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BIPARTISAN EFFORT CRUCIAL TO PASS GENERIC DRUG LEGISLATION THAT WILL LOWER COSTS FOR MILLIONS OF OLDER AMERICANS, SAYS RON KIRK

Ron Kirk highlights the savings Texas seniors would receive from increased access to generic drugs and renews his call for a bipartisan Medicare prescription drug benefit (DALLAS) - "Help seniors now," Ron Kirk said today of the proposed legislation in the Senate that would provide immediate relief to seniors struggling with prescription drug costs and which would save the American people \$60 billion over 10 years. "It is time to pass the generic drug legislation under consideration in the U.S. Senate and to provide a Medicare prescription drug benefit."

Mr. Kirk made his comments today on the 37th anniversary of Medicare, during an audio press conference with reporters around the state. Kirk noted that, "when Medicare was created, 50 percent of America's seniors had no health insurance. That's no longer the case. For 37 years, Medicare has provided quality health care for millions of seniors and has helped ensure they don't become bankrupt by unexpected health care costs."

"However, Medicare does not cover one of the most important parts of health care — prescription drugs. With prescription drug prices increasing at 17 percent a year, too many seniors cannot afford medications," said Kirk. "Finally, the Senate has the opportunity to do something about high drug prices. Anyone who takes prescription drugs today, or who will take them tomorrow, will be impacted by this important legislation."

Right now, five of the six most commonly prescribed drugs do not have a generic alternative on the market. By exploiting patent laws, drug companies essentially get temporary monopolies to reward them for their research and development efforts. Of the generic drug legislation, Kirk said, "The drug companies have used these loopholes to pick the pockets of seniors nationwide. It's time to restore the law's balance by providing consumers with some good old-fashioned competition. And that's what this bill does. It closes loopholes and eliminates the barriers preventing low-cost generic drugs from coming to the open marketplace on schedule."

This legislation "will make a real difference for seniors in Texas. For example, seniors in El Paso would save about \$2,134 a year on a prescription of Proloac, paying only \$1,365 if a generic version were available. Dallas seniors would pay about \$204 a year for a generic version of K-Dur 20 to treat low blood potassium levels instead of \$522, and Houston seniors would pay \$408 for a generic version of Norvasc instead of \$1,045 per year."

"We need to find new, innovative ways to help working families save for the future without undermining the retirement income for millions of Americans," said Kirk.

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Mayor McDougal Named Speaker for Southwest Digest 25th Anniversary Banquet Sept. 4th



Mayor Marc McDougal

Marc McDougal was elected as City Council Representative of District 5 in May of 1998, and in May 2002, he was elected Mayor. Mr. McDougal is President and Chief Operating Officer of McDougal Realtors, a multimillion-dollar real estate company. Mr. McDougal is a graduate of South Plains College.

Mr. McDougal has served as the Chairman of the Lubbock County Republican Party. He is a former President of the Lubbock Apartment Association, former Board of Director for the West Texas Homebuilders Association, and

is an active member of Oakwood Baptist Church.

Mr. McDougal has served on the City of Lubbock Traffic Commission, the Marketing Entertainment Travel Tourism and Sports Board Lubbock, CenterCorp Board of Directors, Leadership Lubbock, and the Red Raider Club. He is a long time member of the Lubbock Board of Realtors.

During his time as Mayor, Mr. McDougal wants to focus his administration to North and East Lubbock Development. He wants to evaluate different options to ensure that all possible development resources have

been considered, and he wants to implement viable plans for the development of these areas. Another important effort for his administration will be to develop a regional holistic approach to legislative efforts for Lubbock and West Texas. Recent redistricting efforts in the State of Texas eliminated one vote in the West Texas region, and Mr. McDougal feels it is important for the Mayors of this area to meet and discuss strategic plans and legislative efforts toward economic development, population growth, and transportation access in West Texas.

Viser Takes Top Spot at Patterson Library

Helen Viser's recent promotion makes her the new branch manager of the T.J. Patterson Branch Library at 1836 Parkway Drive. Though new to the position of branch manager, Viser has been a long-time employee of the City of Lubbock having been Reference Librarian for Mahon Central Library and Library Assistant for Patterson Library for eight years. Viser is the first African-American library branch manager for the City of Lubbock.

"I am grateful and very excited about working as branch manager at Patterson Library."

"I feel that my years of experience and educational credentials have ascended me to the proper altitude to make a difference in a place that I love," said Viser.

"There is a wonderful staff at Patterson Branch and we are all learning together. Our programs are

off to a good start and we can't wait to see what great things the future holds for us."

"In 1998 Helen left us, returning in 1999 with her Master's degree. She set her goal and she accomplished it, a slam-dunk!" said Jeff Rippel, Director of the Lubbock City-County Library system. "We are truly proud of her."

Viser has worked with the City of Lubbock since 1994.

Pictured below: Helen Viser and the entire Patterson staff



Induction Ceremony Honors New Members of AICP Fellowship

Induction Ceremony Honors Newest Members of AICP Fellowship Washington, D.C. The American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) is pleased to announce the induction of James Bertram, FAICP of Lubbock, TX into the elite membership of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP). Bertram was welcomed as a Fellow of AICP on the basis of individual achievements in the field of urban and rural planning at a ceremony held at the American Planning Association's (APA) 2002 National Planning Conference in Chicago, IL.

"The members of the AICP College of Fellows represent the most outstanding contributors to the planning profession," said Leon Epland, FAICP, who served as Chair of the Fellows of AICP Selection Committee. "The Fellows have devoted their careers to excellence in planning and they set the highest standards for professional planners today," he said.

Altogether 36 planners from 17 states and the District of Columbia were inducted into the AICP College of Fellows during a ceremony held on April 13 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Election to the Fellowship may be granted to planners who have been longtime members of AICP and who have demonstrated excellence in professional practice, teaching and mentoring,

research, community service and leadership, and communication.

