a...JOB WELL DONE...last Saturday evening...in their annual...GEORGE WOODS AWARDS BANQUET... The speaker...DENNIS S. BROWN...president of...DESTINY INVESTMENT...of Houston, Texas...WAS AN EXCELLENT SPEAKER... He was on time...with valuable information which we all could use in our daily lives...especially...HAVING THE RIGHT ATTITUDE...VERY GOOD MESSAGE...BROTHER BROWN...is very correct...WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE...we can do anything... THANKS AGAIN...LUBBOCK BRANCH...for recognizing one of our citizens who has gone on...MRS. LILLIAN C. STRUGGS...was an outstanding individual to present to the annual banquet... A lady...no doubt...who loved children...and gave a great deal of her life...HELPING BOYS AND GIRLS OF LUBBOCK... Her daughter...JUDITH STRUGGS...accepted the plaque from the organization with dignity...as she was very professional on the acceptance... THANKS...SISTER ROSE WILSON...for a job well done... It just may be a good idea...to move the annual banquet from...OCTOBER...to the second month of the year...FEBRUARY...as it is recognized as...BLACK HISTORY MONTH... Although...THIS N THAT...calls every month...BLACK HISTORY MONTH... It just seems...to this writer...there was a lot of...POSITIVE CHEMISTRY...last Saturday night... Something to think about...

NEW DIRECTIONS WILL MOVE! THIS N THAT...has learned from the...LUBBOCK SCHOOL BOARD'S MEETING...last Thursday evening that the...DECISION...has been made to...MOVE NEW DIRECTIONS...beginning Fall of 1998...to the...MATTHEW COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER...407 North Akron Avenue... On the other

hand...PROJECT INTERCEPT...because of the growth in population...will move to the present location of New Directions...1323 East 24th Street... There was a...PETITION...presented by the president of the Dunbar Neighborhood Association...in...OPPOSITION TO THIS MOVE... MRS. EMMA JACKSON...spoke to the Lubbock School Board last Thursday evening...

TWO GOOD MEN WILL BE MISSED!! THIS N THAT...had an opportunity of attending final rites of...TWO GOOD MEN...last week... They were...ULYSSESS KELLY...and...LEON MELTON... Both men had many friends...and will be missed... Both were...CHRISTIAN MEN...who were fond about...LUBBOCK, TEXAS... This city is a much better place for all of us to live because this pair came this way... THIS N THAT...is glad to have known...ULYSSESS...and...LEON MELTON...

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!! THIS N THAT...would like to remind you of the importance to...VOTING...come Tuesday...MARCH 10TH...that is...if you didn't vote in the early voting... It appears as though there's not much action...but still vote... Make sure you cast your...VALUABLE VOTE!!

VETERAN PARADE BY BLACK CHAMBER!! THIS N THAT...who is a veteran of South Vietnam...was most appreciative of the...ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY PARADE...held last Saturday morning... It brought back memories for those of us have served in the U.S. ARMED FORCES... This is a...VERY GOOD IDEA...and maybe the...LUBBOCK BLACK CHAMBER...will have this same theme next year... You can never...GET TIRED OF SHOWING APPRECIATION FOR VETERANS... Something to think about!!

SHIRLEY CANADY THE BARBER SAYS: "WISDOM...is the...REWARD...you get for a lifetime of listening...when you wanted to...TALK..."

IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



There are balanced budgets and then there are budgets balanced on something which

would otherwise put the budget in a not so balanced perspective. The budget of the United States is such a budget. The President talks about surpluses and so does the Congress. They both give a lot of dissertation on 'saving Social Security.' There is also the common insertion of doubt thrown in that when you are the right age to draw upon your Social Security benefits that there will be none.

Title later statement may very well be so. Why? It will become a reality if Congress continues to treat Social Security funds as 'surpluses.' Our monies which we pay into this fund is not put into a trust but thrust into the U.S. Treasury's General Fund and used for whatever the U.S. Government sees fit to use it for.

Consider all of the Americans covered by and paying into Social Security and die before they are old enough to collect anything

and/or leaving behind children who are not eligible to draw benefits and perhaps a widow who may die before she is eligible to draw benefits. Where is the money? Should the widower live long enough to collect some benefits, she will not receive as much as her dead spouse would have received. If the widow had a job from which she is eligible to draw a pension, she may not be eligible to draw any social security anyway. Where does the money go?

