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National Scene

An Unprecedented Effort For Reparations For Slavery Descendants

A group of civil rights leaders and class action lawyers, which include Johnnie Cochran and civil rights leader Randall Robinson, have joined forces to fight for the compensation for Black descendants of slavery.

The project, Reparations Assessment Group, appears to be the most serious effort yet on behalf of African Americans.

"We will be seeking more than monetary compensation," Harvard law professor Charles Ogletree said. "We want a change in America. We want full recognition and a remedy of how slavery stigmatized, raped, murdered and exploited millions of Africans through no fault of their own."

The group will target those entities which have benefited from slave labor which could include federal government, state governments and private entities, according to Ogletree.

To develop their case, they will call on experts in education, politics, family development, health and economics to help trace the long-term impact of slavery on today's society.

The group includes high-profile lawyers Cochran and Alexander J. Pires, Jr. who won a \$1 billion settlement for Black farmers who claimed discrimination by the Department of Agriculture; Richard Scruggs, who won the \$368.5 billion settlement for states against tobacco companies; Dennis C. Sweet III, who won a \$400 million settlement in the "phen-fen" diet drug case; and Willie E. Gray, who won a \$500 million judgment against Loewen Group Inc., the world's largest funeral home operator.

U.S. Rep. McKinney Asks For Investigation Into Absentee Ballot Process

U.S. Rep. Cynthia McKinney has asked Elections Supervisor Linda Latimore to conduct an investigation into absentee ballot mailings that included a marked sample ballot.

"We have a report from a constituent that he received an absentee ballot application that included a marked sample ballot," McKinney said. "This is improper and goes right to the heart of the integrity of the voting process."

In the letter, McKinney wrote, "Mr Cedric Jackson contacted my campaign office yesterday concerning the absentee ballot he received. The sample ballot that comes in the absentee ballot packet had check marks next to certain candidates' names. Including a marked sample ballot in with the absentee ballot form gives the unfortunate appearance that the county voter registration office is suggesting that voters vote for specific candidates."

McKinney asked that the investigation include: The process of how the sample ballot forms in the absentee ballot was mailed; the number of marked sample ballots that were sent out with absentee ballots; and the measures that will be taken to ensure that bogus absentee ballots are invalidated.

With reports of heavy absentee ballots being cast, McKinney suggests an immediate investigation into the issuance of fake ballots.

Cast A Ballot, Get A Raffle Ticket For A Gun

In exchange for casting a ballot in Georgia, a voter could go to two gun shops in suburban Atlanta to fill out a raffle ticket to win a Remington Super Black Eagle 12-gauge shotgun that sells for \$1,000. All that was needed was the "I voted" sticker to participate.

"The raffle's purpose is to drive voter turnout, to get people who are interested in the Second Amendment to come out and to the polls," said Steve Frank, president of the National Federation of Republican Assemblies, a conservative group that sponsored the raffle.

The raffle is taking place in Georgia's 7th Congressional District, where the congressman is a staunch opponent of gun control. One advocate of gun control lambasted the raffle as a stunt and predicted it would backfire.

"What we have seen in other places with these gun raffles is that it opens everyone else and makes them more like to support other candidates who support gun laws," said Naomi Pines, a spokeswoman for handgun control.

Lethridge Establishes Black Alumni Council Scholarship



Former Tech Quarterback and NFL player, Zebbie Lethridge, Jr. officially established the Zebbie Lethridge Black Alumni Council Endowment Scholarship on October 7th as he presented a \$5000 check to Texas Tech's Black Alumni Council's, during its 3rd Annual Alumni & Ex-Students reunion which was held in the Market Alumni Center. The Black Alumni Council is a chapter of the Texas Tech University Ex-Students Association. The Office of the President, the Office of Cultural Diversity & the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association sponsored the

reunion. Lethridge, who now resides in the Dallas metroplex area, said he felt blessed to be able to give something back and help the students reach their goals. Alumni, Ex-Students & community members also contributed towards the fund that will allow scholarships to be awarded to African American Tech students next fall. Lethridge and former Lady Raider and current WNBA star, Alicia Thompson presented scholarships awarded to three current Tech seniors, Felicia Powell, Aretha Ross, & Diane

Walker during the reunion. The scholarships were sponsored by the Council & the Multi-cultural Faculty & Staff Association.

Tech President David Schmidly, Health Science President Dr. David Smith & Deputy Chancellor, Jim Crowson were among University officials who spoke during the reunion. Astronaut & former Tech Regent, Dr. Bernard Harris also addressed attendees via video. Additionally, the council unveiled its Charter Member Plaque, which now hangs in the Alumni Lounge in the Market Alumni Center.

Citibus Announces 25th Anniversary Kickoff

LUBBOCK—Citibus announced the kick-off of its 25th anniversary at a press conference on Wednesday, December 6, 2000, at 10 am. The event was located outside on the northeast corner of the Downtown Transfer Plaza at 801 Broadway. Citibus announced planned promotion for the anniversary and reveal the new 25th anniversary vinyl wrapped Citibus.

Citibus began operation in 1976 with 25 units and today had 50 buses. In 1976, Citibus only offered minimal fixed route services where as today they have 16 fixed routes, as well as Demand Response Service, Texas Tech University Service, Evening Service and Citibus and trolley rentals. All Citibuses are updated with ADA accessible lifts & seating, bike racks, electronic head sign and electronic fareboxes.

"Citibus would like to thank the Lubbock Community and all Citibus passengers for the great support over the last 25 years," said John Wilson, General Manager of Citibus. "Citibus has consistently maintained a high standard of service for citizens of Lubbock. Everyone benefits from the service that Citibus has provided in the past and will continue to provide in the future."

For more information on the Citibus 25th anniversary, contact Natalie Sparks at 767-2380 ext. 240

Food Stamps Education Campaign Kicks Off in Texas

The Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, Inc., will conduct an outreach campaign, through July 2001, to educate low income Texans about their eligibility for the Food Stamp Program (FSP), a nutrition program that serves as the nation's front line defense against hunger. FSP participation rates, in Texas and across the nation, have dramatically declined in the past few years. In Texas, the number of low income people participating in the FSP declined by almost 43% from July 1995 to July 2000, the highest decline in the nation. It is estimated that over 1.8 million people in Texas are eligible for food stamps but not receiving them. A recent report released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) shows that 35% of the drop can be accounted for by the economy, and about 12% by welfare reform. The remainder of the decline has federal, state and non-profit agencies concerned that people who are eligible for the FSP simply aren't getting the benefits they need to put food on the table.

