

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. If you are looking for a church home, then come and be with us. Our doors are always open to anyone who visits our church services. May God continue to be with each of you.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. with Sunday School with Superintendent Earnest Swain presiding. All teachers were present and at their post of duty. For thirty minutes, there was instruction for all in the various classes. At 10:15 a. m., a beautiful scene was seen as they marched to the main auditorium marching and singing "What A Fellowship."

High points of the morning lesson were given by members of the Adult Class. Pastor Moton closed out the discussion with some very good words of encouragement.

The Praise Team conducted the devotional period. The spirit was high. What a time!

The Senior Choir marched in the processional. Pastor Moton offered the altar prayer. Sister Joan Y. Ervin read a scripture. After the singing of a selection, Sister Cleo Quigley gave a prayer. The morning hymn was "How I Got Over." After Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations, which are always enlightening, another song, "I Must Tell Jesus," was sung.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Lord, I Owe You, aren't Pay You Enough. But I Can Say Thank You!" his scripture was Psalms 119:12. What a message!

There are many of us who are sick in the community. Keep praying for all of them.

Sister Fannie Price was in a car wreck last week. Thank God she's much better at this report.

Among our bereaved families this week is Sister Florine Reed, the Vickie Kendrick and grandmother of Marshinda Blake. We want them to know they are in our prayers.

Brother and Sister J. Brickey had their daughter blessed in morning services.

The Eleventh Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Billy R. Moton will be held Sunday afternoon, November 5, 2000, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

Art Discovery® Brings Culture to the Classroom



In Photo - Amina J. Dickerson, Kraft Foods Director of Corporate Contributions, helped establish Art Discovery, an Educational partnership between cultural institutions and Chicago public schools. The program links curriculum development with arts-based teaching strategies and hands-on experiences using the resources of cultural institutions.

NORTHFIELD, IL. - Imagine a child learning their ABC's by watching ballet dancers form shapes with their bodies. Or understanding social studies better by examining contemporary art. Or even exploring the notion of achieving excellence by visiting a historical sports exhibition at a museum.

It's all possible. And it's happening today through Art Discovery an innovative arts in-education program launched in 1998 in Chicago that links the outreach program of cultural organizations with the city's inner-city public schools. Through a founding grant of \$1 million from



In Photo - Students from Chicago's Joan F. Auci Middle School learn the details of creating during a backstage tour at the famed Goodman Theatre as part of the Art Discovery program - an art-in-education partnership between cultural institutions and Chicago public schools founded by Kraft Foods.

Kraft Foods, the organization helps strengthen students' understanding of core curricula such as language, reading, science and math.

Art Discovery, conceived by Kraft's Director of Corporate Contributions Amina Dickerson, is considered one of the first arts and education collaborations of its kind in the United States. "In a world where more and more arts programs are being cut from public schools, we're helping to fill a void," Dickerson said. "Art Discovery is not just about the field trip; it's about how you establish the arts as part of the ongoing work of the school."

The program works by

linking curriculum development with arts-based teaching strategies and hands-on experiences using the resources of cultural institutions. For example, teachers presenting a language arts unit about storytelling work with educational outreach coordinators of cultural institutions to add depth to the topic. Then, students may be encouraged to read and discuss a story or a book. Finally, the group sees "A Nutcracker" at the Joffrey Ballet, visits a history exhibit at the DuSable Museum of African American History and attends a concert at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, giving them an enhanced understanding of how stories can be told through music, dance and artifacts.

"My students are children who are so isolated from the outside world by their own culture, that they have very little knowledge of the culture of others," said Educator Sybil Stewart Bradbury from Chicago's Wendell Smith School on the city's Southside. "By participating in the hands-on activities, and preparing for them in-class, my students not only see their own culture more clearly, but also place themselves in perspective to other people."

Dickerson, who has spent over 20 years working with major

art institutions, suggests that parents take the opportunity to make cultural experiences possible year round. "Almost every city offers free cultural events—a music concert, a dance performance, theater in the park, or a free day at the museum," she said. "It's good to get out of the house and take kids out of the neighborhood so they feel that they are citizens of the world."

Last year, Art Discovery instructed more than 200 teachers on how to use the program and reached nearly 6,000 students. This fall, Art Discovery will broaden its reach even more and launch a website (www.artdiscovery.org) that will share curricula, best practices and tools for educators and students nationwide. Additionally, Kraft continues to support similar arts education programs in Ohio, Minnesota, California, Connecticut, North Carolina and Washington, DC.

Kraft Foods, the North American food business of Philip Morris Companies Inc., makes some of America's best-loved brands such as Kraft cheeses; Oscar Mayer meats; Maxwell House coffees; Post cereals; Jell-O desserts; Kool-Aid beverages; and Tombstone pizza.

Pete and Nelda Laney receive child advocacy award

(Austin) - Texas House Speaker Pete Laney and his wife Nelda, have been recognized by the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) for their work on behalf of Texas children.

The Laney's received the 2000 CWLA advocacy Award for Public Officials at a ceremony Sept. 28 in New Orleans. The CWLA is the nation's oldest membership-based child welfare organizations, with more than 1,100 member agencies that provide a wide range of services to more than 3 million vulnerable children and their families.

Speaker Laney was recognized for his long-standing

commitment to child advocacy, including legislative initiatives for the education and protection of children, improved services for abused and neglected children, his support of the Texas Children's Health Insurance Program and his commitment to public education.

