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National News

Women's Conference to be held in Arlington June 20th-22nd

In its 5th year, the Women of Influence Personal Development Conference has established itself as one of the nation's premier women's empowerment events. This event draws highly affluent and influential business and community leaders along with notables from the world of performing arts. The 2002 conference, "Live An Incredible Life," will be held June 20th-22nd, at the Destiny Center in Arlington, Texas. This year's conference guarantees to deliver the resources every woman needs to maximize her potential and activate her dreams and goals to live an incredible life.

"Today's woman must be challenged to awaken the powerful gifts and abilities that lie within," says Renee Hornbuckle, Women of Influence founder and conference host. "What sets this conference apart is that it is designed not only to encourage women to set goals to become their personal best, but to also present them with the information and tools needed to make those goals reality!"

Throughout the weekend conference attendees will hear from women who have discovered their life's mission and are living Incredible Lives. Conference speakers include Dr. Paula White-Co-Pastor and President of Without Walls International Church, Director of Women of the Word, author of *He Loves Me*.

He Loves Me Not and noted television personality, Valerie Burton - former Miss Black USA, founder of the annual Texas Trailblazer Award Luncheon, co-host of the television program *The Potters*.

Touch, BlackAmericaWeb.com columnist and author of *Rich Minds, Rich Rewards*; Joyce Rodgers - evangelist, missionary, Chairman of the International Youth Dept. C.O.G.I.C., Contributing Columnist for *Clarity Magazine*, and founder of The Young Women of Excellence Program; and Priscilla Evans Shirer, motivational speaker, soloist, author of *A Jewel in His Crown: Rediscovering Your Value As A Woman Of Excellence* and former Ms. Black Texas.

In addition, attendees will hear powerful words from host Renee Hornbuckle. Her previous seminars on Women in Leadership, Practical Living and Organization have empowered thousands of women, from senior-level executives and successful entrepreneurs to "NFL", "NBA", and Major League Baseball Players wives and full-time mothers. She is a celebrated author, motivational speaker and television host.

Furthermore, attendees will attain the opportunity to dialogue with conference presenters and other participants at the "Read to Succeed" Campaign for Literacy Book Signing and Networking Reception. Each year, in conjunction with the event, one young lady is bestowed the Youth of Influence Award and the Women of Influence Award is presented to 12 women who have utilized their leadership and influence to positively impact their communities. Previous honorees include such dynamic women as Hattie Hill, noted author and business consultant; Colleyville Mayor Donna Arp; Marjorie Ford, Television Producer WFAA-TV; Lyn Berman, of *Attitudes and Affairs*; and Paula

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Dr. Dwight Fennell Named Proxy of Paul Quinn College Board votes unanimously for his appointment



Dr. Dwight Fennell

After serving as interim president of Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas, Dr. Dwight Fennell was named as president of the 130 year old historical Black college Saturday morning, May 4, 2002.

The 31-member board of trustees unanimously approved Dr. Fennell's appointment during the morning meeting. Aside from Dr. Fennell, there were thirty-six other individuals from across the country who applied for this position.

Presiding Prelate of the Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop McKinley

Young announced the appointment of Dr. Fennell during the services. There was a standing ovation about the announcement.

"I'm surprised, elated and very pleased," said Dr. Fennell who served as master of ceremonies of the services. He continued, by saying, "God is Good!"

Dr. Fennell, age 48, was Paul Quinn's provost from 1997 to 2001 before becoming interim president. He replaced Lee E. Monroe, who resigned to lead Voorhees College in South Carolina.

A search committee of seven trustees recommended Dr. Fennell as its choice last Saturday, according to Rev. E. L. Wright, II, the committee chairman. Rev. Wright also serves as Presiding Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Dallas. Paul Quinn is affiliated with the church.

"He's got a lot of energy, and he has outstanding credentials," said

Presiding Elder Wright. "We expect Dr. Fennell to be with us for quite a while."

According to Rev. Wright, trustees will work out terms of a contract with Dr. Fennell.

Paul Quinn moved from Waco, Texas to Dallas taking over the former home of Bishop College. At that time, Paul Quinn owed \$6 million to \$8 million when it came to Dallas. Under Dr. Monroe, it reduced its debt to \$500,000 by 2000.

At its peak in Dallas, Paul Quinn had nearly 1,000 students. It ended this school year with 801 students. Trustee would like to see the college grow to 1,200 to 1,400 students next year, according to Rev. Wright.

From 1987 to 1997, Dr. Fennell worked in various positions, including vice-president for academic affairs, at St. Augustine College in Raleigh, N. C.

More Area Students Recognized for Academic Excellence

Students from the Lubbock area were honored for academic excellence April 10 at a Celebration of Educational Luncheon hosted by South Plains College in Levelland. More than 400 students honored at the luncheon. The State Board of Education sponsored statewide programs recognizing academic excellence by more than 14,000 students in Texas public schools. Atkins Jr. High, Coronado High, Hutchinson Jr. High, and Smylie Wilson Jr. High students attended the event.