The purpose of the education campaign is to disseminate information to people who experience hunger or food insecurity (Texas ranks second and third, respectively, in these categories) but have not applied to receive Food Stamps. Many people who no longer receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits are now wage jobs, and may believe they are ineligible for all benefits programs, including the FSP. According to a 1997 study only 42% of eligible former welfare recipients continue to receive food stamps benefits, despite the fact that many low wage earners are still able to receive nutritional benefits. The FSP is an integral part of the welfare to work movement, creating a safety net for families to rely on as they move toward self-sufficiency. As the FSP participation rates have declined, the demand on emergency food providers has increased, according to the nation's largest chain of food banks, American's Second Harvest. This trend indicates that Texans are indeed hungry, but to seek food assistance from private rather than from the government. The Food Stamp Education Campaign is targeting working low income people, families, legal immigrants and the elderly in order to increase enrollment in the FSP. Community based organizations that would like to know more about participating in the Food Stamp Education Campaign are encouraged to contact Bethany Wofford at 512/462-2555 for more information. The Food Stamp Education Campaign is funded by the Texas Department of Human Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Police use unmarked cars in Aggressive Driver Program

The next time you run a red light or speed through a school zone, the car you blow past just might be a police car — an unmarked police vehicle that caught you on tape. The use of unmarked, non-traditional police cars is a key component in the Lubbock Police Department's new Aggressive Driver Program that begins this month.

The program, which is aimed at reducing the number of traffic accidents and resulting injuries and deaths, targets the following five traffic violations:

- Excessive speed/unsafe speed/excessive acceleration
- Disobeying any traffic control device such as a sign or signal
- Tailgating
- Unsafe lane changes
- Failure to yield right of way

Uniformed officers in unmarked cars equipped with in-car video systems and radar will identify and record the targeted traffic violations on video. Once the documentation of the violation is complete, a marked police unit will be called to make the traffic stop.

Any driver that incurs two or more of the targeted violations during one stop will have his or her citation marked with a red ADP (Aggressive Driver Program) stamp that will identify the driver as an aggressive motorist to Municipal Court personnel. "Aggressive drivers are dangerous," said LPD Captain Frank Treadway. "We are targeting these people because they cause deaths, injuries and loss of property. This is a serious problem in Lubbock."

Although seatbelt and child restraint violations are not aggressive violations, police officers will step up enforcement in these areas also because it serves the goal of reducing injuries and deaths.

Plans for the Aggressive Driver Program were formulated in June. Throughout the summer, the LPD outfitted unmarked cars and coordinated plans with the Municipal Court and the City of Lubbock Prosecutor's Office. The program was field tested in October and is now ready to launch.

Captain Treadway has a word of caution for motorists. "We're serious about enforcing these traffic laws," he said. "And by using unmarked cars, we hope to make drivers stop and think before they do something foolish. Most people aren't going to speed through a red light when a police car is in sight. With our new Aggressive Driver Program, every car you see has the potential of being a police vehicle."

Community Members Join Forces to Help Children Achieve "Success By 6"

Medical research has revealed that the most critical developmental years for a child are those prior to the age of 6. Yet, Texas ranks among the worst in the nation on many indicators of child well-being.

This concern prompted local community leaders and concerned citizens to begin a local Success By 6 initiative. The ultimate goal is that all

children will have their basic physical and emotional needs met so that they can reach their full potential.

Success By 6 is a national initiative, started by United Way and funded in part by Bank of America. Success By 6 is not a program, nor will it seek to create new programs. Rather, it will work to eliminate gaps, duplication, and

underutilization of established services.

The local Success By 6 committee is currently identifying needs within a specific target population. For example, early childhood health care, professional prenatal care, and high quality childcare are some of the issues being addressed. Working with this pilot community group, the

committee will then design a web of services that promote and enhance success for children.

As stated by Success By 6 Leadership Council Member, Quincy White, Lubbock Assistant City Manager, "We can either choose to spend one dollar on the young child in formative years, or wait to spend seven dollars incarcerating that same child upon reaching adulthood."

"We Need A Nation Moratorium on the Death Penalty"

Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. said that "the Clinton administration's decision to delay the first federal execution since 1963 is the right one, in light of the new federal clemency guidelines. Juan Raul Garza was scheduled to be executed in two days, and the delay of his execution until December 12th gives him time to appeal. However, new guidelines, especially in the absence of a report on whether racial disparities exist in the application of the death sentence in federal cases, is still not enough. When Texas and other states will even execute mentally disabled prisoners, guidelines and studies are not enough. We need a national moratorium on the death penalty."

Jackson said, "I continue to encourage President Clinton, my colleagues in Congress, state governors and legislators across the nation to halt all executions. Yes, a small majority of Americans still say they support the death penalty, but when they are asked about alternatives such as life without the possibility of parole, support for the death penalty drops significantly. The nation will embrace elected officials with the courage to show real leadership and insist upon eliminating a profoundly broken aspect of our justice system."

"I applaud the Clinton administration's stepping up and establishing federal clemency procedures, and investigating reported racial and geographic disparities in the imposition of the death penalty in federal cases. Twenty-one people are awaiting execution on federal convictions—14 of them are African American, three are Latino, one is Asian and three are white. "Most come from only judicial district, however, the administration's actions alone cannot correct the myriad problems with the death penalty system on both the federal and state level."

"Only a moratorium gives us the breathing room to fully evaluate capital punishment across our nation. Our commitment to justice, both here and across the globe, requires that level of commitment. In that spirit, I introduced the Accuracy in Judicial Administration Act (H.R. 4162). It institutes a seven-year moratorium on all executions, and empowers the Attorney General to develop standards for the use of DNA evidence for sitting death row inmates."

"I encourage all believers in justice, no matter how they feel about capital punishment, to support a national moratorium on the death penalty—and encourage their elected leaders to do the same," said Jackson.

DO YOU AND MISTAKES
In this Publication Please Consider That they are there for a Purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for MISTAKES!!

Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 12002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the pastor. Come by New Hope Baptist Church if you are looking for a church home. You will be glad you took the time to do so. May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

Servicus began last Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a. m. It was Youth Sunday, and Youth Superintendent Audrie Brickey presided. All teachers were at their post of duty. There was 30 minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a. m., all reassembled to the main auditorium marching singing and singing "Silent Night."

High points of the morning lesson were given by members of the Junior Class. It was very well done. It is so good to see our young people involved. Praise God!

Secretary's Report: Adult Department — Adult Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner. Adult Class No.4 was awarded the Offering-Banner.

The Youth Department was in charge of the morning devotion period. It was good! The Youth Choir marched in the morning processional singing God's praises. Rev. Jeff Brown offered the altar prayer. B. J. Smith read the scripture and Virginia Hereford gave a prayer. Responsive reading was with congregation congregation standing, and led by Kendra Williams.

The morning hymn was "Lift The Saviour Up." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. All were glad to see him as he was shut-in last week. God is able.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Hallelujah!" His text Psalms 34:1-10. It was hard to tell Pastor Moton has been ill as he preached out of his soul. He is one of God's children.

It is reported there are still many on the sick and shut-in list. Brother Matthew "Pat" Roberts came home from the hospital last Saturday. Sister Annie Flowers' grand baby is still on the sick list, and your prayers are appreciated. Rev. D. Grate is still on the sick list. He is a resident of Midland, Texas. Remember him in your prayers also.

This writer, Ruby Jay, Will go in the hospital on Monday, December 18th, for eye surgery. Your prayers mean so much for this writer. Thank you! Sister Jay's nephew, Thomas Oliver, was released from the hospital Sister Jay's nephew Thomas Oliver, was rushed to Houston, Texas hospital last week. He has a heart problem. Will you pray for him.