"The children of Texas must be the top priority of state government," Laney said. "Our children are our greatest resource and represent our future. Investing in education and child welfare will ensure that the future is a success."

Nelda Laney, a member of the Executive Council of Greater Texas Community Partners, was recognized for her support of education and literacy program and other projects that benefit children. Greater Texas Community Partners initiates volunteer programs, such as Rainbow Rooms and the Adopt-A-Casework program that provides supplies and services to children.

Together, the Laney chaired the 2000 Children's

Miracle Network fund-raising broadcast, received the 2000 Sister Mary Rose McPhed Award for public service from the Seton Foundation, and were the 1995 honoree of the Mental Health Association on Texas. The Laney's also support the sunshine Kids Foundation, which provides positive growth experience for young people with cancer, and for the last three years they have

sponsored a Christmas Gift Donation Drive for abused and neglected children in foster care.

The Laney were nominated for the CWLA award by James R. Hine, executive director of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. He said, "For many years, Pete and Nelda Laney have dedicated their public as well as private lives to serving the children of Texas."

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American cuisine blends the cultures and culinary traditions of the people that came to America, creating a cuisine that escapes definition - yet is utterly delicious. WEIGHT WATCHERS SIMPLY THE BEST ALL AMERICAN IDG Books Worldwide, August 2000, \$21.95, hardcover), marries the

flavors of the foods found all around the country, melding the modern with the traditional, with recipes such as Pecan-Crusted Fish, Butternut Squash and Swiss Chard Risotto and Tropical Coleslaw, and in other cases keeping the original but using a lighter touch, as in Yankee Pot Roast, Maine

Blueberry-Crumb Pie and Jambalaya

WEIGHT WATCHERS SIMPLY THE BEST ALL AMERICA takes a tour through America's kitchens and showcases the country's regional specialties, from New England and the Mid Atlantic to the Plains and the Mountain West, with dishes that highlight foods introduced by the people that settled the area as well as the fare that sustains and is indigenous to the region.

Chapters are divided into regions so it's easy to find regional favorites, like Shrimp with Key Lime Cocktail Sauce and Sweet Potato Pie from the Gulf States, Linguini with Cougar Gold Cheese and Grilled Walla Walla Onions from the Pacific Northwest and Poblano Posole with Grilled Chicken from the Southwest. To finish a meal, try desserts that are both elegant and homey - Shoofly Pie (the Mid-Atlantic), Pecan Bourbon Cake (the South) or Cafe Con Leche Flan (the Southwest).

IN WEIGHT WATCHERS SIMPLY THE BEST ALL

AMERICAN readers will also enjoy techniques and tips from America's home cooks. For Kansas City Steak Salad, an American Way tip offers "The steak is tastiest when crusty on the outside and still a bit pink inside - best achieved at home by searing in a heavy skillet." For Vermont Veal Chop with Apples and Sage, the American Way tip states, "Be sure to use Granny Smith apples; their firmness and bite hold up well in cooking and provide a sweet-tart contrast to the mellow veal." And for Maryland Crab Cakes, the tip is critical, "Although it's less costly, don't be tempted to use surimi, or imitation crab, in this dish they just won't be the same."

WEIGHT WATCHERS SIMPLY THE BEST ALL AMERICAN also features fascinating flash backs into the history of cooking, tied to each recipe. On the page with Wild Mushroom Pierogi (from Chicago), find out that, "Jelly candies are manufactured by Chicagoan Fred Amend, a candy industry bigwig since 1875. His wife suggests the name Chuckles." Another flashback circa 1973 for Con-Timbales with Vegetables and Cheese (made with a food processor) tells "The Chicago National Housewares Exposition is the site for the unveiling of the

Cusinart food processor. Despite its hefty price tag (\$140), food guru James Beard claims "it has changed my life."

WEIGHT WATCHERS SIMPLY THE BEST ALL AMERICAN includes ideas and tips to get the dish on the table a little easier and uses good-for-you ingredients that have become staples for savvy cooks everywhere. And of course, each recipe provides complete nutritional information and POINTS ID values based on the Weight Watchers phenomenal 1-2-3 Success weight-loss plan, a program that has helped millions of people lose weight.

Whether looking for a regional favorite or a new tradition, WEIGHT WATCHERS SIMPLY THE BEST ALL AMERICAN brings together the best recipes from across the country in a culinary extravaganza!

New England
Vermont Veal Chop with Apples and Sage (4 servings)

POINTS per serving: 4
2 teaspoons light margarine
2 medium shallots, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon sugar
2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and sliced
1/2 cup dry white wine
2 teaspoons chopped fresh sage, or 1/2 teaspoon dried
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pep-

per 4 (6-ounce) lean bone-in veal chops, about 1/2-inch thick and trimmed of all visible fat

1. Spray the grill or broiler rack with non-stick spray; prepare the grill or pre-heat the broiler.

2. Melt the margarine in a non-stick skillet, then add the shallots and sugar. Saute, stirring occasionally, until the shallots soften, 2-3 minutes. Add the apples and saute until they begin to soften, 3-5 minutes. Stir in the wine, sage, 1/2 teaspoon of the salt, and 1/8 teaspoon of the pepper. Cook until the mixture is thick and almost all of the liquid has evaporated, 3-4 minutes. Set aside.