Bertram has 39 years of experience in planning and holds a Bachelor of Science in Park Administration from Texas Tech University.

"Over the years Bertram has worked on numerous successful projects in Lubbock, such as streetscape and corridor plans, downtown redevelopment and entertainment districts. "His vision and imagination were instrumental in the rebuilding of Lubbock after a devastating tornado in 1970," said Sam Casella, President of AICP.

AICP is the professional institute of the American Planning Association. For more than 80 years, AICP has promoted professional excellence in the field of planning by setting high standards for competence, education, experience and conduct, and planning the profession's future.



Bob Cass, city manager, left, is shown presenting his nomination for new Lubbock chief of police, right, Claude Jones. He is expected to be confirmed at the next city council meetings on Thursday morning, August 8, 2002.

Claude Jones Named Lubbock Police Chief

Just one day and a year after he was named Interim Police Chief, Claude Jones was able to shorten his title Wednesday when City Manager Bob Cass selected him for the City's top law enforcement position.

Saying that he "couldn't be prouder" with his selection, Cass commended Jones for the "fantastic job" he's done in the last

year as Interim Chief. "It was a grueling year, and he did it with dignity," Cass said.

Cass also said that the job was not handed to Jones - "He completed hard," Cass said.

Chief Jones said he appreciated the confidence Cass and the City Council placed in him. "My goal is to build a better relationship with the Police Department



With two platinum albums and one Grammy Award, rap diva Eve has expanded her horizons to include the acting world. The hip-hop vixen makes her silver screen debut on August 9th in the action-adventure XXX, starring Hollywood heart-throb Vin Diesel and Samuel L. Jackson. The film was directed by Rob Cohen and produced by Neal H. Moritz, who also collaborated on last summer's hit, The Fast and the Furious, starring Diesel. XXX's screenplay is by Richard Wilkos.

Eve, Hip-Hop Diva, Makes Film Debut in XXX

Eve plays Xander's (Diesel), best friend and web site partner. Xander is an infamous thrill seeker who until now has been deemed an untouchable by the law. NSA Agent Gibbons (Jackson) demands Xander cooperate with the government to infiltrate an underground Russian crime ring to avoid going to jail. As the unconventional spy, XXX must use his natural wit and athleticism to combat the Russian crime wave.

Eve will also have a starring role in Ice Cube's upcoming feature Barbershop. She plays Terri, a female stylist, along-side funny-man Cedric the Entertainer and Ice Cube. The film is scheduled for release September 13th.

Eve says, "I'm really taking this movie thing seriously. I want to be respected as an actress-I've even thought about taking some classes."

Despite her segue into films,

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

and the community," Jones said. "I am committed to the community. This is not my police department, it's the community's."

Chief Jones closed his remarks with, "It is my honor to stand up before the Council and the media and accept the Police Chief position."

Jones was among five candidates vying for the Police Chief position, including senior law enforcement officials from Addison, Corsicana, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Dayton, Ohio.

Jones, 49, has been a member of the Lubbock Police Department since 1974. He came up through the ranks and was promoted to corporal in 1978, sergeant in 1983, lieutenant in 1990, captain in 1994 and assistant chief in 1996. He was named interim chief on July 23, 2001.

A native of Lubbock, Jones graduated from Coronado High School. He has amassed more than 2,739 hours in law enforcement, supervision and management training with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). Jones has five Texas State Peace Officer certificates: basic peace officer, intermediate peace officer, advanced peace officer, master peace officer and instructor.

music has not taken a backseat. Her new album, Eve-olution, released this month, is expected to do well. Her collaboration with Alicia Keys, "Rock With You," will be the first single off the CD. In a short period of time, Eve has sold millions of albums between her 1999 debut, Let There Be Eve... Ruff Ryders First Lady, and her sophomore 2001 success, Scorpion. Eve and Gwen Stefani took home a Grammy for Best Rap/Sung Collaboration for "Let Me Blow Your Mind," produced by Dr. Dre.

She has established the Love Is Blind Foundation, named after her hit single that addressed domestic violence. The Philadelphia-based organization benefits battered women and children. At just 23 years old, Eve seems wise beyond her years. She maybe young, but she has her heart in the right place. No wonder her star continues to ascend and shine brightly.

Fashion Fun

by Shirley Robinson

Nails, Beautiful Hands

When relating to fashion, most people really don't think much about the hands. Believe me, your hands are noticed immensely!

Think about it, when you're engaging in conversation the movement of your hands are tremendous, and some people actually talk with their hands.

With this type of recognition of the hands, it is extremely wise to pamper your hands on regular basis, including finger stretching, moisturizing and massaging.

Manicures are highly effective, increasing circulation and relaxing muscles. These techniques are ways to keep your hands in tip top shape.

Speaking of tips, what about nail tips beautiful nails are



essential to completing your fashion look, whether they are your very own nails or sculptured nails, they certainly add class, sophistication and pizzazz.

Different lengths, shapes and designs are available—you can even personalize your nails with your initials and birth stone.

So the next time you get all dressed up, take comfort in knowing that your hands and nails are fashionably in tact.

Remember that your hands can tell a person a lot about you.

Tip... for your total fashion look, always wear a smile

FASHION, JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

Cadet Graduates from Colorado Air Force Academy

Air Force Cadet Laura J. Flynt has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The graduate received a bachelor of science degree and was commissioned as a second-lieutenant.

Senior cadets have the opportunity to serve as academy cadet officers who provide leadership, motivation and direction for the cadet wing and demonstrate effective officership in support of unit mission objectives.

The academy is a four-year military institution of higher learning that develops and inspires new air and space leaders with a vision for the future. The curriculum provides a balanced program of military training, academics, physical training, athletic conditioning, and character and ethical development. The courses of study allow cadets to acquire a broad education in the basic and engineering sciences, social sciences, the humanities, and a choice of 30 academic majors.