Don't forget that God is still in control. Don't Worry about this Presidential thing.

Army & Air Force Hometown News

Scott D. Thornbury recently completed the cadet basic training program at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. The training is designed to form new academy cadets into disciplined soldier-officers possessing personal pride, confidence, obedience to command orders, and dedication to duty.

During the six-week rigorous program, the cadet was trained in basic military skills, rifle marksmanship, field tactical maneuvers, physical fitness and endurance, military courtesy, drill and ceremonies, and academic instruction.

After completing the basic training program, the cadet is accepted into the U.S. Corps of Cadets at the academy. Upon graduating from the academy, the cadet receives a bachelor's and is commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army.

Thornbury is the son of Daniel P. and Carol C. Thornbury of 80th St., Lubbock, Texas.

He is a 2000 graduate of Lubbock High School.

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Anna L. Ricks** 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.

Ricks is the daughter of Barbara A. and Charles Harper of E. Cornell St., Lubbock, Texas. She is a 2000 graduate of Coronado High School, Lubbock.

Air Force Airman **Cory L. Faust** 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.

Faust is the son of Sandy K. Gomez of 78th St., Lubbock, Texas, and Bill L. Faust of Beverly Blvd., North Platte, Neb. He is a 2000 graduate of Frenship High School, Wolforth, Texas.

Free Conservation Trees Booklet Available

The National Arbor Day Foundation has published a Conservation Trees booklet which is available to the public free of charge.

The booklet uses colorful photos and illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for trees.

The contents of the guide include:

- How to use shade trees and windbreaks to save energy in your home.
- How to attract songbirds to your yard.
- How to save trees during construction.
- How to plant the right tree in the right place.
- How to plant conservation buffers for streams.
- How to create living snow fences.
- The right way to plant trees.
- The right way to prune trees.
- How to get conservation trees for planting.
- Where to get help caring for trees.

"The Arbor Day Foundation's Conservation Trees program encourages Americans to plant and manage trees to conserve energy, soil, water, wildlife, and the atmosphere," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

"The Conservation Trees booklet is a central part of this educational project. It serves as a useful

guide for people in all areas, whether they live in America's largest or smallest country."

For your free booklet, send your name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day

Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

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Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday
Partly sunny. 59	Partly cloudy. 34	Mostly cloudy; maybe a shower. 57/35	Mostly cloudy; possible showers. 56/22
ReelFeel: 36	ReelFeel: 18	ReelFeel: 37	ReelFeel: 42
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly sunny. 54/28	Partly sunny. 50/15	Partial sun. 47/22	Variably cloudy. 54/22
ReelFeel: 46	ReelFeel: 44	ReelFeel: 36	ReelFeel: 36

The ReelFeel 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

Dry and chilly weather Thursday. Friday and Saturday will be mostly cloudy with possible showers.

FISHING REPORT

Dry but chilly weather will be the rule for Thursday. Friday and Saturday will be warmer with mainly cloudy skies and showers.

UV INDEX

Highest Thur. 3; Minimal
 Highest Fri. 2; Minimal
 Highest Sat. 2; Minimal
 Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

SUN & MOON DATA

Thur. Fri. Sat.
 Sunrise 7:44 a.m. 7:59 a.m. 7:55 a.m.
 Sunset 5:41 p.m. 5:41 p.m. 5:41 p.m.
 Moonset 9:35 p.m. 10:44 p.m. 11:59 p.m.
 Moonset 10:56 a.m. 11:44 a.m. 12:25 p.m.

MOON PHASES

Last New First Full

 Dec 17 Dec 25 Jan 2 Jan 9

REGIONAL CITIES

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City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W
Abilene, TX	59/40 c	58/38 c	60/30 s	59/24 s	59/21 c	49/25 c	59/38 s
Albuquerque, NM	44/26 c	46/26 c	50/28 pc	48/25 s	48/15 c	44/20 s	48/22 s
Alton, OK	58/35 c	54/37 c	51/23 pc	49/27 s	48/20 c	45/22 s	54/24 s
Amarillo, TX	54/29 pc	51/31 c	47/16 pc	41/19 s	45/12 c	43/22 s	50/19 s
Austin, TX	58/42 c	54/51 r	57/28 pc	50/35 s	59/34 pc	51/30 s	52/21 c
Branson, MO	38/26 s	47/34 r	48/25 c	37/20 s	40/15 c	35/15 s	38/16 pc
Clow, NM	57/33 pc	55/34 r	54/21 c	50/27 s	49/19 c	46/23 s	54/28 s
Dallas, TX	48/39 s	58/48 r	58/31 pc	51/32 s	56/27 c	47/27 s	51/30 pc
Denver, CO	58/18 pc	58/18 c	59/14 c	58/12 pc	54/9 c	48/14 c	49/9 pc
El Paso, TX	63/41 pc	61/38 pc	60/32 s	58/32 s	58/27 s	54/25 s	63/27 s
El Paso, NM	58/32 c	57/32 c	57/22 c	56/22 c	52/22 c	48/22 c	51/22 c
Houston, TX	50/42 pc	58/52 c	67/45 c	66/40 c	59/36 c	54/21 s	55/32 s
Indianapolis, IN	48/32 c	48/32 c	41/24 s	41/19 s	41/14 c	38/12 c	40/11 c
Lake Texoma, TX	48/36 s	56/46 r	58/29 pc	48/29 s	64/24 c	44/24 pc	48/26 pc
Lubbock, TX	58/34 pc	57/35 pc	56/22 s	54/28 s	50/15 c	47/22 s	54/22 s
Memphis, TN	52/38 c	58/41 c	65/27 c	65/28 c	65/28 c	65/28 c	65/28 c
Oklahoma City, OK	43/24 s	51/37 c	48/22 pc	38/26 c	46/20 c	38/25 pc	47/22 pc
Phoenix, AZ	58/37 c	58/41 c	57/36 c	56/32 c	56/30 c	56/28 c	56/28 c
Rowell, NM	60/36 pc	58/34 pc	57/28 c	57/28 c	55/14 pc	51/22 s	56/22 s
Sioux Falls, SD	48/29 c	48/29 c	41/24 s	41/19 s	41/14 c	38/12 c	40/11 c
San Antonio, TX	48/35 s	50/42 r	58/39 pc	62/37 s	50/35 pc	52/30 s	57/33 s
Springfield, IL	50/38 c	58/41 c	65/27 c	65/28 c	65/28 c	65/28 c	65/28 c
Tulsa, OK	40/31 s	48/38 c	50/22 c	39/23 s	42/18 c	38/22 pc	44/21 pc
Waco, TX	58/31 c	58/45 r	54/30 pc	57/30 pc	50/25 c	45/27 s	51/30 s
Wichita, KS	32/27 s	42/30 c	41/18 c	33/17 c	35/14 c	32/22 c	48/15 pc
Wichita Falls, TX	55/38 c	55/48 c	55/38 pc	55/32 c	51/22 c	48/22 c	54/22 c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