Atkins Junior High From left on the front row are Jarrod Maddux, Amy Beistle, Jerica Navarro, Tanner Vickers and Juanita Guevara, advisor; and from left on the top row are Nathan Delgado, Jordan Garrett, Shyenne McAnally, April Peralez, Elizabeth Duerr and Rudy Robles. (SPC Photo)



Coronado High From left on the front row are Alana Noble, Angela Thornbury, Marisa Zavala, Hilary Hale and Jill Tucker, and from left on the top row are Patrick Murfee, Tim Boyd, Carlos Bergfeld, Garrett Hamby and Adam Lehman. (SPC Photo)



Hutchinson Junior High From left on the front row are Kassandra McPherson, Michael Moss, Kristin Douthit and (from left on the top row) Heiko de Riese, Blake Williamson, Grace Woodruff and Carl Stroud. Not pictured are Amir Ahmed, Von Kelly and Eric Scott. (SPC Photo)



Smylie Wilson Junior High From left on the front row are Kelsey Kirkpatrick, Joshua Delgado, Lexi Hernandez, Brooks Moore and Amber West, and from left on the back row are Casey Lampe, Alisha Poundexter, Aron Summers, Coca Wright and Kim Hallinan. (SPC Photo)



Looking Back at History of Lubbock's Black Churches

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SENIOR CHOIR: Pictured above are members of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Senior Choir 10 years ago. They are, from left to right: Sisters Robbie Gean Patterson, Ann Britt, Buelah Winters, M.O. Bunton, Ollie Coleman and Sara D. Blocker who is deceased. The brothers are: left, Brother Charles Collins and Brother J. H. Wilson who is deceased.

Their pastor was the late Rev. A. W. Wilson.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is located at 2202 Southeast Drive in Lubbock.

Former NAACP Chief Succumbs



Dr. William F. Gibson

Dr. William F. Gibson, a civil rights leader whose tenure as chairman of the NAACP was marred by allegations that he mis-spent funds, died last Thursday, May 2, 2002, in Greenville, S. C. He was 69.

Dr. Gibson, a dentist, led South Carolina's NAACP chapter for 18 years before being elected chairman of the national board of the NAACP.

After serving 10 years as chairman for the NAACP, it ended in 1995 when he was accused of contributing to the group's \$3 million deficit by abusing his expense account.

He was ousted by one vote. Although he could account for the \$111,930 in question, his tenure was hampered by complaints about a decline in corporate donations and membership.

New Census Bureau figures show Lubbock urbanized area breaks 202,000 in population

The Census Bureau released the final population figures for the Lubbock urbanized area. The population within the Lubbock Urbanized Area is 202,225 people.

The Lubbock Metropolitan urbanized area currently encompasses more than 190 square miles with the City of Lubbock as the only urbanized area. However, with the release of the new census data today, the City of Wolforth, having been ambitiously incorporated by the city, is now a part of the Lubbock urbanized area. The remaining area is rural with spotted development. The size of the urbanized area will change and may actually decrease in total square miles because of new criteria developed and implemented by the Census Bureau.

With the population topping 200,000, new responsibilities will be placed on city administrators. The Lubbock Urbanized Area will become a Transportation Management Area for transportation planning purposes. The Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (Lubbock MPO) will see increased planning responsibilities including the need to develop a Congestion Management System, a greater role in project selection and having its transportation planning process

certified by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration on a triennial basis.

The Lubbock MPO is responsible for encouraging a continuing, comprehensive transportation planning process carried on cooperatively by the state and local community. Transportation planning is a process of projecting future transportation needs, investigating, and evaluating alternative actions for meeting those needs, assessing the financial ability of the community to implement those actions, and recommending reasonable strategies based on needs and available resources. Elected officials and others in decision-making roles need access to this information to help them develop policies, programs, and projects.

The Lubbock MPO consists of a Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), a Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), a Citizen Resource Subcommittee (CRS), and a Transportation Planning Staff.

The decision making body of the Lubbock MPO is governed by the Transportation Policy Committee made up of representatives from the City of Lubbock, Lubbock County, the Texas Department of Transportation and Citibus managers.

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Opinion

Despite Oscars, Hollywood still not colorblind

By Brian Gilmore

At the Oscars this year, Hollywood made an attempt to atone for its sins against black America. Yet despite the awards, it is a bit premature to believe that the situation in Hollywood has changed for African Americans after decades of exclusion and racial stereotypes.

These black Americans won awards: Denzel Washington for best actor, Halle Berry for best actress (the first African-American woman to do so) and, to top the evening off, a lifetime achievement award was given to the dear of black-American thespians — Sidney Poitier. But the situation is still far from perfect.

There is simply too much evidence to suggest otherwise.

There are the continued complaints within the black community about the inability of blacks to find work both in front of the cameras and behind them in Hollywood. The NAACP threatened boycotts last year because of this problem.

And choices for black actors have often been limited to stereotypical roles such as convicts, servants or athletes. For example, Morgan Freeman has been nominated for an Oscar three times — for playing a pimp ("Street Smart"), a chauffeur ("Driving Miss Daisy") and a convict ("The Shawshank Redemption").