The new lieutenants go on to



Air Force Cadet Laura J. Flynt serve as pilots, navigators, engineers, maintenance officers, professionals in various technical fields, and some attend medical or graduate school with special scholarships, while others go directly to non-rated Air Force-wide assignments.

Flynt received a degree in Biology.

She is the daughter of Jack W. and Elaine D. Flynt of 5519 70th Place, Lubbock, Texas, and niece of Steven D. and Karon F. Smith of 1002 West Cleveland St., Dimmitt, Texas.

Flynt is a 1998 graduate of San Marcos High School.



Did you know? Small Businesses Make a Big Difference

In fiscal year 2001, the U.S. SBA (Small Business Administration):

- Backed more than \$16.5 billion in financing to America's small businesses?

- Approved more than 50,000 loans totaling almost \$12.2 billion?

- Invested \$4.5 billion in small businesses through its venture-capital program?

- Provided more than 48,000 loans totaling approximately \$1 billion to disaster victims for residential personal-property and business loans?

- Gave management and technical assistance to an estimated 13 million entrepreneurs through its resource-partner program?

- SBA Answer Desk Responded to a quarter million telephone and e-mail inquiries

Small Businesses

- Employ more than 51 percent of the private workforce

- Generate more than 51 percent of the nation's gross domestic product?

- Are the principal source of new jobs?

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Youth and Excellence — Longtime sponsor Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. continues to support the Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) program at its recent 25th annual competition. The competition was held during the 93rd Annual NAACP Convention, in Houston, Texas, where more than 1000 students from across the country participated. Pictured (left to right) are Vernon Jarrett, ACT-SO founder/renowned author and journalist; Alva Mason, Toyota Dealer Diversity Manager; and Kweisi Mfume, President and Chief Executive Officer of the NAACP. Photo Credit: Grady Carter

TTU Professor Takes Part In Storm Shelter Standards Ceremony

Ernst Kiesling, Ph.D., Texas Tech University professor of Civil Engineering and director of the university's storm shelter program, took part in a ceremony July 22, to establish the first joint standard for the design and construction of storm shelters to protect people during tornados and hurricanes.

The International Code Council

and the National Storm Shelter Association signed the agreement at the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Washington, D.C. Kiesling, who is also executive director of the National Storm Shelter Association, said that the new joint code will regulate the design, construction and installation of

safe, reliable, economical storm shelters.

"The concept of the above-ground storm shelter grew out of research at Texas Tech," said Kiesling. Tech's Wind Engineering Research Center is internationally known for developing an above ground storm shelter that provides near absolute protection

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Request for Qualifications:

DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR

Hulen Clement Food Court Project Number 02-11 and

Hulen Clement Life Safety Upgrade Project Number 02-09 for

The Texas Tech University System Lubbock, Texas

Separate Statements of Qualification will be required for the following projects:

- Texas Tech intends to design and renovate an existing 16,900 GSF Dining Facility to create a multi-vendor food court for the Hulen Clement Residence Hall Complex in Lubbock, TX with a total project budget of \$4,400,000.00.

- Texas Tech intends to design and construct a multi-year project to upgrade life safety features (fire sprinkler, alarms, partitions, doors, and egress routes) in several residence hall complexes. The total budget for the four to five year project is approximately \$9,000,000 with all construction work accomplished between May and August of each year. The first project will upgrade the 185,000 GSF Hulen Clement Residence Hall Complex in Summer 2003.

- Interested firms should submit separate Statements of Qualifications for each project after reviewing the Request for Qualifications

Base Services: Planning, Programming and Schematic Design
Optional Services: Design Development, Contract Documents, Construction Administration

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until August 6, 2002 @ 3:00 p.m. (CDT).

Responses received after closing time will be returned unopened. Responses may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the opening date. The RFQ and further information can be obtained by accessing Texas Marketplace <http://esbd.tbpc.state.tx.us/1380/agency.cfm> GSC Class Item No 906-07. Texas Tech reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Responses and to waive any and all formalities.

The Texas Tech University System is an Equal Opportunity Employer and all Historically Underutilized Businesses are encouraged to participate. Additional information or questions regarding the Hulen Clement Food Court project Request For Qualifications should be addressed to the Texas Tech University System Project Manager Richard A. Richoda. Contact via phone (806) 742-2116; Fax 806-742-2241 or e-mail: rick.richoda@ttu.edu. Additional information or questions regarding the Hulen Clement Life Safety Upgrade project Request For Qualifications should be addressed to the Texas Tech University System Project Manager Michael Knight. Contact via phone (800) 742-2116; Fax 806-742-2241 or e-mail: michael.knight@ttu.edu.

Investment & 401K Expert Available for Comment

Bill Dukes, Ph.D. professor of finance at Texas Tech University is available for comment concerning recent issues with the stock market. While Dukes teaches courses both in the corporate finance and investment areas, his primary interest is in investments.

Dukes is also currently teaching the Student Managed Investment Funds (SMIF) course where students invest over \$1.5 million.

Dukes primary areas of research include investments, valuation, risk-return, performance evaluation and valuation of small business.

Market fluctuation as well as retirement planning areas that Dukes can speak about.

Dukes research has appeared in the Journal of Financial Research, The Journal of Small Business Finance, The Journal of Portfolio Management and the Journal of Business Finance and Accounting.



JAY'S CORNER

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor. Our doors remain open for those of you who are looking for a church home. We're there for you if we can help you. Come and join us. You will be glad you chose to do so. May God continue to bless each of you.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 a.m., with all teachers and students in their particular classes. For thirty minutes the students received instruction. At 10:15 a.m., teachers and students marched back to the main auditorium for a review of the morning lesson.

The morning devotion was led by Brother R. J. Givens and Sister Octavia Givens, and was assisted by members of the Praise Team. What a time!

The New Hope Choir marched in the morning procession. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Wilson. After a selection by the Senior Choir, the morning scripture was read by Sister Jewel Dailey, and prayer was given by Sister Margaret Moton. After another selection by the choir, the responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Helms Skiff. The morning hymn was "Glory To His Name."

Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations and shared some very positive information with the congregation.

After the singing of another selection, Pastor Moton delivered his morning sermon. His subject was "Be Careful Where You Lay Your Head." His scripture was Judges 16:15-20.

After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister Vessie Ball. Visitors were welcomed by Brother Roy White.

Heads of all organizations at New Hope are asked to meet with the Christian Education committee today, Thursday evening, August 1, 2002, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Let us not forget the ANNUAL Picnic on Saturday afternoon, August 3, 2002, at the Booker T. Washington Park, across from the church.

The West Texas Baptist District Association will be held in Odessa, Texas August 5 through August 8, 2002.

New Hope is guest Friday evening, August 16, 2002, at Rising Star Baptist Church, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Third Annual Women's Retreat will be held August 16 and 17, 2002 at the Ark in Amherst, and will close out on Sunday, August 18th, with morning worship services at the church. The theme for the retreat is "Renewed Strength" Isaiah 40:3.

If you have any questions, contact either Sister Elnora Dyer or Sister Juan Y. Ervin.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut in all over our city and country. This week, they are ill and it could be you next week. Don't forget our bereaved families as well. God is able.

If you are unable to attend church services, let us remind you of the New Hope Broadcast each Sunday morning over Radio Station KJAK, 92.7 FM from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY



WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS
 WHY DON'T YOU READ YOUR BIBLE?

PROVERB 3:13, HAPPY IS THE MAN (OR PEOPLE) THAT FINETH WISDOM, AND THE MAN (OR PEOPLE) THAT GETTETH UNDERSTANDING.

WHY DON'T YOU READ YOUR BIBLE FOLKS? AND HEAR WHAT GOD'S WORD SAY, IT'S WISDOM FOR THE WISE, AND ITS FOOD FOR THE SOUL EVERYDAY.

PSALM 37:4, DO NOT FIGHT (JOY) THYSELF ALSO IN THE LORD, AND HE SHALL GIVE THEE THY DESIRES OF THINE HEART.

WHY DON'T YOU READ YOUR BIBLE FOLKS? IT'S THE BLESSINGS FOR LIFE, ITS WHERE YOU CAN FIND JOY, AND PEACE FOR CHILDREN, HUSBANDS AND WIVES.

MATTHEW 11:29, JESUS SAID, TAKE MY BOOK (THE HOLY BIBLE) UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME, FOR I AM MEK AND LOWLY IN HEART, AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS.

WHY DON'T YOU READ YOUR BIBLE FOLKS? IT'S WISDOM FROM THE LORD, WHY DON'T YOU READ AT HOME? STUDY THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15, STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVE UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.

WHY DON'T YOU READ YOUR BIBLE FOLKS? IT'S THE WAY THROUGH CHRIST, WHY DON YOU READ IT? IT'S HOW YOU MAY FIND ETERNAL LIFE.

JOHN 14:6, JESUS SAID, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME.

WHY DON'T YOU READ YOUR BIBLE? OR DO YOU JUST WANT TO HEAR THE PREACHER? WHY DON'T YOU GET OUT OF BED AN HOUR EARLY? THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH YOU.

JAMES 1:5, IF ANY MAN LIKE WISDOM, LET HIM ASK OF GOD, THAT GIVETH TO ALL MEN LIBERALLY (FREELY), AND UPBRAIDETH (DISGRACE) NOT, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN HIM.

WHY DON'T YOU READ YOUR BIBLE FOLKS? IT'S THE WAY TO START YOUR DAY, PRAY AND READ AND LET THE LORD LEAD YOU ON YOUR WAY.

PSALM 1:1,2 BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT WALKETH NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY, NOR SITTETH IN THE SEAT OF THE SCORNFUL, BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, AND IN HIS LAW (THE BIBLE) DOETH HE MEDITATE DAY AND NIGHT.

WHY DON YOU READ YOUR BIBLE FOLKS? AND NOT THE TV NEWS, IT'S ALL ABOUT HATE, AND THAT IS ONE THING YOU CAN'T USE.

TODAY'S NEWS, NOT EVEN WORTH SAYING. WHY DON'T YOU READ YOUR BIBLE FOLKS? ITS LIGHT FOR YOUR DAY, IF YOU WILL READ IT, YOU WON'T STUMBLE ALONG YOUR WAY.

JOHN 1:9,10, THAT WAS THE TRUE LIGHT, WHICH LIGHTETH EVER MAN THAT COMETH INTO THE WORLD. HE (JESUS) WAS IN THE WORLD, AND THE WORLD WAS MADE BY HIM, AND THE WORLD KNEW HIM NOT.

WHY DON'T YOU READ YOUR BIBLE FOLKS? IT'S THE FOOD FOR YOUR SOUL, YOU DON'T NEED TO EXERCISING, THE WORD OF GOD IS NEEDED WHEREVER YOU GO.

JOHN 6:35,48-51, JESUS SAID, I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE: HE THAT COMETH TO ME SHALL NEVER HUNGER; AND HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME SHALL NEVER THIRST. I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. YOUR FATHERS DID EAT MANNA IN THE WILDERNESS, AND ARE DEAD. THIS IS THE BREAD WHICH COMETH DOWN FROM HEAVEN, THAT A MAN MAY EAT THEREOF, AND NOT DIE. I AM THE BREAD WHICH CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN: IF ANY MAN EAT OF THIS BREAD, HE SHALL LIVE FOR EVER: AND THE BREAD THAT I WILL GIVE IS MY FLESH, WHICH I WILL GIVE FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
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 Pastor, Bibleway Baptist Church
 • Mt. Pleasant, Texas

August 6 (today) Carter Chapel CME Church
 • 420 N MLK Blvd

Rev. Christopher U. Neal, Pastor
 • Phone 747-4640



29th Choir Annual at Christ Temple COGIC



Ruby Holland Jackson

The 29th Choir Annual of Christ Temple COGIC will be held Saturday evening, August 10th 2002, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Special guest will be Evangelist Ruby Holland of Jackson, Mississippi. She has recorded with such renowned gospel artists as Evangelist Shirley Caesar, Reverend Timothy Wright, Evangelist Dorothy Norwood, Luther Barnes, Twinky Clark-White, and many others.