3. Sprinkle the veal chops with the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Grill or broil the chops, 5 inches from the heat, until medium-rare, 3-4 minutes per side. Spoon the apple mixture over the veal.

Per serving: 167
Calories, 5g Total Fat, 2g Saturated Fat, 70mg Cholesterol, 365m Sodium, 11g Total Carbohydrate, 1g Dietary Fiber, 18g Protein, 23mg Calcium

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Straight Talk About Cancer

A free program for the community presented by
The Southwest Cancer Center at UMC

Breast Health

Speakers:

Dwight Hood, M.D., Colleen Silva, M.D.,
Huan Vu, M.D.

and

Prevention Awareness through STAR
(Study of Tamoxifen And Raloxifene)

Thursday, October 26, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, 2304 Cedar

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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THIS N THAT

AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY SET FOR THURSDAY! THIS N THAT is asking that ALL OF YOU who are concerned about what is on the plate for the LUBBOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL'S REALIGNMENT-REORGANIZATION PLAN as was presented to the LUBBOCK SCHOOL BOARD by Supt. Jack Clemmons last Thursday night to please be present for this VERY IMPORTANT MEET IN This special meeting is being called by the newly elected school board trustee of District 2 MS, VERNITA HOLMES. The meeting will take place THURSDAY NIGHT November 2, 2000 beginning at 7:00 p. m. in the auditorium of Alderson Junior High School 219 Walnut Avenue. Dr. Clemmons who has been invited by Ms. Holmes will make the same presentation which he made to the LISD Board last week. THIS N THAT is asking all who are concerned to please be present and be able to ask the questions which are important to you. Let's be there and show our concern.

PROUD STUDENTS FROM ALDERSON & DUNBARI THIS N THAT had an opportunity to attend the WEST TEXAS BOOSTING ENGINEERING SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY BEST 2000 at the Cavazos Junior High School last Saturday morning. There were participants from junior and senior high schools from all over West Texas. Among them were students from Alderson from Alderson and Dunbar Junior High Schools. Those students were ALDERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: Adrian Mitchell, Albert McCleod, Shetarrie Owens, Kevin Green, Phylcia Isaac, Danny Jackson, Annisa Parson, Jamilah Lateef, and Marcus Nerios. Their teachers were Mr. B. Forman, Mr. S. Boashburn, Ms. A. Mattingly, and Mr. Leslie Robinson. DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL: Blake Calfin, Dana Crites, Monico DeLeon, Jessica Elliott, Alberto Gonzales, Isreal Gonzales, Robert Guzman, Tracy Guzman, Bradley Harbison, Ryan Hentze, Jonathan Hogan, Steven Hopkins, Charles Koontz, Xaviar Leal, Tomisha Martin, Randy McBrewer, Damon Millis, Natasha Portillo, Manuel Rodriquez, Leondrick Washington, Wellendorf, and Darin Wilkinson. Teachers are Jim Crites, Lyle Hopkins, Charlie Koontz, and Nancy Owens. These are some PROUD STUDENTS.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 7TH! THIS N THAT reminds those who are REGISTERED VOTERS that the GENERAL ELECTION will be held TUESDAY, November 7th, from 7:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m. EARLY VOTING continues until Friday, November 3rd. If you don't vote, you don't have anything to complain about. VOTING is so important for all of us, so don't let this date pass you by. It's up to you to vote.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "VOTING is very important for all of us, so if you are a REGISTERED VOTER go to the polls and vote on TUESDAY, November 7, 2000"



"We must all take Responsibility for our Actions"

By Eddie P. Richardson
charges.

Another negative is the media. The health department is requesting people he has touched plus the ones they have touched if known, as a pass on and pass down. This could touch at least a thousand people as time goes on and people are not cautious and careful.

The media is adding to the problem hanging around the health department with cameras, which is driving away a lot of people from being tested because they do not want to be in or on the news, electronic nor print.

The health department has asked the media to refrain from taking pictures, especially young children and teenagers. If the media is so insensitive as to not heed the request to not take pictures, they should be punished

also because they by their insensitivity could also cause loss of lives by driving test hopefuls away.

Where do you draw the line? The lives of possible HIV persons or the peoples right to know at the possible exposed persons. There have to be some common sense and humanity come into play somewhere along the line.

Along these same lines, this writer talked to people locally about some of our problems and was told that there are known prostitutes with the virus still prostituting. These people should be put in jail and charged with attempted murder or murder because that is what they are doing by having non-protected sex. We need to take full responsibility for our actions.

Case in point, this sorry joker dope dealer in New York passing around AIDS as if it was candy. He refused to be tested, is accused of even giving aids to young girls also.

This creep does not have a job. He lives off women and young girls, trades AIDS sex for sex and other personal needs.

This joker also refuses to take a HIV-AID'S test. He really should be in Jail on murder

Ask A.G.



Protecting Our Children from Abuse

by John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

Q: I think the little boy who lives down the street is being abused by his father. He always seems to have bruises on him and he seems afraid of men. Who should I report this to?