There is constant fear about the availability of Medicare benefits and currently, only ten years of covered employment is needed for coverage which you are eligible to use at age 65. These are attributes of the employed population. I have yet to hear from any source anything about the shrinking availability of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or the Medicaid Program which is part and parcel of SSI. This is welfare and we wonder why the indigent commit fraud to keep from losing their benefits? It is time that we get cinque' and let our senators and representatives know that the Social Security programs need to be handled better; funds need to be secured and not treated as 'surpluses.'

Sharon Bragg of Prairie View A&M University Wins Opportunity to Attend AHBAI Entrepreneurial Leadership Conference

by Attorney General Dan Morales

There are several myths about the Office of the Attorney General's Child Support Program that I would like to clarify.

Our office, under federal mandate, must provide services to locate absent parents, establish paternity for children born out of wedlock, establish child support orders in courts of law, enforce those orders, and collect and distribute child support payments. Our current caseload exceeds one million cases, but contrary to popular belief, we are not the only agency that handles child support in Texas.

We are not the only ones who collect child support In Texas, county-operated domestic relations or child support offices, private attorneys, and private child support collection agencies also provide some child support enforcement services. Most child support orders resulting from divorce are handled through the county child support registries.

The majority of our caseload consists of families with children whose parents have never married. Most come to us because they are in financial need and have applied for welfare.

When custodial parents apply for welfare benefits, they are automatically referred to our office by the Department of Human Services. The idea is that many of these families would not have

to be supported by taxpayer dollars if they were supported by the children's absent parents.

We do not act alone

Another myth is that the Attorney General acts alone in pursuing child support collections. This has never been the case. On a daily basis, we need the assistance of other individuals and agencies.

Texas judges handle crowded court dockets throughout the state, district clerks process filings, constables and sheriffs serve parties with papers and arrest child support evaders, lab technicians draw blood for genetic tests, employers remit wage garnishments, agencies cooperate by matching databases, and hospital workers talk to new parents about acknowledging paternity.

Visitation is a separate issue

Many people also believe that child support and visitation are closely related. However, in Texas, the responsibility to pay child support and the right to visitation are legally separate issues. A court order may determine both. In many cases, the court will order the custodial parent to permit visitation and the non-custodial parent to pay support.

Unfortunately, some custodial parents, in violation of their court orders, deny non-custodial parents access to their children. The Attorney General's Office can only intervene when child support is involved. Our office has the legal

authority to take enforcement action against parents for non-payment of child support, but we cannot enforce visitation.

Visitation issues must be taken directly to the court. If you have been denied court-ordered visitation, you may wish to retain a private attorney or seek assistance from a legal aid society.

Only a legal father has a father's legal rights

For a man to say he is the father of a child is not enough to give him legal rights to his child, if he has never been married to the child's mother. Even if you acknowledge that you are the child's biological father, you must become the child's legal father in order to have father's rights. You become a legal father by establishing paternity.

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Please Come Back Home Vernon Jordan

Not to worry Vernon Jordan, even though seem to have forgotten about the African-American community, "We ain't mad at ya." But, that being said, isn't true that people who gain their acclaim representing us, should be of benefit to us? During the past decade Jordan's been a contradiction to his own statements about blacks and not a much of an asset to the vast majority of us even though he is seen as representing us.

As First Friend of President Clinton, Vernon Eulion Jordan, Jr. could be called the "Crown Prince of Affirmative Action." Former head of the National Urban League, Jordan has reached a pinnacle of influence in Washington, D.C. His is the first on The Black List of the nation's power-elite and is sought after for corporate boards and social circles. The man who initiated the Black Leadership Forum in 1977 is the a black success story among the white-dominated elite, but something of an empty suit for blacks outside that loop.

Born August 15, 1935 in a black West Atlanta housing project, Jordan makes over a million dollars a year just for having his name on the door of the prestigious law firm of Akin, Gump. He is the top practitioner of Washington's bread-and-butter business: power brokering. On the black side, Jordan went to Washington's Howard Law School and for 20 years worked his way up the ladder

of civil rights organizations including: the NAACP the Voter Education Project, the United Negro College Fund and National Urban League.