The speeches at the awards

from Berry, Poitier and Washington seemed to offer the most compelling truth about Hollywood and race.

Berry's tearful mixture of joy and pain seemed to represent the dreams, hopes and frustrations of all the black women who have struggled vainly to conquer Hollywood's rigid racial mores. Berry's emotional reaction was troubling because she is a well-respected actress who has been able to find black filmmakers, screenwriters, directors, producers, actors, actresses and technicians as there are now. Spike Lee showed a generation of young black artists that you can make films and get them distributed internationally.

And then there is the most important category of all that desperately needs to be addressed: those coveted decision-making jobs within the industry.

This is where the real change can happen in Hollywood — at the executive level.

Not only will a presence of more blacks in decision-making roles in Hollywood likely alter the inequities that are so disturbing, it will also make possible a more honest and varied depiction on screen of black life in America. For an industry that seems to be finally trying to put its sordid past behind it, that would make this year's Oscars truly a watershed moment.

Poet/attorney Brian Gilmore is the author of two collections of poetry, including his latest, "Jungle Nights and Soda Fountain Rags: Poems for Duke Ellington" (Kambu Books, 2000). He can be reached at pmproj@progressive.org.

BUSINESS EXPO

In the company of the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce all Black Chambers their role will now be called African American Chambers.

The African American Chamber-Lubbock will host a Business Expo on Saturday, May 11, 2002, 12 noon-2 pm at Grace's Decor & More, 1526 East 19th Street.

There will be home decorations, clothing, African Apparel, cosmetics and food. A free sausage sandwich will be given to the first 30 customers with a \$5.00 purchase.



LORETTA DEVINE

NAACP Image Award-winner Loretta Devine (Best Supporting Actress for her role as Maria Hendricks on Fox's BOSTON PUBLIC) has created indelible roles in both television and feature films. She starred with Alfre Woodard twice in "Down In The Delta" and "Funny Valentines." Devine also

co-starred with Whitney Houston twice in "Waiting To Exhale" and "The Preacher's Wife."

Among her numerous other film credits are "Tittle Nikita," "Stanley and Iris" opposite Jane Fonda and Robert De Niro, "Livin' Large," "Class Act," "Caged Fear," "Amos and Andrew" with Samuel L. Jackson and Nicholas Cage, "Clover," "Hoodlum" with Laurence Fishburne, "Urban Legend" and "Prunks."

Her movies for television include "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge," "Don King: Only in America" opposite Ving Rhames and "Freedom Song" with Danny Glover. Additional credits include "The Murder of Mary Phagan" with Jack Lemmon, "Parent Trap 3" and "Best Actress," as well as voicing the character Muriel Stubbs on "The PJs."

LCU Registration For Summer I Announced

LUBBOCK, TX—The registration date has been set for the first session of summer school at Lubbock Christian University. Registration for Summer I is available now through May 13. This is also the first day of class. The session runs May 13-May 31.

Two other sessions of summer classes are scheduled as well: Summer II, June 10-28 and Summer III, July 8-26.

Students who are new to LCU need to go directly to the Admissions Office in the F.W. Mattox Administration Building, Room 13B.

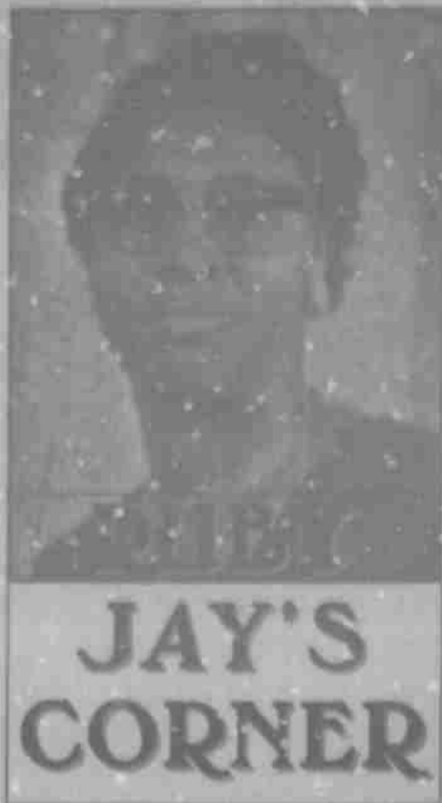
For more information and course offerings, contact the Admissions Office at (806)720-7151. Students may check the LCU website at <www.lcu.edu> to find the LCU Official Catalog and the Summer Schedule of Classes on line. Continuing students who have not yet registered should go directly to visit their advisor.

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McClure, motivational speaker, entrepreneur and former television personality.

Many of today's young ladies are looking for direction, value and significance, so in order to fulfill that need, girls 12 and older are invited to participate via Teen Extreme, hosted by Rachel Hornbuckle, daughter of conference host, Renee Hornbuckle. Not only will they receive useful information but FUN also awaits them.