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Chester Bentley "Bo" Williams



Funeral services for Chester Bentley "Bo" Williams were held Monday afternoon, December 4, 2000j at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Williams passed away Wednesday, November 29, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born July 15, 1941 in Idabel, Oklahoma, attended public school. He moved to Lubbock, Texas where he worked for the Lubbock Auction until retiring in 1989. He was a member of St. Matthew's Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters: Linda Simon of Fort Worth Texas, and Brenda Starnew and Michelle Williams, both of Arlington, Texas; three sons: Robert Starnew, Chester Williams, Jr. and Michael, all Lubbock, Texas; six sisters: Velma Gibbs, Ethel McDowell and Laverne Young, all of Lubbock, Texas, Barbara Walker of Englewood, California, Shirley Cole of Pasadena, California, and Gloria Blakemore of Plainview, Texas; nine brothers: Burnett, Robert, Otsi, Roy and James Lee Sanders, all of Lubbock, Texas, Ralph Carr of Beeville, Texas, Billy Brooks of Teague, Texas, Chester Brooks of Plainview, Texas and William Brooks of Fort Smith, Arkansas; 19 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

Government Help is Available to help Reduce Energy Bills

Washington, DC - Financial Assistance Network in Washington, DC has just published a booklet, "How to Get Up to \$25,000 of Government Money to Help Reduce Your Energy Bills". The booklet gives information on how and where homeowners can get government help to reduce

their heating bills. "The federal government has made available over two billion dollars in assistance to help people reduce their energy bills. This assistance is for home improvements loans for energy efficient heating, air conditioning, water heaters, windows, insulation, roof-

ing, and siding. Many people do not know that this assistance is available or how to get it," says Edmund Billings, a researcher at Financial Assistance Network. "We've published a booklet that explains the program and tells homeowners where to apply for assistance in their area. The

booklet also has a special section to help people who are struggling to pay their soaring heating bills regardless of whether or not they own a home if they."

Assistance Network. Government Help Booklet Offer: 25GH-1202, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Consumers can also get information by calling 202-595-1028 or visiting Financial Assistance Network's Internet web site: www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org

Stretch for Healthy Living

Lubbock - Most people realize that exercise is an important part of keeping our bodies healthy. However, as people get older, exercise can become harder on our bodies. With the help of low impact stretching and strengthening techniques, senior citizens can now enjoy staying limber and feeling younger.

Covenant Health System is addressing the needs of senior citizens and the community as a whole by providing access to programs that will lead to healthy living. The newest addition to this program is the stretching and strengthening class for senior citizens.

Suzanne Aker, founder of Ballet Lubbock, has joined Covenant Health System as a Physical Movement Educator. She has taught a variety of classes for movement-impaired individuals over the past several years. Aker says that by building flexibility and strength, you are rewarded by increased energy

and self-confidence. "This program is about helping," Aker said "People are able to do things they couldn't do before, and that is so exciting to see."

Aker also stresses the fact that the mobility of our joints gets worse with age. Regular weight use and stretching will improve joints mobility as well as increase lung capacity and strengthen bones, Aker said.

"This time for me," she said. "It is great to see people enjoy moving and becoming stronger individuals."

The stretching and strengthening class is currently full, but more classes will be offered in the future. Most classes are hosted in the mornings at community centers in the South Plains area such as the Maxey and Hodges community centers, as well as Raintree Christian Church. For more information, contact Suzanne Aker at (806) 795-2142.

Ten Free Trees - Autumn Classics

Ten free trees, autumn classics, will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during October 2000.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are 2 Sugar Maples, Scarlet Oak, Sweetgum, Red Oak, Silver Maple, White Dogwood, Washington Hawthorn, and 2 Red Maples.

"These trees will produce vibrant red, orange, yellow, scarlet, and purple leaves in the fall," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between November 1 and December 10 with

enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to AUTUMN CLASSIC TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by October 31, 2000.

We help people plant and care for trees.

Solution to ACROSSWORD No. 922

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THIS N THAT

INTERESTING INFO ABOUT FLORIDA VOTING! THIS N THAT while in Boston, Mass last week attending the annual National League of Cities (NLC) meeting much talk was about the FLORIDA VOTING THING and many local officials were wearing badges which said "I THOUGHT I VOTED!" It was just interesting to hear from those who live in the State of Texas THIS N THAT would hope that whom ever is elected for this office of PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA that our country will come together as there can only be one PRESIDENT Whoever is elected THIS N THAT advises that there will not be a mandate from the citizens All must come together

DICK GREGORY SPEAKING TO BLACK ELECTED OFFICIALS! THIS N THAT agrees whole heartily with well known DICK GREGORY when he spoke to more than 500 Black elected local elected officials who are members of the NATIONAL BLACK CACUS/LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS (NBC/LEO) when he told them "QUIT PROTECTING THOSE WHO SELL DRUGS IN OUR COMMUNITIES TELL THE PUNKS YOU WILL NOT TOLERATE WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO OUR CHILDREN No doubt about it THIS N THAT highly approves of this kind of action as we have noticed there are those who are still selling drugs in our community here in Lubbock. It has to stop!

PENNY HASTING THE BARBER SAYS: "OPPORTUNITY is the ONE WORD that comes to MIND when I reflect on the BLESSING I receive trying my affiliation as a PROFESSIONAL BARBER."

NBC/LEO PASSES RESOLUTION ON JUNETEENTH! THIS N THAT was glad to see the NATIONAL BLACK CACUS/LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS (NBC/LEO) in their annual business meeting last Thursday afternoon in Boston, Mass pass a resolution in SUPPORT of the Juneteenth Celebration in Texas This resolution was prepared by the TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BLACK LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS (TABCCM Good to see this!

GET INVOLVED IF YOU ARE A FORMER STUDENT OF DUNBAR! THIS N THAT has been hearing some real good info about the upcoming DUNBAR ALL CLASS REUNION set for this summer in 2001 Why not get involved and help make an outstanding effort and let those who are coming back home that you are still a DUNBAR PANTHER SUPPORTER Will you do so?

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMING EAST MORE! this THIS N THAT has noticed that the BROADWAY AVENUE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS are on their way to EAST LUBBOCK Hopefully we will more lights in this part of the city Just keep looking

LET'S NOT GIVE UP! THIS N THAT along with many others in the East Lubbock community are still looking for more RETAIL DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENT in the East Lubbock area Let's don't GIVE UP This has to become a REALITY Let's keep looking up



We Need to Change Our Agenda!!!!

By Eddie P. Richardson

As the saying goes, "If you are not a part of the solution, you are a part of the problem."

We have young people out there who we are sending a bad message too with our negative attitudes. Not only that, but we wonder why our young people have such bad attitudes. Really, a lot of these young people are mirroring what they see us do. We do not need entertainment or athlete celebrities to be only roll models for our kids. It should and must be us whether we want to be or not. These young people are a reflection of us.

We complain, we moan, we groan, we are so negative, we need to be positive sometimes about somethings. We can't be in a position of saying everything is bad all the time. Somethings, some times we have to be right sometimes. We view many things from a negative prospective.