Other guests have been invited to participate. For more information, call (806) 741-1466. Supt. W. David Haynes is pastor.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

2202 Southeast Drive
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Intercessory Prayer 8:30am
 Church School 9:30am
 Morning Worship 10:50am
 Evening Worship 6:00pm
 Wednesday Bible Study 12:00 Noon and 6:00pm



"God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer,
 Man Our Brother"
 Pastor: Danny R. Poe

August 7 (Wednesday) Smith Temple Community Church • 6508 Avenue P
 Rev. D. A. Smith, Pastor
 • 748-1212 or 762-6240

August 8 (Thursday) Mt Vernon United Methodist Church • 2304 Cedar Avenue
 Rev. J. C. Clark, Pastor
 • Phone 747-5646

August 9 (Friday) Carter Chapel CME Church
 • 420 N MLK Blvd
 Rev. Christopher U. Neal, Pastor

Guest Church
 La Trinidad United Methodist Church

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are saying it will take the efforts of a city wide unity to win the city wide war. Our separate efforts will not stop the tide of increasing evils in our city. If we as a people remain isolated from each other, all of this will continue to become a reality.

It was Jesus who said, "A house divided against itself shall not stand. To the humble, God will give grace. The only way to change, and change we must, we cannot speak to sinners with deep and lasting credibility of God's forgiveness while harboring enmity and strife against our fellow man. What value is it to be able to define the love of God. If, by our lack of love toward others, we bring dishonor to the Almighty.

The Lord is cleaning out His places of worship by re-arranging some of them. We are living in a time when thousand of dollars are being spent on saving the whole.

While many people are dying, because they are unable to get the necessary medical attention they need. No money? This is the problem.

There are debates about the pledge, the words "Under God." Every knee will bow and confess that Jesus is Lord. The last part of the pledge is what needs to become a reality. Where it says: "With liberty and justice for all." Isaiah 54:13-17 And all your

citizens shall be taught by me, and their prosperity shall be great. You will live under government that is just and fair.

Your enemies will stay far away. You will live in peace. Terror shall not come near. If any nation comes to fight you, it will not be sent by me to punish you. Therefore, it will be routed. For I am on your side. I have created the Smith who blows the coals beneath the forge and makes the weapons of destruction. And I have created the armies that destroy, but in that coming day, no weapon turned against you shall succeed and you will have justice against every courtroom lie. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord. These are the blessings I have given you, says the Lord.

Thanks for reading. If you get an opportunity, write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast: P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. We'd love to hear from you. May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

Smiles don't cost you anything. Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Also, our bereaved families. God is able!

Our drive by prayers are always needed. So when you drive around the community, please do so.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Joyce Ross, secretary.

A Church Yard Sale
 will be held at Christ Temple COGIC,
 2411 Fir Avenue
 Saturday morning,
August 3, 2002,
beginning at 7:30 a.m.

YARD SALE
 Sat. 8/3!

water wisely

Q. What is water run-off?

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Big Brothers Big Sisters Implements New Equal Employment Policy, Suffers Minor Backlash From Right Wing Group

Colorado Springs—Focus on the Family has denounced the recently enacted policy of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA), requiring that all of its 500 local offices include homosexuals among the volunteers it matches with children. The policy prompted Focus on the Family founder and president Dr. James Dobson, who had endorsed the organization his recent best-selling book, *Bringing Up Boys*, to completely overreact and wants to rescind the endorsement and remove the group as a referral organization in future editions of the book.

While Big Brothers Big Sisters of America claims that the policy has been in place for years and that its decision is an internal matter that keeps their organization free of discriminatory practices, including those that might be based on race or religion, this is the first time the policy has been mandated by the national headquarters in its local chapters. Many executive directors of local offices are now being forced to compromise or risk losing their affiliation with the organization.

In defending its decision, the BBBSA also claims that parents ultimately approve a volunteer match by signing a consent form. While this is true with their community-based programs, it does not apply to the school-based programs in which a parent is asked to sign a general consent form that gives no indication their child could be matched with a homosexual mentor. If parents care about who their child spends time with at all, gay or straight, then they should automatically assume the responsibility of screening individuals themselves. Ideally, the screening process should FOCUS on whether or not the person is kind, intelligent and exercises good judgement, and should not just probe into their sexual preferences, which is no one's business anyway.

"As a former urban community psychologist and complete bigot, I am saddened to see this notable organization subverting the values of millions of parents and potentially putting hundreds of vulnerable children in harm's way," Maier added. "America's parents and children deserve better from an organization that has helped so many. We call on Big Brothers Big Sisters of America to rescind this policy."

COMMENTARY: It makes absolutely no sense for this uptight, white, right-wing group to call the Big Brothers/Big Sisters irresponsible for instituting a policy that is obviously aimed at expanding a tolerant

view of the many lifestyles that exist in America today. Just because self-righteous duds like Maier and Dobson insist on living in a bubble doesn't mean that someone else's choices are wrong or translate into immediate threats to their Christianity. If anything, these are the kinds of men who are responsible for demonizing entire sections of the population, and their finger pointing and attempts to pick fights is one of the primary causes of discord among citizens of the U.S. Christ taught acceptance and humanity, not homogenization and ultra-conformity. That's the last thing we need from Christian organizations right now.