Additional conference events include the Women's Health/Wellness & Business Expo and the highly anticipated "Incredibly Fabulous" Tea and Fashion Show.



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. If you need a church home, then why not consider the New Hope Baptist Church. Come and visit with us anytime. You are always welcome.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, which began at 9:30 a.m. with Sister Joan Jones presiding. She also serves as teacher of Class No. 4.

Students received thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a.m., teachers and students marched to the main auditorium singing "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was given by Sister Jones. Rev. Aubrey Brickey gave remarks about the morning lesson.

The morning devotion at 10:45 a.m. was conducted by Brother John Howard and Sister Callie Howard, with assistance from the Praise Team. What a time!

The Male Chorus marched in the processional singing of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Aubrey Brickey. After the singing of a selection scripture was read by Brother Johnny Roberts and prayer was given by Brother J. C. Quigley. After another selection by the Male Chorus, the responsive reading was done with entire congregation standing and led by Brother Roy White.

The morning hymn was "Standing On The Promises." Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. As always, Pastor Moton leaves some valuable information for all of us to use during the upcoming week. We thank God for Pastor Moton.

After the singing of another selection by the Male Chorus, Pastor Moton preached on the subject "When Satan Stands Up, Go Down On Your Knees in Prayer." His scripture was I Chronicles 21:1-2. What a wonderful message!

Announcements were read by Brother Harry Stokley. All visitors were welcomed by Brother Henry High.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goff were visitors at New Hope last Sunday morning. They reside in Tampa, Florida. Mr. Goff is a former resident of Lubbock.

The Men of New Hope had their annual Mothers Day Dinner last Saturday night, May 4th 2002, at 6:00 p.m. at New Hope. The women and mothers say "Thank you, Men!" It was a wonderful gesture on the part of the New Hope Men!

Speaking of Mother's Day activities, the Men of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will prepare dinner immediately after church services Sunday, May 12, 2002, in the fellowship hall of the church, 2202 Southeast Drive.

Remember to whisper a prayer for the sick and shut in as well as our bereaved families.

The Vacation Bible School Directors of New Hope Baptist Church are asking those who want to work in this year's program to fill out their forms and return them. Directors are Sisters Ida Johnson and Patricia Ford.

Chairpersons for the May birthdays of New Hope Baptist Church members are Koinonia and the New Hope Choir.

If you are unable to attend church services, then tune in to Radio Station KJAK, 92.7 FM on Sunday morning from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. You will be glad you did so.



Tiger Woods Chairs World's Largest Amateur Golf Tourney

(NAPS)—Tiger Woods has many irons in the fire—woods, putters and wedges; too. In addition to his ranking as the world's number one golfer, he has been named honorary chairman of the world's largest amateur golf tournament with more than 100,000 participants annually.

As the honorary chairman of the 2002 Buick Scramble, Woods will be featured in tournament marketing and advertising materials and will participate in the awards ceremony at the National Finals at Walt Disney World on Sunday, October 6.

"We are thrilled to announce to amateur golfers nationwide that the world's number one golfer will be part of the inaugural Buick Scramble," said Larry Peck, Buick's golf marketing manager.

"We expect Tiger's involvement to add excitement to an already outstanding national program and we look forward to having him with us at the national finals. The Scramble now gives our program the opportunity to attract both golf pros and amateurs. We look forward to working with the PGA of America, and our dealers, to continue to build the tournament into an even better event for amateur golfers nationwide."

Previously known as the Oldsmobile Scramble, the 2002 Buick Scramble kicked off in February with nearly 2,000 local championship tournaments. Open to amateur golfers of all ages and

skill levels, participants with certified USGA Handicap Indexes compete as four-person teams in a scramble-type format. The local winners advance, along with their respective host PGA Club Professional, to one of 130 sectional (regional) championships. The sectional winners advance to the national finals at Walt Disney World, October 2-6.

The Buick Scramble offers national finalists first-class treatment throughout the week. With world-class golf and accommodations; passes to Disney's theme parks and two exclusive parties; amateur golfers are treated to "PGA Tour" caliber experience.

"The Buick Scramble is not only the world's largest amateur golf tournament,

it is the best organized, most enjoyable tournament for amateur golfers anywhere," said Woods, who was named Golf Digest's amateur player of the year in 1992.

The official car of the PGA of America and the PGA Tour, Buick is title-sponsor of four PGA Tour events, presenting sponsor of the PGA Club Professional Championship and the Tampa Bay Classic PGA Tour event; and is the official sponsor of the domestic events of the World Golf Championships.

More information on the Buick Scramble is available online at www.buickscramble.com.

Letter Carriers Plan Special Collection To Keep the Food Bank Supplied

On the second Saturday in May—May 11, 2002—letter carriers in Lubbock and more than 10,000 other cities and towns across America will handle much more than mail when they walk and drive their postal routes.

They will also collect the generosity of their postal customers taking part in the 10th annual Food Drive of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

The letter carriers will gather donations of non-perishable food left by mail boxes and in post offices and deliver them to local

food banks, pantries, and shelters.