While we are being negative about everyone, we need to ask what positive contribution are we making a positive change or making things better?

What we need to do is put away conflict and replace it with cooperation. We should and we must do and be the very best we can be at all times with all

things. Instead of complaining and criticizing, we should be doing all we can to make things better. This is how you make things much better, Just think, if we would all take as our personal creed: "It is so to be, it is up to me and with the help of God, and live by it." Instead of blaming someone else for our faults and problems. Remember, we are our own enemies. Also remember, we can save us from us is us!

Closing Thought: Anyone can become angry. That is easy. But to be angry with the right person, the right degree, at the right time, for the right purpose, and the right way. That is not easy! (Aristotle).



Ask A.G.

Do Parents Willingly Pay Child Support?

by John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

Q: Many parents fail to support their children, but are there parents that willingly pay child support?

A: In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2000, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) collected \$1.029 billion in child support representing a 36 percent increase in collection since I assumed office two years ago. This represents payments from non-custodial parents on more than 250,000 cases—approximately 400,000 payments received each month. Some of these payments are made grudgingly, but many of the payments are voluntary and represent the devotion of the non-custodial parent to his or her children.

We all know single parents, both custodial and non-custodial, who work hard to provide emotional and financial support to their children. I applaud these parents for setting aside their own differences and cooperating in the best interests of their children. The OAG cooperates with other organizations, both government and private, that provide programs to assist non-custodial and custodial parents in managing emotional conflicts and overcoming employment obstacles that may hinder the non-custodial parent's ability to pay child support or visit the child or children.

Earlier this year, I announced the 2000 Access and Visitation Grant recipients. Twenty community organizations and county governments in Texas are receiving a total of \$624,829 in federal funding to provide non-custodial parents with services to increase access to and visitation with their children. The program is part of the Personal Responsibility and Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (the Welfare Reform Act). In accordance with the Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services distributes \$10 million each year to states based on the number of children in a state not living with both parents.

The OGA established a panel of experts to select the organizations to receive the

grant proposal. Eligible grant activities include: mediation, counseling, education, development of parenting plus, visitation enforcement and the development of guidelines for visitation and alternative custody arrangements.

Access and visitation disputes between parents can negatively impact the children involved. A serious disagreement may prevent the non-custodial parent, the father in 90 percent of cases, from visiting the children and offering emotional support. The non-custodial parent may become discouraged by a lack of access to the children and stop paying court-ordered child support. The children suffer emotionally and financially.

The 2000 Access and Visitation grant recipients are: the Victim Assistance Center of Houston, the Family Services Association (San Antonio), the Child Crisis Center of El Paso, the Travis County Domestic Relations Office (Austin), East Texas CASA (Longview), The Tejas Council Camp Fire (Waco), Family Support Services (Amarillo), the Center for Family Relations (San Antonio), Cove Services (Lubbock), Legal Services of North Texas (Dallas), Centers for Family Relations (Midland),

The Place (Wichita Falls), the Family Service Center (Brownwood), Tarrant County (Fort Worth), The Jameson Center (Galveston), The Panhandle Crisis Center (Perryton), Fathers for Equal Rights (Dallas), The Women's Center of Brazoria County (Angleton), The Fathers Connection (Austin) and Webb County (Laredo).

A non-custodial parent's failure to pay may be due to reasons other than an access/visitation dispute with the custodial parent or hard-hearted neglect of a child. Many non-custodial parents are struggling to feed themselves. The average age of non-custodial parents at the birth of the first child is 23, and 62 percent of non-custodial parents earn less than \$20,000 per year. For this reason, the OAG has developed a "dead beat" versus "dead broke" strategy. Non-custodial parents wanting to support their children, but without the means to do so, are "dead broke" and are referred to jobs programs run by the Texas Workforce Commission, and to counseling and support groups provided by the Texas Fragile Families Initiative and other community organizations. I want the children of Texas to be a success, not a statistic.



In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

If we live, we get old and too often, we are too old, too soon. There are many things to think about as one ages. Some of us worry about our appearance, our health, our families and our friends. Too many of us worry about our ability to get along financially. The working poor has the hardest time financially. It is not just a struggle about money, but what you can or cannot do with it.

When Medicare came into existence around 1966, we thought the medical problems of the elderly had all but disappeared. Of course, in 1966 one could buy a Cadillac care for about \$4,000. Multiply that by 10 and you can get a stripped down version today. You could purchase a decent house then for around \$25,000. That same house today would cost \$125,000. As strange as it sounds, an elderly person, 65+ years of age, can purchase Medicare insurance for about \$46.00 per month, k- the supplement to pay what Medicare does not pay for, costs the elderly approximately \$130. per month, average. There is something wrong with this picture! Why are supplements so expensive? Medicare pays the bulk of the bill.

Bills are what gives the elderly the most headaches while too open they have lived long enough to miss and reminisce over the family and friends gone on before them to that place in the sky. The end of life is usually real to the elderly. There is that realization that 'any day now.' I may go on to join my family and friends. This time of life should be 'time to chill,' enjoy a few things that the days of work did not permit and generally to just have good time. Instead, it is too open filled with questions about where and how things will be achieved. Instead of enjoying old age, many 65+ers are either continuing to work or taking a second job to make ends meet.

Recipients of SSI receive approximately \$500. per month and some have never worked any where. Their medical bills are paid by Medicaid and they do not need a supplementary insurance, whose cost is usually five time more than the cost of Medicaid. Working people should receive all of the minimum benefits accorded the SSI recipient. We need to get 'in cinque' and make sure that our representatives are aware of these situations. The elderly votes.

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Santa Land opens in Lubbock

Kids from all over the South Plains will again be able to enjoy visiting Santa Claus as Lubbock Parks and Recreation opens Santa Land, Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 pm.

The opening ceremonies will feature Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving in their special sleigh escorted by the Lubbock Fire Department. As Santa and Mrs. Claus drive to the entrance, "Here Comes Santa Claus" plays on the sound system and the switch is thrown to light the 60-foot tall Christmas tree. Santa and Mrs. Claus then processed to the

entrance of Santa's house, hoist the flag and Santa Land will officially be open.

More than 30,000 visitors attend Santa Land each year. Now in its 44th season, Santa Land has become a holiday favorite with kids of all ages.

This year, Santa's village will feature traditional Christmas scenes, animated Christmas themes, a raging bon fire and refreshments will be available. New additions this year include Santa's Workshop with animated displays. Photos of the children on Santa's knee

will be available for \$5 each, or parents can use their own camera. Live entertainment will be on stage beginning at 6:30 and again at 7:30 on most nights.

Also new this year are commemorative thermal mug on sale at the concession stand.

Corporate sponsors help underwrite Santa Land each year and include Lubbock Power and Light, American State Bank, Wes Tex Federal Credit Union, Lubbock Cotton Kings, Lites Up from Gary Products Group and Sprint PCS.

With a can of food donation for the South Plains Food Bank, visitors to Santa Land can enter a drawing for a kid's bicycle from DFC Cycles and Fitness or a 13" color TV from Toys 'R' Us.