Vernon and wife, Ann Dibble Jordan, are the African Americans most favored for corporate boards. Of the 179 corporate board of director slot held by African American, the First Friends Couple hold 11 seats between them, getting annual payments exceeding \$800,000. Even before Clinton's sex scandal, and Jordan's alleged intervention, many blacks posed questions about how much he has given back. "If he represents African-Americans in these power settings, what is his responsibility to black masses?" Randall Robinson, president of TransAfrica, a Washington-based black lobbying group, has attributed an affliction to people whose actions mirror Jordan's. Robinson calls the Vernon Jordan Disease, "a degenerative condition among blacks of privilege that results in a loss of memory of what they come to privilege to accomplish."

In his last speech as executive director of the Urban League, Jordan rejected the idea that individual achievement was important when large proportions of African American live in poverty. Now, the record show Jordan using contacts at corporations to assist already rich and privileged ex-White House intern Monica Lewinsky, and to obtain over

\$100,000 in contracts for former-Assistant Attorney General Webster Hubbell, after a conviction in the Whitewater probe. Jordan personally intervened with people on whose board he sits, petitioning Revlon, American Express and the Burson-Marsteller public relations firm for a job for Lewinsky and legal work for Hubbell, although he was awaiting his jail sentence. However, little information exists showing where Jordan intervened similarly for young African Americans from neighborhoods such as his birthplace.

In attempts to actualize affirmative action at high levels in their operations, an unprecedented number of corporations have appointed Vernon Jordan and wife to seats on their boards. We know that this is because those corporate officers wanted to satisfy a need for blacks in that position. Evidently this has escaped Vernon and Ann Dibble? At the Urban League Jordan criticized the Nixon, Carter and Reagan Administrations for the harmful effects their governments had on African Americans. Now, Jordan is the spook guarding and guiding the door. We might not be mad at him, but, isn't it justifiable for us to want Jordan to use the power and positions he's gained in our name and hold his feet to the fire demanding that he bring more bacon back home and help more blacks?

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Who Is The Bride of Christ?

There are many and manifold ideas about the Bride of Christ. There is the Catholic idea, that membership in the Catholic Church, evidenced by baptism and extreme unction, is necessary to become a part of the Bride of Christ.

Then, there is the Pede-Baptist (Protestant) position that the bride of Christ includes the regenerate of all the various "branches of the true church." Some go back and include Abraham and circumcision, while others start at Pentecost. Many Baptists of modern days, following the helps in Scofield's Bible, have accepted this Pede-Baptist (Protestant) doctrine.

The Baptist Position

The position of Baptists of days gone by was the New Testament position. Baptists like J. N. Hall, J. R. Graves, Ray, Nunnery, Moody, and many others, rejected in toto the "branch" theory of the true church, which is necessary to accept, in order to believe that those outside of true-Baptist churches compose a part of the Bride of Christ.

Baptists believe that there is but "one body" (Eph. 4:4 and 1:22-23) composed of the regenerate members of true Baptist churches (1 Cor. 12:12). Only people, born again, who have been "bound" (Mt. 16:19) on earth into a local, visible, true Baptist church, and not "loosed on earth" (Mt. 18:18) from that local, visible, true Baptist church, will be a member of that one body in glory.

Let it be remembered that all the born again are going to heaven. Those who have been bound by men into the harlot church of Rome, but who have been born again (Rev. 17:5) will one day be called to "come out of her," by a voice from heaven (Rev. 18:4), and they will come

to the Lord. All the saved in Methodist, Brethren, Presbyterian, and even the born again from the Christian Scientist and Jehovah Witnesses and Seventh Day Adventist, as daughters and granddaughters of old Rome, will come out, attracted by the Omnipotent power of Jesus.

When these saved Pede-Baptists (Protestants), and others, get to heaven, of course they will be happy, but they will not

be any part of the true Bride of Christ. These members of man-made organizations will not share with the Bride of Christ in heaven—that is, they

will be no part of the Bride of Christ, and will not share the rewards and blessings given to the true Chaste Virgin, nor experience the supreme happiness of the Bride. They will share a part of heaven, but not the blessings and rewards of heaven, that are showered only on the Bride.

Pede-Baptists have long recognized that unless they were a part of the true church on earth, they could be no part of the true Bride in heaven. Hence, they invented the "branch-church-theory," to overcome the idea that any one church might be better than some other, or all other man-made churches. Their greatest desire has been to get influential Baptist

preachers and leaders to subscribe to the doctrines that "the church was organized on Pentecost," and "each church is a branch of the true church of Christ."