In Lubbock, where the donations will go to the South Plains Food Bank, the letter carriers have set a goal of 110,000 pounds of food—55 tons—and their collection will continue through the following Saturday, May 18.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR LUBBOCK, TEXAS

AccuWeather.com

Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday	
Cloudy and cold; windy in the evening. 44	Clouds breaking for some sunshine. 78/31	Times of sun and clouds. Chance of showers. 71/36	
RealFeel: 50	RealFeel: 28	RealFeel: 50	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny. 69/35	Sunshine. 63/34	Intervals of clouds and sunshine. 65/43	Plenty of clouds with spotty showers. 66/36
RealFeel: 45	RealFeel: 53	RealFeel: 54	RealFeel: 40

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

GARDENING FORECAST

Cool high pressure will bring chilly temperatures moderating during the period, but little rainfall is expected.

FISHING REPORT

Windy and cold weather is expected Thursday bringing a chop to area lakes. Better weather is expected for the weekend.

TV INDEX

Highest Thur. 3; Minimal Highest Fri. 3; Minimal Highest Sat. 4; Low 1-3 Minimal 4-5 Low 6-7 Moderate 8-9 High 10- Very High

SUN & MOON DATA

Thur. Fri. Sat. Sunrise 5:48 a.m. 5:49 p.m. 5:48 p.m. Sunset 6:57 p.m. 6:56 p.m. 6:55 p.m. Moonset 2:03 p.m. 2:44 p.m. 3:21 p.m.

MOON PHASES

Last New Full Full Jan 8 Jan 15 Jan 22 Jan 30

REGIONAL CITY

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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	65/40	pc	64/38	pc	62/38	pc	60/38	pc	62/36	s	58/34	c	56/34	pc
Albuquerque, NM	62/36	pc	64/38	pc	62/38	pc	60/38	pc	62/36	s	58/34	c	56/34	pc
Alma, OK	60/40	pc	61/39	pc	60/39	pc	59/39	pc	60/37	s	57/33	c	55/33	pc
Amarillo, TX	54/32	c	60/36	s	68/40	s	70/38	s	66/40	s	64/42	pc	56/42	r
Armadillo, TX	70/52	pc	68/50	pc	66/50	pc	64/50	pc	66/48	pc	64/48	pc	62/48	pc
Branson, MO	56/38	c	59/37	pc	62/41	s	58/42	s	61/47	s	65/50	c	64/50	c
Clarks, MO	56/38	c	59/37	pc	62/41	s	58/42	s	61/47	s	65/50	c	64/50	c
Dallas, TX	68/48	c	68/48	pc	66/48	pc	64/48	c	68/52	pc	70/54	pc	70/54	c
Deer Creek, CO	66/50	pc	64/48	pc	62/48	pc	60/48	pc	62/48	pc	60/48	pc	58/48	pc
El Paso, TX	68/46	c	66/40	c	66/42	s	68/44	s	70/48	s	64/48	c	58/44	r
Midland, TX	68/46	c	66/40	c	66/42	s	68/44	s	70/48	s	64/48	c	58/44	r
Houston, TX	78/52	pc	72/48	pc	74/50	pc	76/54	pc	76/52	pc	76/56	pc	76/58	c
Lawrence, KS	60/40	pc	60/38	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc
Lake Texoma, TX	66/43	pc	59/42	s	63/47	s	64/46	c	66/49	s	67/50	pc	65/50	c
Lawton, OK	60/40	pc	60/38	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc
Lubbock, TX	58/34	c	62/38	pc	66/40	pc	64/40	c	68/44	s	68/48	pc	60/46	sh
Midland, TX	68/46	c	66/40	c	66/42	s	68/44	s	70/48	s	64/48	c	58/44	r
Oklahoma City, OK	58/36	sh	62/38	pc	64/42	pc	62/44	c	64/48	pc	68/48	pc	64/48	sh
Okemune, AZ	60/30	s	60/30	s	60/30	s	60/30	s	60/30	s	60/30	s	60/30	s
Roswell, NM	58/33	c	56/36	c	65/38	s	64/39	s	65/43	s	66/45	c	60/42	sh
San Antonio, TX	68/48	pc	68/48	pc	66/48	pc	64/48	c	68/52	pc	70/54	pc	70/54	c
San Antonio, TX	78/54	pc	72/48	pc	74/50	pc	76/54	pc	76/52	pc	76/56	pc	76/58	c
Shreveport, LA	70/48	pc	68/48	pc	66/48	pc	64/48	pc	66/48	pc	64/48	pc	62/48	pc
Tulsa, OK	58/38	c	60/40	c	63/45	s	62/43	s	61/49	pc	68/50	pc	64/50	sh
Waco, TX	70/48	pc	68/48	pc	66/48	pc	64/48	pc	66/48	pc	64/48	pc	62/48	pc
Wichita, KS	60/36	pc	60/38	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc
Wichita Falls, TX	60/36	pc	60/38	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, f-furthest, r-rain, af-erroneous, sh-snow, h-haze



CHURCH DIRECTORY



WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS

"GOD'S GLORY HAS DEPARTED"

1 SAMUEL 4:21. SHE NAMED THE CHILD I-CHA-BOD, SAYING, THE GLORY'S DEBARRED FROM ISRAEL. BECAUSE THE ARK OF GOD IS TAKEN, AND BECAUSE OF HER FATHER-IN-LAW AND HER HUSBAND.