A: The abuse or neglect of a child is a tragedy that occurs far too frequently in today's society. As Attorney General, I have made it a priority to protect Texas' most vulnerable citizens, particularly our children and the elderly. Anyone who suspects that a child is being abused or neglected must report the case immediately to a law enforcement agency or to the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS). TDPRS maintains a toll-free, 24-hour Child and Adult Abuse Hotline for reporting suspicions of abuse. The Hotline can be reached at (800) 252-5400. State law requires professionals such as teachers,

doctors, nurses or day-care workers to report suspected abuse within 48 hours. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor and is punishable by up to 180 days in jail or a fine of up to \$2,000.

If you have reason to believe that a child is being abused, don't try to investigate or confront the abuser. Report your suspicions to the proper authorities. It is not up to you to determine whether or not your suspicions are true. A trained investigator will evaluate the child's situation.

Signs of Abuse and Neglect

- The following indications by themselves do not necessarily mean abuse. You might gently approach the child to see if there is a reasonable explanation. Signs of abuse:
- frequent injuries such as bruises, cuts or black eyes;
 - frequent complaints of pain without obvious injury;
 - aggressive, disruptive or destructive behavior;
 - passive, withdrawn or emotionless behavior; or

• fear of going home or seeing parents or caregivers.

Protecting Your Own Child

You are legally responsible for the safety of your own child. If you allow your child to be in a situation where abuse can occur, you may be prosecuted for child abuse. If you fear for your safety and that of your child, call 911. Our children depend on the adults in their lives to keep them safe from harm. By working together, we can prevent child abuse.

Q: I am an emergency room nurse at a local hospital. Occasionally we see cases of sexual assault. Is there a training program to teach nurses how to deal with these cases?

A: The Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program (SAPCS) of my office provides training for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs). This program teaches registered nurses how to conduct forensic examinations in cases of sexual assault. SANEs also are trained to work with survivors of sexual assault in a way that is supportive and non-threatening.

A forensic exam is not medical treatment. It is conducted by medical personnel to collect evidence following an assault. Properly collected and preserved evidence from a sexual assault often can make an important difference in the outcome of a trial. These exams are crucial to both the victim and the criminal justice system.

Prospective SANEs must work at a hospital that has a structured SANE program already in place. Candidates are required to complete 56 classroom hours of instruction and 92 clinical hours.

For More Information

To find out about starting a SANE program in your community, or for information on SANE training, contact SAPCS at (512) 936-1270 or sapcsd@oag.state.tx.us.

By developing a SANE program you send the message that sexual assault is an important issue for the whole community, not just survivors.

Information on child abuse prevention and SANE training is available on the Office of the Attorney General Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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| Thursday | Thursday Night | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 60 | 36 | 62/40 | 64/40 |
| RealFeel: 54 | RealFeel: 26 | RealFeel: 57 | RealFeel: 59 |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| 58/40 | 60/36 | 58/44 | 56/48 |
| RealFeel: 51 | RealFeel: 60 | RealFeel: 55 | RealFeel: 47 |

The RealFeel Temperature™ is a composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body. The number is the highest for the day and the lowest for the night.

GARDENING FORECAST

Plenty of clouds today. There will be a couple of showers in spots, bringing under 0.20 of an inch of rain.

FISHING REPORT

Waters will have a moderate chop with northwest winds blowing at 10-16 mph.

TV INDEX

Highest Thur. 4; Low Highest Fri. 3; Minimal Highest Sat. 4; Low 6:2 High 8:2; Very High 19+

SUN & MOON DATA

Thur. 7:07 a.m. 7:08 p.m. 7:08 p.m. 5:54 p.m. 5:53 p.m. 5:52 p.m. 12:44 p.m. 1:27 p.m. 2:06 p.m. 11:02 p.m. 11:55 p.m. none