Strength for Today; Hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Have you ever seen or do you know those types of people that seem to have a magnetic personality? They are the types of people you just want to be close to or spend some quality time with. What is it about these types of people that makes you want to spend time with them? I have had the opportunity to observe these kinds of people up close and at a distance and I have found that they all have at least one thing in common, they have the ability to make you feel that you are important, that you're somebody special. It doesn't matter who you are or are not, what you have or do not have, where you live or do not live, you are important, you are valuable, you matter. The people who make you feel this way have the ability to draw you into their presence and make you feel as if you belong.

Don't you wish there were more people like that around? Actually, there are lots of them around, they are just hard to find sometimes. All of us need people to come into our lives and bless us by their presence. There are times when we are so low that we have to look up to see the curb. What a joy it would be to have someone encourage you at these times. As important and wonderful it would be to have these special people around us there is something that is even better. Instead of having this kind of person around us, what if we became one of them. Instead of waiting for someone to make us feel special, how about you trying to make someone else feel special. Whenever I challenge people to become what they believe they need to have for themselves, they usually have a list of excuses why they can't be that for someone else. Permit me to share with you information that

will enable you to become a person that makes other people feel valuable.

Firstly, you don't have to do all of the talking to make someone feel special. In fact if you really want to make them feel special let them do as much of the talking as possible. People are made to feel important when someone is interested in their lives. Most of us don't think our lives are important enough to talk about, but each person is unique and has a life experience that is important enough to share with others.

Directly connected to the idea of allowing others to talk is probably the hardest thing to do, learn to listen before speaking. Remember, you are trying to encourage them, not seek your own good. Listen closely to what they are saying and meaning.

The next step to take is to really value them as a person. You don't have to agree with all they think, say or believe. After all, you don't know what they have had to go through in life that caused them to feel, think, or

conversation they have given you enough information about themselves that you can find common ground with them. When you have accomplished these steps you will have imitated the apostle Paul in becoming all things to all men (1 Corinthians 9:21). When you invite people into your life you help them to see the value in themselves. The ability to encourage people in this way makes the world a better place one person at a time.

The people at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ desire to become all things to all people in order that we may win some to Jesus. This is our mission and ministry. In order to allow you to get a better picture of us I will focus on the people and ministries that are here at Parkway Drive.

Try to make someone feel valuable this week. Let them know that you believe they are important. Give them strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

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believe the way they do, but every person is valuable because they are made in the image of the Living God (Genesis 1:24-26). Let's allow them the right to be who they are before we feel the need to change them.

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Discount Travel Club Scams

Q: I recently joined an organization that promised me I would receive travel agent discounts on my airfare, hotel reservations, car rental and cruise prices. I paid a lot of money for my travel agent card. The company also told me I would get a commission on every trip I booked for my friends and family. So far, not one hotel or airline has accepted my travel agent card, and I haven't seen a dime of commission. Have I been had?

A: Unfortunately, the answer may be yes. My office, along with several attorneys general from other states, recently filed suit and gained a settlement from one of these discount travel groups. We have heard from many consumers who filed com-

plaints similar to yours. The situation you describe is a common one. Consumers pay a fee, sometimes several thousand dollars, to join a discount travel club and receive "travel agent" credentials. The company promises members that their travel agent card earns them access to travel agent discounts on airfare and hotels that are not available to the public. In addition, members are offered commissions on trips booked for family and friends through this company.

However, when a member tries to book a trip for a friend or family member, he or she soon discovers that the fares offered by the company are higher than those offered directly through the airline or through a travel agent. And when the consumer tries to use the travel agent card to get discounts and upgrades, the airlines and hotels refuse to accept it.

The truth is that each airline, hotel, or rental car company decides which discounts to give and to whom. No travel club can guarantee you travel agent discounts. To be eligible for travel agent discounts, most airlines and major hotels require proof that you actually work as a travel agent for a set number of hours each month.

Another common scam is an offer for a free trip in exchange for listening to a sales pitch - often for a time share company or a travel club. People go with the best of intentions, promising themselves that they will not buy anything or sign any contracts. But the high pressure sales pitches can be too much. Even if consumers don't succumb to the sales pitch, they can end up with a "free" trip that isn't what was advertised.

A: consumer may get a certificate

with instructions for redeeming it. But, when the person calls to book a trip, the date may not be available unless an upgrade fee is paid. There may also be fine print about the consumer being responsible for all port taxes and transfer fees, or a clause that may specify that airfare is not included.

My office also receives complaints about travel clubs that claim to provide consumers with exclusive access to special trips. Again, the trips offered may not be what you actually get. We have heard from consumers who arrived at their dream vacation spot only to have the hotel room be a flea-trap. They have to upgrade or change hotels, but can't get in touch with the travel club to make arrangements. We have also heard complaints about a promised luxury cruise to the Bahamas turning out to be a six-hour ride on a ferry with no private cabins. In any case, the traveler is stuck in a foreign country with no access to someone at the travel club who can fix the arrangements.

When you make travel plans, you should consider working directly with the airline or cruise company or with an established, registered travel agent. Make sure to read the fine print on every contract you sign. Don't let the high pressure sales tactics get to you. Any offer that is only good for one day is probably a scam. The con artists are pros, and they will say anything to get you to sign on the dotted line.

If you would like to file a complaint against a travel club or company, you can do so through my office. A consumer complaint form is available online through our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us. You can also request a form by calling (800) 621-0508.

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Half the States Enact Drivers License Legislation Supporting Selective Service

July 11, 2002 - Today, Missouri became the 25th state to enact driver's license legislation supporting the Selective Service System registration requirement. This means that half the states now have drivers license laws linking a man's application for state driver's license or renewal to his legal and civic obligation under federal law to register with the Selective Service System (SSS), Missouri Gov. Bob Holden signed Missouri House Bill 1265 on July 11, 2002. The law will go into effect on August 28, 2002. The bill was sponsored by Reps. W.W. Bill Gratz and Carl M. Vogel.

Selective Service System Director Alfred Rascon stated the new law will serve to increase on-time registration in Missouri as similar laws in other states have done. For example, in May 2002, Delaware, which enacted driver's license legislation in August 2000, became the first state to reach nearly 100 percent registration compliance since the Agency began compiling this data.