WHEN ELI WAS THE PRIEST AND KNEW HIS SONS LAYED WOMEN IN THE CHURCH, HE DID NOT PUNISH THEM; AND THEY KEPT DOING IT. GOD WAS HURT.

MALACHI 1:6. A SON HONGURETH HIS FATHER, AND A SERVANT HIS MASTER. IF THEN I BE A FATHER, WHERE IS MINE HONOUR? AND IF I BE A MASTER, WHERE IS MY FEAR? SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS UNTO YOU, O PRIESTS, THAT DESPISE MY NAME. AND YE SAY WHEREIN HAVE WE DESPISED THY

NAME. WILL A PREACHER OR PRIEST ROB GOD???

ELI'S SONS TOOK MEAT FROM GOD'S PEOPLE; AS PREACHERS DO TODAY. TODAY THEY TAKE IT IN ANNIVERSARIUS; IT JUST A NEW WAY.

1 SAMUEL 2:16b,24,25.(THE SONS SAID,) THOU SHALT GIVE IT ME NOW;

AND IF NOT, I WILL TAKE IT BY FORCE. (ELI SAID,) NAY, MY SONS, FOR IT IS NO GOOD REPORT THAT I HEAR: YE MAKE THE LORD'S PEOPLE TO TRANSGRESS.

IF ONE MAN SIN AGAINST ANOTHER, THE JUDGE SHALL JUDGE HIM: BUT IF A MAN SIN AGAINST THE LORD, WHO SHALL ENTREAT FOR HIM? NOT WITHSTANDING THEY HARKENED NOT THE VOICE OF THEIR FATHER, BECAUSE THE LORD WOULD SLAY THEM. PREACHERS WILL ROB GOD!!!

THE PRIEST THAT RAPE'D GOD'S CHILDREN AND STAYED IN HIS PLACE, THERE IS NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN. THEY RAPED IN THE OLD DAYS.

1 SAMUEL 2:22, NOW ELI WAS VERY OLD, AND HEARD ALL THE THINGS HIS SONS DID UNTO ISRAEL; AND HOW THEY LAY WITH THE WOMAN THAT ASSEMBLED AT THE DOOR OF THE TABERNACLE OF THE CONGREGATION.

MANY CHURCHES ARE LIKE ELI WANTING TO KEEP FRIENDS AND GIVE OUT THRILLS.

THEY DON'T PREACH AGAINST SINS, OR TELL WHY JESUS WAS KILLED.

MARK 7:6,7, JESUS SAID, WELL HATH ESAI AS PROPHESED OF YOU HYPOCRITES, AS IT IS WRITTEN, THIS PEOPLE HONOURETH ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. HOWBEIT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME?

TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN, THE PRIEST OF TODAY, HAVING SEX WITH THE CHILDREN OF GOD, HAVE GIVEN THE ENEMY(THE DEVIL); REASON TO SAY: YOU CANT TRUST THE LORD.

II SAMUEL 12:14a, BECAUSE BY THIS DEED (SEX SIN) THOU HAST GIVEN GREAT OCCASION TO THE ENEMIES OF THE LORD TO BLASPHEME.

MANY CHURCHES ARE NOT LIFTING JESUS; NOR PRAISING HIS HOLY NAME, THEY'RE AFTER THE LOVE OF MONEY; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

ISALAH 56:11, THE LORD SAID, YEA, THEY (THE PREACHERS) ARE GREEDY DOGS WHICH CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, AND -THEY ARE SHEPHERDS THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND: THEY ALL LOOK TO THEIR OWN WAY, EVERY ONE FOR HIS GAIN, FROM HIS QUARTER(ANNIVERSARY). WE'RE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS, AS ANY FOOL CAN PLAINLY SEE, GOD IS CALLING IN JUDGMENT OF THE CHURCHES; AND THAT'S YOU AND ME!!!

I PETER 4:17, FOR THE TIME IS COME, THAT JUDGMENT MUST BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD, AND IF IT FIRST BEGIN AT US, WHAT SHALL THE END BE OF THEM THAT OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF GOD?

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



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

THE GRACE OF UNFAIRNESS

I recently read a story about the conditions of the Chicago public school system. After twenty years the school system is falling short of racial hiring goals that were put forth in a court settlement.

Funds that were earmarked for desegregation efforts in many cases were not really spent for those programs. The funds appeared to be diverted to be used for clerks or support personnel who may or may not be working on efforts that were aimed at achievement or integration.

The story also pointed out that predominantly black elementary and high schools were receiving an abundance of compensatory monies while predominantly Hispanic and mixed minority schools received less. The fastest growing student groups in the Chicago system are Hispanic who compose 36 percent of the population. The report indicates that in 1980, 142 schools were out of compliance. Today, 318 percent are out of compliance.