MOON PHASES

First Nov 4 Full Nov 11 Last Nov 18 New Nov 25

REGIONAL CITIES

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| City | Thursday | | Friday | | Saturday | | Sunday | | Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | |
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| Abilene, TX | 64/50 | c | 66/50 | c | 66/48 | t | 62/48 | c | 63/58 | c | 60/52 | c | 60/52 | c |
| Albuquerque, NM | 52/34 | pc | 54/34 | pc | 56/36 | pc | 54/36 | c | 56/34 | c | 58/34 | pc | 54/38 | c |
| Aliso, CA | 61/42 | c | 62/43 | c | 62/44 | c | 58/42 | c | 61/34 | c | 63/31 | pc | 62/42 | c |
| Amarillo, TX | 58/34 | pc | 54/34 | c | 58/36 | c | 52/34 | c | 54/32 | c | 54/36 | pc | 52/40 | c |
| Austin, TX | 74/64 | r | 72/60 | l | 74/60 | l | 72/60 | l | 74/60 | c | 76/60 | pc | 70/62 | c |
| Branson, MO | 65/48 | r | 63/46 | c | 62/45 | c | 59/43 | c | 57/61 | sh | 67/40 | pc | 57/36 | pc |
| Chattanooga, TN | 65/45 | pc | 60/46 | c | 62/46 | c | 57/46 | c | 60/41 | c | 58/38 | pc | 53/43 | c |
| Dallas, TX | 70/56 | l | 68/50 | c | 68/50 | l | 68/52 | c | 68/52 | c | 70/52 | pc | 68/52 | c |
| Denver, CO | 49/34 | c | 49/34 | c | 50/34 | pc | 50/34 | c | 50/34 | c | 50/34 | pc | 50/34 | c |
| El Paso, TX | 68/38 | c | 66/40 | c | 66/42 | sh | 65/40 | c | 66/38 | c | 62/42 | pc | 58/44 | c |
| Fort Worth, TX | 68/41 | pc | 65/41 | c | 65/44 | pc | 62/42 | c | 63/38 | c | 63/40 | pc | 60/42 | c |
| Houston, TX | 78/64 | c | 80/64 | t | 76/62 | t | 74/60 | t | 74/60 | c | 80/64 | pc | 76/62 | c |
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| Lubbock, TX | 60/36 | pc | 62/40 | pc | 64/40 | pc | 58/40 | c | 60/36 | c | 58/44 | pc | 56/48 | c |
| Memphis, TN | 66/40 | pc | 64/40 | c | 64/40 | c | 64/40 | c | 64/40 | c | 64/40 | pc | 64/40 | c |
| Oklahoma City, OK | 60/42 | r | 61/43 | c | 60/44 | c | 57/42 | c | 58/43 | sh | 61/40 | pc | 55/30 | c |
| Phoenix, AZ | 60/38 | c | 60/38 | c | 60/38 | pc | 60/38 | pc | 60/38 | pc | 60/38 | pc | 60/38 | pc |
| Roswell, NM | 61/36 | c | 62/38 | c | 62/39 | c | 61/37 | c | 61/34 | c | 58/44 | pc | 58/47 | c |
| San Antonio, TX | 74/60 | l | 74/60 | l | 74/60 | l | 72/66 | c | 76/58 | c | 74/62 | c | 70/6 | c |
| Shreveport, LA | 78/62 | c | 78/62 | c | 78/62 | c | 78/62 | c | 78/62 | c | 78/62 | c | 78/62 | c |
| Tulsa, OK | 62/48 | r | 62/48 | c | 62/48 | c | 58/43 | c | 58/49 | sh | 64/41 | pc | 57/40 | pc |
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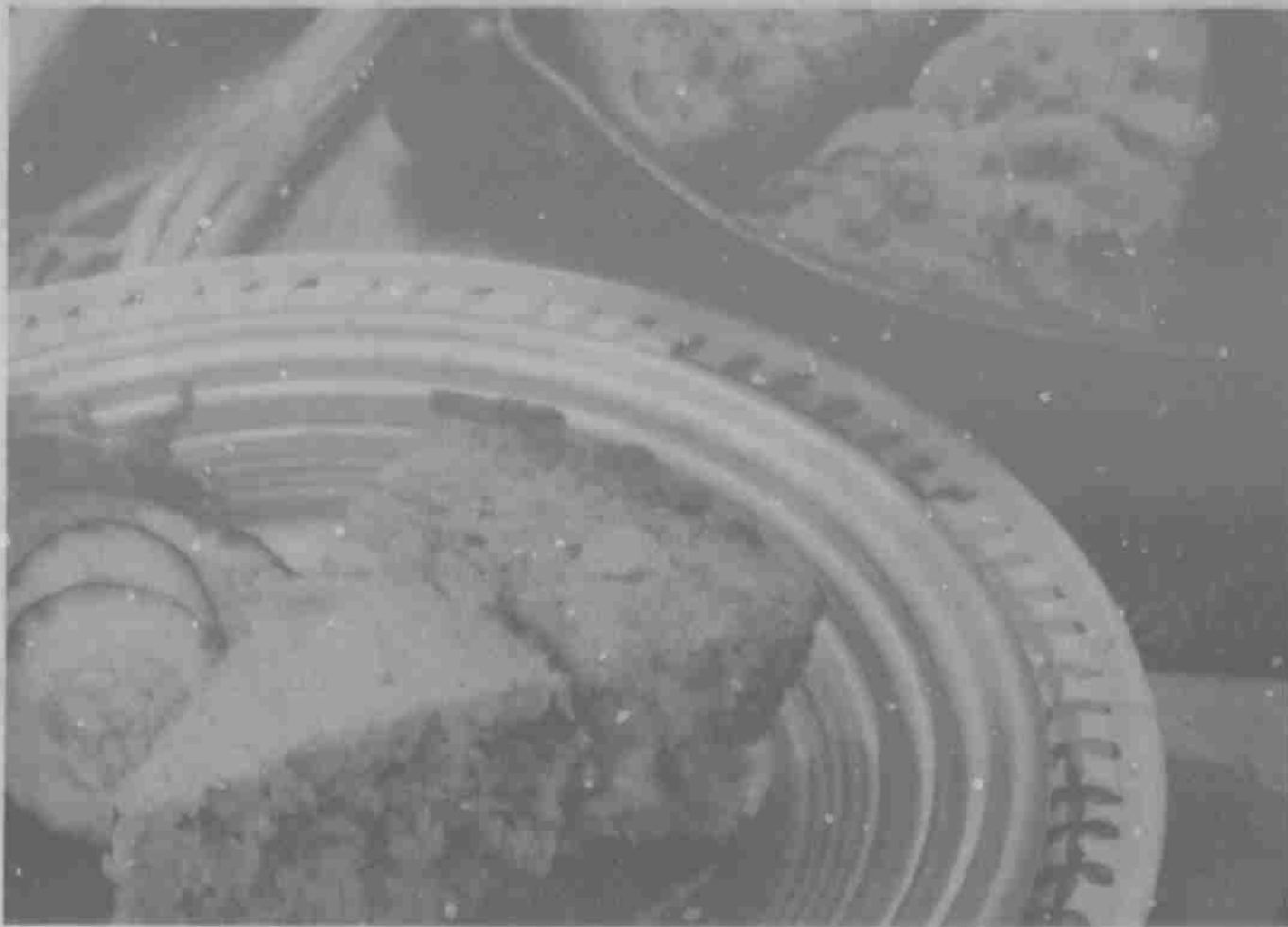
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Sunday Dinner Favorites all in one Skillet