"More importantly, the Missouri law helps protect a young man's eligibility for many programs and benefits linked to Selective Service System registration," Rascon said.

Men must be registered with the SSS before they can receive state or federal student loans and grants, training programs underwritten by the U.S. Department of Labor, and federal jobs in the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government, including jobs with the U.S. Postal Service. Additionally, male immigrants who are in the U.S. when they are 18 through 25 years old can be denied citizenship if they fail to register.

In addition to Missouri, there are 24 other states, the District of Columbia and two territories with driver's license laws related to Selective Service registration. They are: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

The SSS is the federal agency charged with being ready to draft men for military service in a national emergency. While there is no draft today, registration has been ongoing since 1980 so America remains prepared to conduct a fair and equitable draft in a crisis, if needed. Virtually all young men living in the U.S. are required to register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Although late registrations are accepted, a man cannot register once he reaches age 26. Failure to register is a felony.

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"The Fall of a Republic"

By Laine Richardson

and look at us today. We have gone through all the mentioned phases or we are in the process of going through them. Enron, World Com and others and Black people are in the middle of the heap at the bottom of the ladder.

THE FALL OF A REPUBLIC
When the thirteen colonies were still a part of England, Professor Alexander Tyler wrote about the fall of the Athenian republic over two thousand years previous to that time.

A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the public treasure. From that it's moment

on the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most money from the public treasury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the great civilizations has been two hundred years. These nations have progressed through the following sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to great courage from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependency, from dependency back to bondage.
— Alexander Tyler

This article was written by Alexander Tyler. He lived during the establishment of the Original 13 colonies.

Most empires last 200 years, so America is the longest lasting empire in our recent history.

America was founded on moral and spiritual principles. That is the reason, in this writer's opinion, why it has lasted so long. Read this article



In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

With forty-two years of employment behind me and the utilization of two master's degrees in my cap, it was after retiring from the world of work and the decision to treat myself to a couple of weeks of rest and relocation, that I learned something. I learned firsthand the kind of information that you cannot get in a classroom. The first thing that I learned was that our textbooks in social studies, especially those dealing with world and European history, need to be revised.

The revisions need to be made by someone who has current knowledge of the countries studied from firsthand experiences, using primary rather than secondary sources. Furthermore, it would not hurt if teachers of social studies also had some first-hand experience regarding the area in which they taught. I am certain that a better job of teaching could be had from first-hand experiences. This is not only true for history, geography,

political science and sociology, but for economics as well, especially during these times of mega-company bankruptcies and the declining value of the dollar. It takes more U.S. dollars to equal the value of other countries' currencies these days, ranging from \$1.04 to \$1.20 to some countries. In many European countries the average salary is about \$4000 per month. The working people own their homes, usually a condominium, a couple of cars, a bicycle and a boat.

Capitalism is the current form of economics in most European countries these days, even countries once considered "behind the iron curtain." Business as usual is capitalizing but some still have socialized medicine and free education. It rings of something that the United States should begin to look into as there are all kinds of schemes in the works for social security and Medicare and the PPO's (Primary Physicians Options) and HMO's (Health Management Options) are the pits for the most of us. At best,

you spend as much for the insurance as the services are worth in the first place.

Our past first lady, Mrs. Clinton, tried to help this country institute some form of national health insurance, but it was thrown out of the water. Various states are working to try to have health insurance for all children and adults.

Most doctors and health care workers would like to keep medical expenses sky high in order to garner high salaries and get to Club Med from time to time in addition to living the life of the 'rich and famous already.' They are pushing for tort reform in some states for that same reason, as most of them can more than afford the malpractice insurance that they gripe about. They need to realize that lives and the quality of life are more important than money. As a matter of fact, it is time that we all get 'in cinq' and realize that the countries which have been ravished by world wars are moving at supersonic speed to be modern players in today's world and that our country needs to get busy removing the obstacles that make us stagnant.

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Relay for Life

Lubbock. - Hope, Progress, and Answers are three simple words that make up the mission of the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life 2002" scheduled for August 9th and 10th at the Monterey High School track at 50th Street and Indiana Avenue.

"Relay For Life" is an overnight event of fun and activities designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs to benefit the Lubbock chapter of the American Cancer Society.

During the event, teams of 8 to 15 people camp out at the high school track and take turns walking or running around the track. Each team is asked to have a representative

on the track at all times during the 24 hour event. "Relay For Life" is a community gathering rather than an athletic event, anyone can participate. Teams are formed from businesses, clubs, churches, organizations, families, and friends.

Events begin Friday, August 9th at 4pm for team camp-site setup and registration. At 7 p.m. the ceremony opens with a cancer survivor victory lap followed by a Luminary lighting ceremony at 10 p.m. and a Midnight Madness event at 12 a.m. On Saturday August 10th at 8 a.m. the final lap is walked followed by breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and closing at 9 a.m. with a ceremony and awards event.

"Relay For Life" began in 1985 by Dr. Gordy Klatt, a

Colonial Surgeon and Cancer Volunteer, he ran and walked on a local track for 24 hours tracking 83 miles and raising \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society. It was this event that inspired the development and concept of teams participating in a relay over a 24 hour period. "Relay For Life" has become the American Cancer Society's "National Signature Event." The impact of cancer tomorrow can be less than it is today by participating in a community event that will change your life. For more information on "Relay For Life" or registration please call the American Cancer Society office at (806)792-7126

Notice of Public Hearing: TxDOT Design Changes to the Marsha Sharp Freeway

Public Hearing, Thursday, August 29, 2002, Cavazos Junior High School Auditorium at 210 North University Avenue in Lubbock.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of Lubbock will host an Open House beginning at 6:30 P.M. and conduct a Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 P.M., Thursday, August 29, 2002. The Open House and Public Hearing will be held in the auditorium of Cavazos Junior High School located at 210 North University Avenue in Lubbock. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to present proposed changes to the current and approved design of the new Marsha Sharp (U.S. Highway 82/East-West) Freeway in Lubbock. The original environmental documentation for the freeway was approved in July 1995. A new environmental document re-evaluating the project, potential environmental impacts to the human and natural environments in light of the proposed design changes to the freeway has been prepared. These design changes are intended to more closely customize the design of the Marsha Sharp Freeway to the character and needs of Lubbock.