One thing that irks all of us is unfairness. Someone cuts in front of us in the bank or grocery store line. It's not fair. Your little league baseball team has a runner called out at the plate when he was safe by a great distance. It's not fair. A dad takes the credit for manicuring the lawn when the son did the work. It's not fair.

If some of you ran the world, you perhaps would make this a better world. Whatever the case or the matter, equality and equity would prevail. Justice would be served.

In the parables of Jesus, there is one that surprisingly appears to go against our common notion of fairness. The parable told is of the "Laborers in the Vineyard" in the Gospel of Matthew.

At that time laborers congregated in a central location, and employers went there to hire the workers they needed for the day. This is somewhat compared to our present "temporary employment." The unusual aspect of the story is that the householder himself was doing the hiring.

He could have sent his steward, but he apparently wanted to choose the workers himself.

Apparently the householder kept raising his goals for the work he wanted to be accomplished that day. He returned to the marketplace at 9:00 a.m., at 12:00 noon, at 3:00 in the afternoon and at 5:00 p.m. leaving only an hour left in the workday.

After the first workers were hired, the householder agreed to pay the appropriate wages in each case. The workers trusted the master's sense of fairness. They no doubt assumed their pay would be adjusted according to the hours they worked. But there was no contract. The exact amount was left up to the householder.

Following the Jewish custom, the householder paid his laborers at the end of the day. Each laborer could have been paid after the completion of his job. However, Jesus wanted to teach a lesson, so in his parable the last were paid first.

The workers hired last might have been happy with a fraction of

what the others got, but the master paid them a full day's wage. Why? Because he wanted to. He gave no other reason.

When the workers hired first saw the others receiving a full day's wage having worked a portion of the day, they complained. Equality of pay with the others did not seem fair.

When we read the parable in depth, we find Jesus teaching the concept of grace. The householder could do whatever he wanted to do with his money as long as he kept his agreements.

He really did not have to hire any of the workers. However, he was gracious to all. God can show mercy to anyone; no matter how hard that person has or has not worked to try to deserve it.

The lesson from the parable is that what may seem unfair to us in Chicago or even Lubbock.

Texas may not seem fair at all. God's hand could be in the plan. We must always consider the concept of God's grace. God works in mysterious ways and his wonders are many to perform.

Mount Vernon UMC Men and Women's Day

Mount Vernon UMC, 2304 Cedar Ave., will hold their annual Men and Women's Day at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 19, 2002.

Reverend Dr. James Dark, pastor of Mount Vernon UMC, will speak at the morning service. Everyone is invited to attend this special occasion.

If you need additional information, please call Ruth Priestly at 763-8876.

A daughter's unusual revenge

A desire to confront her father's shooter yields a look at how different cultures view an ugly idea.

By Kim Campbell | Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor



Laura Blumenfeld knows all about revenge. It has occupied her thoughts and rolled off her tongue for years. And now it's the subject of her provocative first book, "Revenge: A Story of Hope," in which she explains how she carried the idea out herself.

Americans don't talk much about revenge, let alone admit to the desire publicly. It's a taboo, a concept that brings with it an unsettling sense of fear, anger, and lack of control.

That's something Ms. Blumenfeld noticed when she first started telling people she was researching and even pursuing revenge. They would become tense, often taking a step back and frowning their brows. Even now, conducting a phone interview while standing in line at an airport, she makes those around her uncomfortable.

"People are staring at me," says the Washington Post reporter with a laugh. "I'm sitting here going on and on about revenge at a security check."

The irony of the situation is not lost on the author, whose book is being published less than a year after Sept. 11, a date that changed the way Americans look at getting even. Her book isn't so much about the nation's recent wounds, but the motivation for revenge in everything from the Middle East conflict to fights on the playground - and her own quest to avenge an attack on her father. It presents an opportunity to bring a taboo out into the light and see how it is intersecting with culture today.

Revenge and its effects are rarely far from thought, even if they're little discussed. The more extreme cases - school shootings, terrorism - end up on CNN. The milder forms take place in offices everywhere, through badmouthing or freezing out offending associates.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are still about their business of letting the world of how they love the Lord. This is done each and every day with prayer for everyone in the community. Our membership realizes you can't do it without the Lord. So prayer is of the most importance for each member.

According to Sister Dorothy Hood, president, "We are just excited about what we are doing. It's a slow process, but we must continue spreading the word that our Saviour Jesus Christ still lives, and he lives within each of us."

Perhaps the theme scripture of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast is II Chronicles 7: 14 - "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Thus, the scripture makes it plain what we must be about, Prayer, that is, and we must continue in doing this on a regularly basis. God is with us, and we must let him know we are his children. We can't afford to be slow about letting him know where we are at all times.

Let us not forget our children in the community. As has been mentioned from time to time, have you had an opportunity to drive by the public school and utilize our drive by prayers. If we stay on our jobs, then Satan will not be able to hurt our little ones.