Santa Land is located at 6th and Ave. O, just north of the Memorial Civic Center. Santa Land will be open from 6 to 10 pm. from Dec. Trough Dec 23rd. There is no admission charge.

Contact Kay Miller, Recreation Outreach Coordinator, at 775-2675, for more information.

Early Preparation Can Make Holiday Travel an Easy Ride

Lubbock - The holidays are a time for elaborate meals, family time and laughter with old friends. But they're also a time for the miles to add up on the family vehicle.

To ensure safety while on the road, the Boy Scouts of America organization recommends bringing along the following items:

- Blankets and extra hats, gloves and coats;
- Jumper cables, flares, matches, candles and a flashlight with extra batteries;
- A shovel, rope, scissors and a knife; and
- A cellular phone and frost aid kit stocked especially for automobile travel.

Some items to

include in an automobile first aid kit are instant ice packs, elastic bandages, sterile pads, and box of adhesive bandages, scissors, tweezers, safety pins, alcohol swabs, latex gloves, eye goggles, and a mouth barrier device. Other optional items to include for automobile safety are bar of soap and water purification.

Although having a first aid kit is pertinent for road trip, there are other ways to practice safety, Satish Patel, M.D., director of emergency service for Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside, advises that safety while traveling is pertinent during the holiday season.

"All travelers should

make sure they follow all posted speed limits, and the driver and each passenger should wear a seat belt at all times," he said, "Also be cognizant of other travelers that may be in a hurry and potentially be a hazard to you and other drivers."

Some other ways to make a car ride safer, easier and less stressful include:

- Stop at a gas station the day before and fill up with gas, oil, antifreeze and windshield wiper fluid. Check the air pressure in all tires;
- Leave home early and give yourself plenty of time to make the trip;
- If the destination is far, plan stops along the way to make the trip more interest-

ing and avoid drowsiness while driving; and

- Inquire about weather conditions along your route. If necessary, prepare for bad weather conditions. For example, purchase tire chains for heavy snow.

Dr. Patel said that the Emergency Room at Covenant-Lakeside sees more patients when the weather is bad than other times of the year.

"This holiday season especially, people should be careful when the roads are icy, snowy or slick from snow or rain," he said, "People should minimize traveling and wait until later in the day to get on the roads. Basically, just use common sense."

Everything Women of Color Should Know About Cosmetic Surgery

There are dozens of cosmetic surgery books on the market today, but not one of them is specifically tailored to address the concerns facing women of color. In fact, there is virtually no place these women can turn to get the appropriate information.

Dr. Jan Adams, an aesthetic surgeon who practices in Beverly Hills, provides women of color with the information they're seeking in EVERYTHING WOMEN OF COLOR SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COSMETIC SURGERY. For example, women of color age differently from Caucasian women and they have unique skin problems such as scarring and blotchy skin. Through case histories, Dr. Adams explores the problem of scarring, and also explains other complications that can result from various surgeries.

Dr. Adams takes the anxiety out of cosmetic surgery by teaching readers:

- How to choose an aesthetic surgeon
- How to determine what surgery you should get at what age
- What to expect before, during and after surgery
- How to control the aging process
- The average cost of various procedures
- What's involved in getting a breast reduction, liposuction, rhinoplasty and more.

About the Author Jan R. Adams, M.D., practices aesthetic plastic surgery in Beverly Hills, California. He attended Ohio State University College of Medicine and did post-graduate training in general surgery at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City where he also served as chief resident in general surgery. Dr. Adams has also served as a clinical instructor in plastic and reconstructive surgery at the UCLA School of Medicine.

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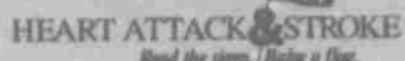


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Ella Marie Keno, 53 years old, stroke survivor.

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- Answers on page 3
- Across
- Title used to describe the old segregation laws in America
 - He won the *Brown v Board of Education* case before the Supreme Court; which ruled that segregated schools were unconstitutional
 - Stokely ___ (former civil rights leader that originated the rallying slogan "Black Power")
 - Interracial organization established in 1947 to improve relations and end discrimination
 - Determine the sum of
 - Student Civil Rights group, once headed by Stokely Carmichael
 - Hooded hate group
 - W.E.B. ___ (co-founder of the NAACP)
 - Elaine Jones was the first woman to head this organization's legal defense fund
 - Jesse Jackson helped to found the Chicago branch of this economic arm of the SCLC, "Operation ___"
 - Ron ___ (in 1989 he was named chairman of the National Democratic Party)
 - ___ DMC, (rap group)
 - Soul On Ice* is the title of this Black militant's autobiography
 - Born or formerly known as
 - Civil Rights organization founded by MLK Jr., Ralph Abernathy and other activists
 - MLK's church in Atlanta
 - Molecules that contain genetic information
 - ___ Whitney, (inventor of the cotton gin)
 - Workers in Memphis that MLK was trying to help when he was assassinated
 - One of John H. Johnson's publications
 - Pamie Lee ___ (civil rights activist)
 - Black ___ (Gullitan, activist group founded by Bobby Seale and Huey Newton)
 - Civil Rights Movement tactic used to desegregate lunch counters
- Down
- Jesse ___ (founder of Operation PUSH)
 - Make imperfect
 - Antonio ___ (co-owner of LaFace records)
 - MLK Jr's birthplace
 - Abraham ___ (one of the five Black abolitionists on the American Anti-Slavery board in the mid 1800's)
 - Jackson 5's hit song in 1970
 - ___ Hansberry, (author of *A Raisin in the Sun*)
 - Albert ___ (1936-1970), (pre-bebop jazz saxophonist that used shrieks and wide register leaps to express his raw emotion)
 - U.S. intelligence gathering organization
 - Type of boycott that Rosa Parks sparked
 - Protective garment
 - Ralph ___ (received Nobel Peace Prize in 1980 for peace negotiations in Middle East)
 - Group formed by ex-members of the group Slave; had 1980 hit *In the Mood to Groove*
 - The 35th U.S. President
 - City case in 4 ACROSS was filed against
 - ___ Parks, (in 1955 she was arrested when she refused to give her bus seat to a white; it sparked the Montgomery bus boycott)
 - Eugene ___ Connor, (Birmingham mayor that led dog attacks on Civil Rights activists)
 - James ___ (in 1962 he became the first Black student to attend the Univ of Mississippi)
 - Muhammad Ali was stripped of his title and license when he refused to fight in this war
 - Former leader of the Nation of Islam
 - Mindg ___ (Civil Rights activist)
 - Door-to-door cosmetic giant
 - Slightly open
 - Religious song
 - H. ___ Brown, (replaced Stokely Carmichael as chairman of SNCC)
 - No longer fashionable

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IN JESUS NAME "X-MAS NOT FOR CHRISTIANS!!!"