The limits of the freeway project extend approximately 8.75 miles across the city of Lubbock

from approximately 1.25 miles southwest of Southwest Loop 289 to approximately 0.5 mile east of Interstate Highway 27. Project limits also extend along Southwest Loop 289 from Slide Road to just north of 34th Street.

The freeway design is comprised of two main lane roadways (each with two travel lanes) separated from major cross arterial streets by highway (grade separation) bridges. The freeway design permits uninterrupted flow of traffic on the main lanes within the limits of the project. Complementing the main travel lanes, freeway frontage roads will typically be comprised of two and three one-way lanes.

The freeway design changes to be presented at the public hearing are intended to emphasize local access to properties adjoining and on the periphery of the freeway, to accommodate changes in the Master Land Use Plan of Texas Tech University, reduce the cost of building the freeway, and improve the operational efficiency of traffic interchanges among other design improvements. Although the proposed design changes for the most part upgrade local access to and from the freeway, there are a few changes that reduce this access. While a few changes may reduce local access to and from the freeway, the principal trade-offs are overall improved access to the freeway's main travel lanes and improved operational efficiency of the freeway.

Before the start of freeway right-of-way acquisitions, the right-of-way boundaries along U.S. Highway 82 were typically 110 to 120 feet in width. The right-of-way width of the new freeway varies substantially within the project limits. These variations in right-of-way widths range from approximately 270 feet through undeveloped segments of Texas Tech University to approximately 450 feet at other locations. Still greater right-of-way widths are necessary at large traffic interchanges such as Loop 289 where right-of-way widths are more than 800 feet at some locations. Approximately 90 percent of the right-of-way needed to build the freeway has been purchased. As a result of the proposed design changes, approximately 326 fewer acres of right-of-way will be purchased than was planned for in the 1995 Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Copies of the freeway Environmental Re-evaluation of the 1995 Final Environmental Impact Statement which includes maps and drawings showing the freeway's location and proposed freeway design changes are available for inspection and copying at the Lubbock District of the Texas Department of Transportation at 135 Slaton Road in Lubbock. Maps and

drawings showing the project's location and geometric design are also on file with the City of Lubbock at the Lubbock Municipal Building at 1625 13th.

Following the approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement in 1995, TxDOT began the process of purchasing right-of-way and relocating businesses, families, and individuals. Approximately 700 relocations have occurred to date. The freeway's proposed design changes would cause the relocation of an additional business near the western end of the project while on less business relocation would occur near Slide Road. Approximately seven additional families would be relocated as a result of the proposed design changes. Relocation assistance is available to all businesses, families, and individuals displaced by this project. Information about the state's Relocation Assistance Program, the benefits and services information concerning the relocation assistance office as well as information about the ongoing schedule for right-of-way acquisition and tentative construction schedule can be obtained at the Lubbock District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) located at 135 Slaton Road in Lubbock.

Verbal and written comments may be presented at the Public Hearing, or submitted to TxDOT by Monday, September 9, 2002 at 5:00 P.M. to Mr. Win. Frank Phillips, P.E., Consultant Contract Administrator, Texas Department of Transportation, at 135 Slaton Road in Lubbock. Comments can also be mailed to &Mr. Wm. Frank Phillips, P.E., Consultant Contract Administrator, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 771, Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771 (mail must be received by the Texas Department of Transportation by 5:00 p.m. Monday, September 9, 2002.)

The freeway would encroach on two floodplains and lie adjacent to a third floodplain. The freeway crosses a portion of one wetland playa lake and drains storm and runoff waters to wetlands in the Yellow House Canyon in Lubbock.

Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Davis Melton, Environmental Coordinator, at 806-745-4416 by 5:00 P.M., Friday, August 23, 2002. Because the public hearing will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made by 5:00 PM, Friday, August 23, 2002. The Texas Department of Transportation will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.



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NCNW Name Cheryl R. Cooper Executive Director

WASHINGTON, DeC • Cheryl R. Cooper has been named Executive Director of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW); it was announced today by Dorothy L. Height, Chair and President Emerita of the organization. Ms. Cooper joins NCNW from AARP where she served as chief of staff for seven of her twelve years with that organization.

"Ms. Cooper brings to NCNW invaluable expertise from overseeing the operations of one of the world's largest and most successful membership organizations," said Dr. Height.

"As we look to strengthen our infrastructure and greatly expand our capacity, Ms. Cooper will play a leading role with a dynamic management team. Her skill set in organizational management and membership development, plus her training as a certified public accountant; will give NCNW strategic management and leadership to increase our services for African American women and their families."

"NCNW has a great history and I look forward to this unique opportunity to work with Dr. Height to address the needs of African American women. We will continue to make Mary McLeod Bethune's vision a reality and build a strong organization for the future," said Ms. Cooper.

A native Washingtonian, Ms. Cooper graduated from Georgetown University with a B.S. in Business Administration.



Cheryl R. Cooper

Prior to joining AAJRP, Ms. Cooper served between 1986 to 1990 as a senior staff administrator with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

Ms. Cooper later became Assistant Treasurer from 1996 to 1997. Among her numerous professional and community activities, Ms. Cooper is currently on the board of directors of the Washington Convention Center Authority and The Ellington Fund and has recently served on the African American Advisory Board of Georgetown University.

The National Council of Negro Women is a coalition of 38 national organizations and 250 community-based chartered sections with an outreach to 4 million women. NCNW is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and has international offices in Senegal and Benin.

Early Settlers Plan Annual Round-Up

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