Nashville, Tenn. — Home cooking trends for the 21st century South include family dinners featuring new streamlined recipes of old favorites according to Linda Carman, editor of *Southern Traditions*, 100 years of recipes from the Martha White Kitchens. Chicken and Dressing Skillet Bake is a Martha White favorite that combines the best of traditional Sunday dinner in a skillet supper easy enough for any night of the week. For more great Martha White recipes, VISIT www.marthawhite.com.

Chicken and Dressing Skillet Bake

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| 2 tablespoon butter or margarine | 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn |
| 1 cup chopped onions | 1 1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning |
| 1 cup chopped celery | 1 3/4 cups milk |
| 1 tablespoon oil | 2 eggs, beaten |
| 3 cups cubed cooked chicken | |
| 2 (6-oz.) pkg. Martha White Cotton Pickin' Cornbread Mix | |

Heat oven to 400° F. Melt butter in 10-inch cast iron or ovenproof skillet over medium heat. Add onions and celery; cook 8 to 10 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Spoon onions and celery into large bowl. Add oil to same skillet; place in oven to heat for 5 minutes. Add all remaining ingredients to onions and celery in bowl; blend well. Pour batter over oil in hot skillet. Bake at 400° F. for 29 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Cut into wedges; Garnish with fresh sage leaves and serve with chicken gravy, if desired.

"U.S. Effort to Eliminate Syphilis Moving Forward"

By Mike Mitka (news@nnpa.org)

The U.S. syphilis rate is at the lowest level ever recorded in the nation, and health officials are hoping to eradicate the disease. Dr. Jeffrey Koplan, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, noted last year that, "at the close of this century, we have a brief window of opportunity to eliminate one of the public health threats we've been battling the longest. The plan to "eliminate" the disease aims to have fewer than 1,000 cases of primary and secondary syphilis by 2005. The Cud's National Plan for Syphilis Elimination is focusing on 33 states and cities with high rates of the disease,

including Baltimore, Chicago, and Memphis. The racial health disparity in the United States is exemplified with syphilis, as African Americans have a rate 34 times higher than White Americans. Dr. Helene Gayle, head of the CDC's National Center HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, notes that even though syphilis is treatable with penicillin and is preventable, "it takes a staggering toll on the African-American community." Eliminating syphilis will also help improve infant health and stem the spread of HIV. Pregnant women with syphilis have a 40 percent chance of delivering a stillborn or losing

their baby shortly after birth. The CDC points out that having syphilis also increases the risk of acquiring and transmitting HIV. To end the disease, it is important to improve surveillance, encourage community involvement, and develop quick responses to outbreaks. Sensitive approaches to treating the disease will help reduce its prevalence in areas that still have high rates, including Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, which had 73 cases in 1998. Still, the CDC's efforts may be hampered by high rates of syphilis in other parts of the world, as tourists and immigrants continue to bring the disease into the country.

ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL PTA & CIS SET PROGRAM

The Estacado High School PTA and Communities in Schools on the South Plains will have a special program Monday night, November 13, 2000, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Estacado Auditorium.

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All That Jazz

Across

- Jazz great who's last name sounds like the TV show MASH's locale
- 1930's band leader & singer, ___ Elloway
- Saxophonist, Marion ___
- Ronny Jordan's "late-night" hit
- Subnormal intelligence
- A promise to pay a debt
- Her first album was titled *Diamond Life*
- Nancy ___ (legendary jazz vocalist)
- Serious criminal
- He wrote the soundtrack to *Superfly*. (init)
- Late rapper, ___ Shakur
- Process used to straighten course hair
- The ___ Duke Project. (jazz duo)
- American Automobile Association
- Everette ___ (jazz saxophonist)
- Rap group, ___ EPX
- ___ Campanella, (former Brooklyn Dodger)
- Assist in a crime
- This soprano sax player had the 1994 hit album titled "Share My World"
- Egyptian sun god
- This states nickname is the "Treasure State"
- ___ King, (famous boxing promoter)
- Entangle
- ___ James, (cut the 1998 album *Sweet Thing*)
- This states nickname is "Peace Garden State"
- Late sax player with classic hit *Mister Magic*
- U.K. jazz/funk band with an "undercover" name
- Drunkard
- Poker hand
- College entrance exam
- Suit maker
- Spielberg's alien movie
- Magical incantation
- Repaired by stitching
- J. ___ (cut '96 album *Freedom in the Groove*)
- Jazz-fusion pioneer, Donald ___