ISAIAH 9:6a, FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.
FROM THIS SCRIPTURE: THE CHURCHES USE IT TO CELEBRATE X-MAS; IT IS ALSO USED TO HELP MERCHANTS TO EXPLOIT US.
MATTHEW 15:14, JESUS SAID, LET THEM ALONG: THEY BE BLIND LEADERS OF THE BLIND, AND IF THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND, BOTH SHALL FALL INTO THE DITCH.
THEY SAY: MARY WAS PREGNANT BY GOD; AND WISE MEN SAW A STAR IN THE EAST, BUT THE MONTH THEY SAW IT: DECEMBER, THIS CAN'T BE.
LUKE 1:26, IN THE SIXTH MONTH THE ANGEL GABRIEL WAS SENT FROM GOD UNTO A CITY OF GALILEE, NAMED NAZARETH.
(IF THE ANGEL CAME IN THE 6 MONTH: MEANING JUNE, 9 MONTHS CARRYING THE BABY; THEN ITS BIRTH IS MARCH OR APRIL!!! BRING OF THE YEAR!!!)
THE CHURCHES HAS PLAYS: WITH SHEPHERDS WITH THEIR SHEEP, BUT NOT IN DECEMBER; IT WOULD BE TOO COLD; FOR YOU AND EVEN ME.
LUKE 2:7,8, AND SHE(MARY) BROUGHT FORTH HER FIRST-BORN SON(JESUS), AND WRAPPED HIM IN SWADDLING CLOTHES, AND LAID HIM IN A MANGER; BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM IN THE INN. AND THERE WERE IN THE SAME COUNTRY SHEPHERDS ABIDING(CAMPING OUT) IN THE FIELDS, KEEPING WATCH OVER THEIR FLOCK(SHEEP) BY NIGHT.
JESUS WAS BORN INTO THE WORLD: FOR ONLY ONE REASON, AND IT WAS NOT FOR MANKIND COULD HAVE LIGHTS AND TREE SEASON.
JOHN 3:16, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON(JESUS), THAT WHOSEVER BELIEVEITH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH(DIE); BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.
AND THE CHURCHES STARTED GIVING GIFTS; TO SHOW THEIR LOVE; THEY WENT TO THE NEEDY, THE FATHERLESS, LED BY THE SPIRIT ABOVE.
JOHN 12:32, JESUS SAID, IF I BE LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, I WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME.
THEN THE UN-GODLY WANTED IN ON X-MAS; TO SHOW HOW GOOD THEY WAS, THEY PLAYED WITH TREES, DRINKING, DOPING, AND THAT IS NOT LOVE!!!
THE WORLD LOVE TO CELEBRATE X-MAS, WITH SANTA, DEERS, AND LIGHTS, BUT WILL THEY EXCEPT JESUS; TO HAVE THEIR ETERNAL LIFE?
ISAIAH 5:20,21,WOE UNTO THEM THAT CALL EVIL GOOD, AND GOOD EVIL; THAT PUT DARKNESS FOR LIGHT, AND LIGHT FOR DARKNESS; THAT PUT BITTER FOR SWEET, AND SWEET FOR BITTER! WOE UNTO THEM THAT ARE WISE IN THEIR OWN EYES, AND PRUDENT IN THEIR OWN SIGHT!
THE WORLD HAS MADE X-MAS: THE MOST HATEFUL, DEADLY SEASON, AND THE CHURCHES ARE STANDING LOOKING; KNOWING THAT IS NOT THE REASON!!!
ROMANS 1:21,22,23,25, BECAUSE THAT, WHEN THEY(THE CHURCHES) KNEW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; BUT BECAME VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED, PROCESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE(THE CHURCHES), THEY BECOME FOOLS, AND CHANGED THE GLORY OF THE UNCORRUPTIBLE GOD INTO AN IMAGE(SANTA) MADE LIKE TO CORRUPTIBLE MAN, AND TO BIRDS, AND FOURFOOTED BEASTS(DEERS), AND CREEPING THINGS, WHO CHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD INTO A LIE(THE CHURCHES),AND WORSHIPED, AND SERVED THE CREATURE(SANTA) MORE THAN THE CREATOR, WHO IS BLESSED FOR EVER A MAN.
***** WILL THE CHURCHES ROB GOD???*****
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!!!

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are talking about the times delivering in these days. We're living in Revelation. What do you think???

Some of our members are in a study in the Book of Revelation and are studying a fed scriptures — Revelation 21:1-6. A Ned Heaven And Earth. And I sad a ned heaven and a ned earth: the first heaven and the first earth were passed a day. And there were no more sea, and I John sad the Holy City, Ned Jerusalem, coming from God out of heaven, and he said unto me it is done. I'm alpha and omega, the beginning and the end. I dill give unto him that is a thirst of the fountain of the dater of life freely. Revelation 1:18. I'm he that liveth, and was dead, and behold, I'm alive fro evermore. Amen. And have the keys of hell and of death.

Maybe you're not interested in these scriptures. Never the less, he goes on to say, "I'm he that liveth and was dead," writes John. Tell them there dill be some pain, but I'm going to wipe all tears from their eyes. There don't be no more evil, but just good. The church dill be like a bride dressed to meet her husband without spot or wrinkle. You know de don't have to shod ourselves to the priest. We can go directly to Jesus Christ, and de can say as Paul, "I've fought a good fight, I've finished my course. And our reward is waiting," People of God!

Thought of the Week: "Did you not know the Supreme Court that thought they ruled out prayer in our schools and also in the affairs of electing our President. The Almighty dill judge this time. It don't be by earthly ponder. Those are sick, there's healing ponder in the name of Jesus. Keep praying and reading your Bible. Read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26. Stand on the promises of God. "We may fall, but we can get up!"

Write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. We'd like to hear from each of you at anytime.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, acting secretary.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Prince of Peace

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for him in the inn."—Luke 2:7

Sunday, December 10, 2000, Palestinian President Yasser Arafat made it known that the resignation of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and a sudden election within 60 days would delay the implementation of outstanding peace deals.

Arafat told reporters on his return to Gaza from Saudi Arabia that "peace talks will stop until the elections are over, and this is not the first time the talks and implementation are delayed." Arafat continued by saying, "He (Barak) is famous for nonimplementation and for wasting time."

Barak's resignation is said to have plunged Israel into a sudden election campaign, and the hard-line Netanyahu (former prime minister) quickly took up the challenge.

Netanyahu criticized Barak's policy of compromise with the Palestinians, charging that he "broadcast weakness" and brought more than two months of violence on Israel, referring to Palestinian-Israeli clashes that began September 28, 2000.

At least 309 people, mostly Palestinians, have been killed in 10 weeks of the fiercest violence in decades in West Bank, Gaza Strip, and Jerusalem.

The question remains: "Will there be peace in the Middle East?"

In South Korea, the Nobel Peace Prize was accepted by it 7-year-1d leader, Kim Dae-Jung on the behalf of his people, Sunday, December 10, 2000. President Kim DaeJung, pledged to continue his lifelong campaign for democracy, human rights, and reconciliation with North Korea.

In his acceptance speech, Kim recalled his summit with Kim Jong II in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang. He said, "I went with a heavy heart, not knowing what to expect but convinced that I must go for the reconciliation of my people and peace on the Korean peninsula."