If one church is as good as another, and no church can trace its origin back to Christ and the Apostles, then why should not all churches exchange members, recognize one baptism is as good as any other, and the one church practicing restricted communion is a narrow, selfish, egotist? If all churches were of equal origin, then all would be on equality, and one baptism would be as good as any other, and foolish would be the one who would advocate closed communion.

The New Testament, which is our Law Book, teaches clearly, positively that there is only one faith, one body, and many bodies with contradictory faiths, cannot compose the one true church of Christ—or church which belongs to Christ.

All True Baptist Churches Form The One Body of Christ

All thinking people recognize that in contradictory propositions, only one can be right. When the Bible says "one faith" (Eph. 4:5) then only the local churches believing and practicing that one faith are true churches. With churches, as with propositions, in contradictory faiths, only one can be true.

Methodist, Dutch Reformed, and many historians, not Baptists, including Alexander Campbell, have said that "The Baptists can trace their origin to the apostolic times and produce unequivocal testimony of their existence in every century down to the present time." (Campbell-Walker Debate, pg. 262), and similar statements. That rules out all except Baptists.

Jesus said, "On this rock (1 Cor. 10:4) I will build (oikodomeesoo) my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt. 16:18). If Jesus told the truth, and He did, that church was not only built (not "won") during His personal ministry on earth (Jn. 10:4), but has had an unbroken line of existence through all ages since, and is in the world today. Only Baptists and Catholics claim an existence back to Christ. Surely, all must recognize that when John the Baptist baptized Jesus, in the Jordan (Mt. 3), outwardly he made Him a Baptist, as He already was inwardly. Therefore, being a Baptist outwardly and inwardly, the church Christ started must necessarily have been a Baptist church.

Baptist Churches Compose The Bride of Christ

"For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also (hos kai ho kephalee tees ekklesias) is the head of the church" (Eph. 5:23). Then, as the woman is the wife of the husband, so the regenerate of the true churches compose the wife of Christ. There is no getting away from that logic. However, True Logic and Scripture agree. Hence, we read in a letter written to a local Baptist church (2 Cor. 1:1) located in Corinth, "I espoused you to one husband, that I might present you as a true virgin to Christ (2 Cor. 11:2). Mary was "espoused" before the wedding (Mt. 1:18). The wedding of Christ and the Regenerate, who have been bound on earth in some true missionary Baptist church has not yet taken place — will not until after Christ returns (1 Thess. 4:13ff) and after the Tribulation (Rev. 4:1; 19:6-8).

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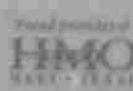
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JOEL 2:28, THE LORD SAID, IT SHALL COME TO PASS AFTERWARD, THAT I WILL POUR OUT OF SPIRIT UPON ALL FLESH; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS.

FRIDAY NIGHT NOVEMBER 21, 1979, MY FATHER, BILLY B.J. MORRISON, IN GARLAND, TEXAS, WHERE I LIVED, HE ASKED ME TO COME TO BENCHLEY, TEXAS TO OUR HOME-LAND. HE SAID HE HAD STOCKED THE FISHING TANKS, AND WHEN HE THROW GRAIN IN TO FEED THEM, YOU COULD SEE THEIR BACKS 10 TO 12 INCHES LONG. I TOLD HIM HE DIDN'T HAVE TO TELL ME THAT TO GET ME TO COME DOWN, BUT I WOULD. (I BEGIN TO THINK WITH A FISHING NET WHAT A CATCH THAT WOULD BE!!!) MATTHEW 4:17, JESUS SAID, FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.

I WAS RAISING AND TRAINING DOBERMAN DOGS; I HAD ONE THAT COULD CLIMB A LADDER, I TOOK HER WITH ME, SHE WAS TOP IN HER CLASS. WE GOT THERE THAT MORNING AND IT WAS RAINING, WE DIDN'T FISH. MY FATHER BEING A TRUCKER, HE WENT TO WORK.

MY MOTHER HAD A SISTER ABOUT 3 MILES FROM THERE, AND SHE'S BEEN IN THE MINISTRY FOR ABOUT 35 YEARS. WE WOULD NEVER HARDLY GO SEE AUNT ELLEN ALLEN, BECAUSE SHE WOULD ALWAYS TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE; AND WE DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR IT LIVING IN SIN, WE DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR THE TRUTH! I HEARD SHE WAS SICK, AND I HAD TIME TO KILL, SO I WENT TO SEE HER. SHE GAVE ME THE WORD OF GOD.