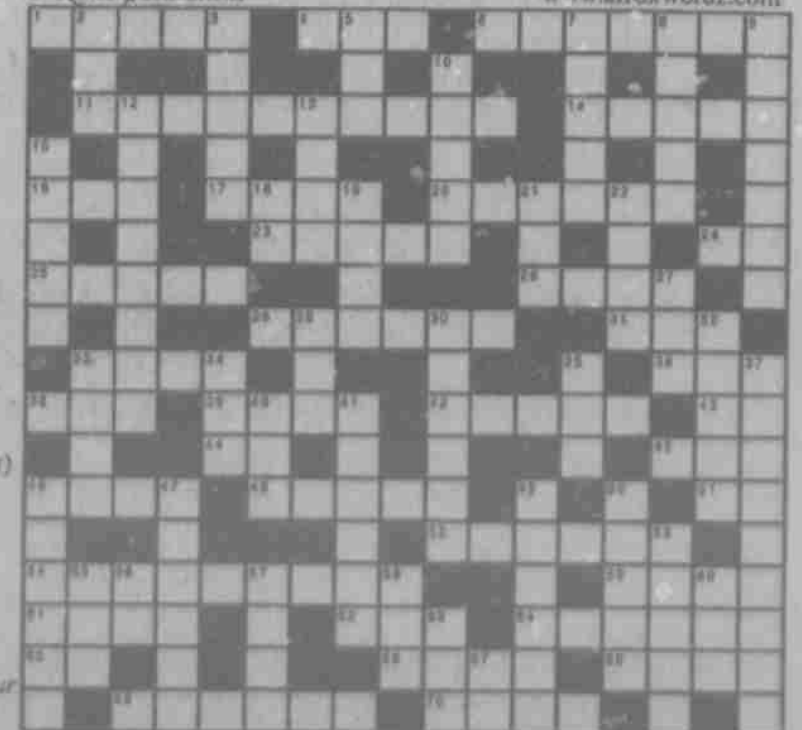
Down

- Female slave or concubine
- Vibraphonist, Roy ___
- Past
- George Benson's sign (b. March 22)
- Gaye & Terrell 1969 duet, *The ___ Song*
- Louie Armstrong's nickname
- Norman ___ (jazz guitarist)
- AKA James, Ritenour, East & Mason
- "You can run but you can't ___"
- New ___ group that recorded the 1975 hit *Dream Merchant*
- She had the 1967 hit *Respect*. (init)
- Known as "The First Lady of Song"
- To cut off
- Vegetable used to thicken gumbo
- ___ Max, ('85 movie starring Tina Turner)
- The chemical used in 26 across
- Sax player that cut the album *Silhouette*
- Male R&B singer, ___ Hall
- Warning noise
- She starred in the movie *Jackie Brown*
- Russell Simmons', ___ *Comedy Jamz*
- Saxer who won a Grammy in '81 for *Boysenberry*
- ___ James, (he wrote the theme to Taxi)
- Doctrine proclaimed as true without proof
- He starred in the movie *One Night Stand*
- Jazz great Duke or comedian Wallace
- Art ___ (late saxer who's 1992 debut album was titled *Focker City*)
- Jazz pianist, Ramsey ___
- Former L.A. Laker coach
- Slave revolt leader
- Unit of radioactivity, (abbr)
- Average
- Propels a boat
- Not later
- Wash basin
- The Big Apple

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IN JESUS NAME "DYING TO YOUNG"

PROVERB 1:7, THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE BUT FOOLS DESPISE WISDOM AND INSTRUCTIONS

MY FAMILY TEACHERS AND FRIENDS WOULD TELL ME YOU ARE SO BAD; I STARTED THINKING I REALLY WAS AND IT MADE ME SO SAD

EPHESIANS 6: 4 YE FATHERS, PROVOKE NOT YOUR CHILDREN TO WARTH (ANGER) BUT BRING THEM UP IN THE NURTURE (TRAINING) AND ADMONITION (WARNINGS) OF THE LORD AS I GREW UP PEOPLE AROUND ME WOULD SAY, HE'LL JUST BE A NOBODY, AND THEN I WANTED TO PROVE TO THEM I COULD BECOME SOMEBODY.

O. T. APOCRYPHA ECCLESIASTICUS TO B-12AN HORSE NOT BROKEN BECOMETH HEADSTRONG AND A CHILD LEFT TO HIMSELF WILL BE WILFUL (UNRULY) COCKER (PAMPER) THY CHILD AND HE SHALL MAKE THE AFRAID PLAY WITH HIM AND HE WILL BRING THEE TO HEAVINESS, LAUGH NOT WITH HIM LEST THOU HAVE SORROW WITH HIM AND LEST THOU GNASH (STRIKE) THY TEETH IN THE END GIVE ME NO LIBERTY (HIS RIGHTS) IN HIS YOUTH AND WINK NOT AT HIS FOLLIES BO- DOWN HIS NECK WHILE HE IS YOUNG, AND BEAT HIM ON THE SIDE (HIPS) WHILE HE IS A CHILD LEST HE WAX STUBBORN AND BE DISOBEDIENT UNTO THEE, AND BRING SORRY TO THINE HEART

WHEN I WAS YOUNG I WAS LARGE IN SIZE FOR MY AGE IN SCHOOL; I WOULD TAKE OTHER CHILDREN MONEY; IT MADE MY DAY

PROVERB 19 :18, CHASTEN THY SON WHILE THERE IS HOPE, AND LET NOT THY SOUL SPARE FOR HIS CRYING

I HEARD SOMEONE SAY I SAD RIGHTS; I TOLD MOM AND DAD, I WANTED MINE; I TOLD THEM EARLY I ALL CALL 911 IF YOU'LI SPANK MY BEHIND