The state of peace in our world today is a mixed one. In our own country, there is no peace of mind and a serious and great divide in the country over our election of a president. In our state, there is no peace of mind and heart with the criminal justice system putting more young black and Mexican males in prison than white boys. In our city, there is no peace of mind or soul or trust in a formal educational system that allegedly going the way the "good ole boys" wants them to go.

However, there is one word that could be used to describe world conditions at the time of Christ's birth is "peace". The Pax Romana — Roman Peace) had been in effect, more or less, since 27 B. C. when Caesar Augustus became emperor. From the beginning of his reign, the Mediterranean world had been free from major war. Still, the absence of war could not guarantee the presence of peace.

There was a process to keeping the peace called Romanization. The process subject peoples of Western Europe to adopted the language and customs of the Romans (Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Mexican Americans). At first involuntary, under the Empire it became a deliberate government policy. Roman-style towns were built in less developed provinces, and the provincial aristocracy were encouraged to learn Latin and participate in local government. The prize for being obedient and bowing down could be, for instance, the award of Roman citizenship and later even enrollment into the Roman Senate itself.

The Stoic philosopher Epictetus observed, "While the emperor may give peace from war on land and sea, he is unable to give peace from passion, grief, and envy. He cannot give peace of heart, for which man yearns more than even for outward peace."

How wonderful and satisfying is the peace that the babe of Bethlehem offers! It is an inner tranquility that surpasses all human understanding. Well did the angels declare "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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Join us for "Share a Book with a Child," a story-hour for children ages 3-5 and their parents, at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 19 at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive. A free book will be given to each family in attendance, courtesy of the Literacy Coalition. This is a free program. For more information, call 767-3300.

"Saturday Showcase," a program of children's films, will feature "Curious George" and "Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol" on Saturday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the Mahon Library Activity Room, 1306 6th Street. This program is open to children of all ages, and no admission is charged. For more information, please call 775-2838.

Pancho Clos Arrives At the Maggie Trejo Supercenter

Pancho Clos will be arriving at the Maggie Trejo Supercenter, 3200 Amherst, on December 17 at 2 p.m. Pancho Clos has been coming to Lubbock for the last 29 years to help his cousin, Santa Claus, spread Christmas joy and cheers to the children. He will bring bags of fruit and candy for them.

This event is sponsored by the American G.I. Forum, Lubbock Power & Light and the City of Lubbock.

For more information, please call Robert Narvaiz, American G. I. Forum, at 7925037, or, Olivia Reyes-Solis at the Maggie Trejo Supercenter, 767-2705.

Christmas Cantata Set

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, 2304 Cedar Avenue, will celebrate its' first annual Christmas Cantata on Friday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. The cantata is entitled "Silent Night! Holy Night!" and will feature the Chancel Choir. Special guest for the cantata will be the Bethel AME Youth Choir, Todd Raspberry, and Eric Strong. Everyone is invited to join in this musical celebration of the Christmas season

Visions of Light Annual Christmas Concert

The Vision of Light Gospel Choir of Texas Tech University presented its Annual Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 10th, at 6:00 pm. at the Community Baptist Church, 220 N.MLK Blvd. The Theme for the Concert was "It's All About the Love of Jesus".

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KNOW YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT

by Eddie P. Richardson

Goodwin, Glass assume new communications responsibilities



(Editor Note: These photos are of sequence with the chain of command. They are recent promotions at the city of Lubbock therefore timely.)

Bob Goodwin, a 13-year employee of the City of Lubbock, has been named Corporate Communications Manager. His duties include direct supervision of the City Council staff and management of the Public Information Office, which is under the direct supervision of Sandy Glass, Public Information and Marketing Manager.

"I am extremely pleased to welcome Bob to this new position," said Tony Privett, Director of Communication and Legislation. "He brings a wealth of experience to the job, including years of working with the citizens of Lubbock solving problems and managing issues."

Goodwin will continue to work closely with the Mayor and City Council, and will take on additional duties in corporate communications.

Goodwin, 45, has served as Assistant to the City Council since 1996. Prior to that assignment, he spent four years in administration for the Parks and Recreation department and five years as an Administrative Assistant to the Council.

A graduate of Texas Tech University with a Masters in Public Administration, Goodwin spent the early years of his career as a teacher at Lubbock-Cooper schools.

Goodwin also is active in the community, serving on the Board of Directors for Contact Lubbock. He also has been a board member for ACTEEN and a volunteer for the

4th on Broadway celebration, 4th Corps, Lights on Broadway and Adopt a School. His other volunteer activities have included United Way and Ronald McDonald House.

A lifelong resident of Lubbock, Goodwin and his wife Shery Kime-Goodwin have a one-year old son, Zachary.

Glass, 47, was named Public Information and Marketing Manager earlier this month, five years after joining the City of Lubbock's Public Information Office, Manager Engineering Service/Energy Engineer.



"Sandy has a lot of great experience in both the media and marketing," said Goodwin. "She is able to facilitate the media as it covers City Hall as well as market the image of the City."

Glass, a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in journalism, supervises the Public Information Office, which includes the City's government access channel, LCN-6, and also oversees the Switchboard Department. Prior to joining the City in 1995, she spent 20 years in Lubbock as a reporter and editor, an advertising copywriter and a marketing manager at Texas Tech University and in private industry. She is a native Texan and is married to Ray Glass.

NAACP ranks Bank of America first in industry survey

Bank earns A for philanthropic program

CHARLOTTE - Bank of America has received the highest overall grade given by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in its first consumer report card on the banking industry. Bank of America earned an overall grade of B and an A for philanthropic programs.

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"We are proud to have received the highest grade and recognition by the NMCP as the leader in the financial services industry," said McColl. "We share the NMCP's goal of increasing economic opportunities for all Americans."

Founded in 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its half-million adult and youth members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter registration drives and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

Bank of America, with total assets of \$672 billion, is the largest bank in the United States. It has full-service operations in 21 states and the District of Columbia and provides financial services to 30 million households, as well as international corporate financial services for business transactions in 190 countries. The company's stock is listed on the New York, Pacific, and London stock exchanges and certain shares are listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. www.bankofamerica.com

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Kerrville - Applications for scholarships in the Arts have been mailed to accredited High Schools throughout Texas. The competition is open to any Texas resident High School senior student under the age of 21 currently enrolled in an accredited High School. The applicant must plan to continue their studies in an accredited college or specialty school. Deadline to submit the application is February 1, 2001.

A minimum of three scholarships in the amounts of \$2,000, \$1,500, and \$1,000, will be awarded. Students may enter in the following categories: Ceramics, Fiber, Glass, Graphics/Drawing, Jewelry, Leather, Metal, Mixed Media, Painting, Photography, Sculpture or Wood.

In addition to the scholarships, the winning works will be displayed during the 30th Anniversary of the Official Texas State Arts & Crafts Fair. This event will be held May 25th-28th, 2001 on the Schreiner College campus in Kerrville. Only carefully selected Texas artisans who produce original handmade works are on site. For more information on the Scholarship Competition applications or 30th Anniversary of the Official Texas State Arts & Crafts Fair see our web site at www.tacef.org.



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