1 TIMOTHY 4:2, PREACH THE WORD; BE INSTANT IN SEASON, OUT OF SEASON; REPROVE, REBUKE, EXHORT WITH ALL LONG SUFFERING AND DOCTRINE.

I WENT BACK TO THE HOME PLACE, AND MY FATHER HADN'T GOT OFF HIS JOB, SO I WENT UP TO HIS SISTER'S HOUSE, AUNT CORENE MANLEY, WHILE WE WAS TALKING, SHE SAID MY FATHER AND HIS WIFE HAD A PROBLEM, AND THAT IF I WOULD TALK TO THEM, SHE BELIEVED THEY WOULD LISTEN TO ME. BUT I TOLD HER THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO GET INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS. (MY DAD AND I WERE VERY GOOD FRIENDS, AND I DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR HIM SAY: MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS! WE FISHED HUNTED, PLAYED POOL AND DOMINOES; WE WERE FRIENDS!!!)

JOHN 15:13, JESUS SAID, GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

I WENT BACK TO MY FATHER'S HOUSE, HE HAD MADE IT HOME FROM WORK. AFTER EATING SUPPER, WE DECIDED TO GO TO HEARNE, TX. FOR A SATURDAY NIGHT OUT. I DIDN'T TALK TO HIM TO HIM, ON THE WAY UP THERE, OR ON THE WAY BACK (ABOUT THE FAMILY PROBLEMS).

PROVERB 9:8, REPROVE NOT A SCORNER, LEST HE HATE THEE: REBUKE A WISE MAN, AND HE WILL LOVE THEE.

SUNDAY MORNING: AFTER EATING BREAKFAST WITH DAD (DIDN'T TALK!) I CALLED BACK TO THE BEDROOM TO HIS WIFE MISS OPHELIA, MY STEPMOTHER: TELLING HER GOODBYE, AND I WOULD SEE HER THE NEXT TRIP. MY DAD WAS GETTING READY TO GO TO BRYAN, TX, TO HAVE SOME DEER SAUSAGES MADE. I LOADED MY DOG AND STARTED OUT TO GARLAND. AFTER GOING ABOUT A MILE, TO THE MAIN HIGHWAY, I WENT ABOUT 1/4 OF A MILE AND I HEARD A RUBBING SOUND ON THE FRONT OF MY PICKUP. I PULLED OVER: AND THERE WERE THREE OF THE FIVE BOLTS BROKEN OFF; I LOOK UP IN TIME TO SEE MY DAD, COME UP TO THE HIGHWAY, AND TURNED LEFT, GOING TO BRYAN. I BEGIN TO SPEAK: @#\$%*!@/!/\$#. (THE LORD IS NOW WORKING!!!)

REVELATION 3:20, JESUS SAID, BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR, AND KNOCK: IF ANY MAN HEAR MY VOICE, AND OPEN THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM, AND WILL SUP WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME. GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS, ALWAYS!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Touching the Master

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degrading illness. But how could she ever go up to Him and openly explain such an intimate problem as hers? It just wasn't done. Then she had an idea. Why not just quickly reach out and touch His clothing? No one will know!

No one, that is, but Jesus. Calling the woman to Him out of the crowd, He publicly commended her for her great faith and sent her home in peace. So it can also be for us. Though He is the Son of almighty God, there is no sickness, no sin, no human imperfection that is ever too trivial or "personal" to be shared with Him in prayer. He asks only that we come to Him, as did the woman, in faith.

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Peter's question, however, reminds us we do have problems with forgiveness. It cost God heavily to forgive us our sins when we realize how completely God has forgiven us. We must show a free and generous attitude of forgiveness towards others. The key to forgiving others is remembering just how much we have been forgiven when we do not forgive others. We set ourselves outside and above Christ's Law of Love. So forgive others, Brothers and Sisters.

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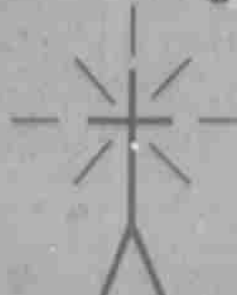
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