(MOTHERS AND FATHERS THE LAW SAY DON'T ABUSE YOUR CHILDREN; AND THAT IS RIGHT BUT THE HOME TRAINING IS NEEDED! AM REMINDED OF RODNEY KING HE HEARD OF HIS RIGHTS; NOT TO STOP WHEN THE POLICE PULL HIM OVER HE MUST NOT HAVE OBEYED THE LA- AT HIS HOME OR THERE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ANY- BUT WHEN THE POLICE FINISHED HE WISHED HE HAD OBEYED; BECAUSE THEY PUT ON HIM WHAT IS CALLED CHILD ABUSE AND THEY DID ABUSE! SO MOTHER'S SON TRAIN THEM AT SOME.)

PROVERB 22:15, FOOLISHNESS IS BOUND IN THE HEART OF A CHILD; BUT THE ROD OF CORRECTION SHALL DRIVE IT FAR FROM HIM (RODNEY KING)

I NOW RUN MY GANG; I M 16 AND WE GANG BANG ANY ONE WE MEET OUR MOTTO IS: DO UNTO OTHER, BEFORE THEY DO IT UNTO THEE.

PROVERB 1 :10 MY SON IF SINNERS ENTICE THEE, CONSENT THOU NOT

IF THEY SAY COME WITH US LET US LAY WAIT FOR BLOOD LET US LURK (AMBUSH) PRIVITY FOR THE INNOCENT WITHOUT A CAUSE. WE'RE JUST CHILLING OUT; NOT DOING MUCH JUST DOING OUR THING SAY! SOMEONE IS DOING A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING; OH MY BACK; GREAT IS THE PAIN

PROVERB 14 12 THERE IS A WAY WHICH SEEMETH RIGHT UNTO MAN BUT THE END THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH WHY ARE THESE PEOPLE SAYING I M DEAD? NO WAY THIS CAN' T BE; BECAUSE I M TO YOUNG TO DIE; TAKE THIS @%*e&5%! SHE OFF OF ME! !

JOHN 10 10 JESUS SAID THE THIEF COMETH NOT BUT FOR TO STEAL AND TO KILL, AND DESTROY I M COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY (RICHLI

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH IS YET SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY BJ MORRISON YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS! ! !



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to wait. If God is for us, and we know he is, for us, we become utterly fearless in life.

No matter how difficult the situation may be; no matter how dark the clouds may hang upon your life, we are calmly assured that we must win. There can be no defeat if the Lord is for us. We can also have the assurance that God is with us. No matter what the circumstances may be, our God is with us. The knowledge of the word of God along these lines should certainly cause our hearts to leap within us for joy, and lift our spirits up in faith and confidence.

In the New Testament, we have a better covenant which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 8:6. Under the Covenant in the Old Testament, God was for Israel and was with Israel, but he was not in them.

God is for us, and with us today, but we also have something better. God is in us. God is actually making his home in our bodies. Our bodies are the Temple of God.

What are you putting in your body?? He will not live in sick body. Don't put stuff in your body that God can't bless. Think about it.

God bless you for reading this writing. May God continue to bless you and your family.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, November 4, 2000, in the home of

Brother and Sister Leroy Hicks, 1710 East 27th Street. Why not meet us there as you are invited and so very welcome

Read your Bible daily. It will make a believer out of you. Read II Chronicles 7:14; Mark 11:22-26; and Mark 16:17-18. You can do what he says you can do.

Let's continue to pray together. Don't forget your drive byes as you go to and fro in the community at large. God hears our prayers.

Write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

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OFF TO THE MOTHERLAND:

OFF TO THE MOTHERLAND: Bishop Vashti McKenzie of Baltimore, Maryland, sings a hymn during ceremonies at the African Methodist Episcopal General Conference in this file photo from Tuesday, July 11, 2000, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Congregants of Payne Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore bid farewell to Bishop McKenzie on Sunday, September 24, 2000.

Recently, Bishop McKenzie began her pastoral work in southern Africa as head of the 18th Episcopal District. The farewell came 10 weeks after Bishop McKenzie was elected by the AME General Conference as the first female bishop in the 213-year-old church, an achievement she referred to as "breaking the stained glass ceiling."

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Magic Johnson met Mr. Roby when he was just a rookie. After leaving the NBA, he set out to implement those same ideas that he and Roby have discussed over the years. An entrepreneur in his own right, Johnson owns many businesses including a movie theatre, Starbucks Coffee shop, and T.G.I. Friday's restaurant franchise and is a strong example to the youth.

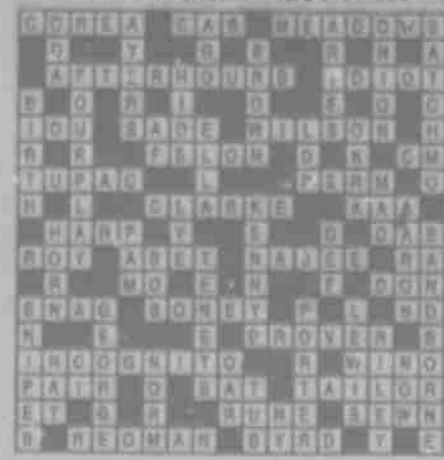
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