"Let's Pray"

"Dear God, remind us to call on you to meet our daily needs and to give us strength for each

day. Comfort those in pain, and guide them to effective treatment and healing. AMEN!"

Let us not forget those who are hurting and are shut-in. If you get an opportunity, go by and visit some of those who are unable to leave their residence.

Also, let us not forget those who have lost loved ones in our community. God is always able. He is always with us. He's got the whole world in his hands.

If you want to communicate with us, then please do so by writing to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. We'd love to hear from you at anytime.

If there are additional information about what we are doing as an organization, then you may call us at (806) 762-3347. Just call us up and let's talk about the goodness of God.

Thought of the Week

"We grow stronger day by day as we follow Jesus - the way, the truth, and the life."

"Jesus said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored." Mark 3:5.

If you get an opportunity, why not go and visit one of our public schools and let our children know you are very much concerned about them and what they are learning in school. We realize school is almost out for this year, but what a lovely thing to do this week. Just take a little time and visit a school. We believe you will be glad you chose to do so.

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

Come join us as we sing for joy to the Lord; help us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation



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A \$1000.00 grand prize (including a special religious poetry contest sponsored by the New Jersey Rainbow Poets, Inc.) is to anyone who has ever written a poem. There are 30 prizes in all totaling almost \$3,000.00. The deadline for entering is May 18, 2002.

To enter, send one poem only (21 lines or less) Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB 70, Lubbock, TX 79401. Or enter on-line www.rainbowpoets.com.

"We think great religious poetry can inspire a 'revival'," says Producer, Edging, the organization's Christa Brown. "Our goal is to inspire amateur poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. There has produced many wonderful poems over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from the Lubbock-area."

Remembrances...



MILTON CRITTENDEN

Columbus, Georgia. Special-Funeral services were held for Milton Crittenden of Columbus, Georgia on Monday, April 29, 2002, at Progressive Funeral Home in Columbus.

Arrangements were under the direction of Progressive Funeral Home of Columbus.

Mr. Crittenden died Wednesday, April 24, 2002.

He was born January 7, 1951, in Ozark, Alabama, and married April Crittenden in Columbus. He attended school in Dale County, Alabama, and moved to Columbus in 1988. He was a program administrator with Cessna Aircraft Co. He served in the U. S. Air Force and was honorably discharged after his tour of duty was completed.

He is survived by his wife, April Crittenden, two sons, Terringal L. Jordan of Union City, Georgia and Milton Crittenden, III of Columbus, ; five daughters: Cheryl Crittenden, Lenise Dwimob and Britney N. Crittenden, all of Columbus, and Donna and Monica, both of Texas; four brothers: Billy R. Coleman of Phenix City, Alabama and Donald Crittenden, Michel Freeman and Larry Freeman, all of Lubbock; and four grandchildren.



CECLEE JACKSON

Funeral services were held for Ceclee Jackson on Friday afternoon, May 3, 2002, at Friendship Holy Baptist Church with Bishop Forrest Mann, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Jackson died Friday, April 26, 2002.

She was born March 12, 1933, in Edge, Texas and married Rev. George Lee Jackson, Sr. on September 30, 1989, in Lubbock. She moved to Lubbock from Bryan, Texas 12 1/2 years ago. She was a retired nurse's aide and a member of True Vine Baptist Church of Lubbock.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. George Lee Jackson; nine sons: Thomas Payton, Freddie Eddington Jr., Ervin Lee Eddington, Mark Jackson, George Lee Jackson, Jr., Brian Jackson, Eddie Jackson and Timothy Jackson, all of Lubbock, and Roscoe Jackson of Columbus, Georgia; two daughters, Brenda Willard and Clara F. Eddington, both of Lubbock; ten brothers: Curtis and Leroy Payton, both of San Fernando Valley, California, Delano Payton of Beaumont, Marvin James, Bobby R. and Freddy R. Gibbs, all of Bryan, Texas, Tollie P. Gibbs of Dallas, Texas, Arthur Lee Gibbs of Big Spring, and Willie Lee of Post; eight sisters: Mary Ruth Williams Shirley McMillian Lazell, Freddie Curry, Mildred Payton, Lillie P. L. Harris, Edna G. Sparks and Linda Gibbs, all of Bryan, Texas; and Marva King of San Antonio, and seven grandchildren.



MABLE LARKIN

Funeral services were held for Mable Larkin last Saturday afternoon, May 4, 2002, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Danny Poe, pastor, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

She died Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

She attended Jack Yates High School in Houston, Texas. She moved to Lubbock in 1947, and joined the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. In her later years, she served as an usher.

She was employed at Furr's Cafeteria for more than 23 years.

She is survived by her step-mother, Pearlle B. Larkin of Slaton, Texas; step-grandmother, Ora Jean Wilson Keys of Lubbock, and a brother, Andy V. Larkin of Atsugi, Japan.



ALMA RADEMAKER

Services for Alma Rademaker were held last Saturday morning, May 4, 2002, at

the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Danny Poe officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

She died Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

She was born November 23, 1921, in Baltimore, Maryland, and grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y. She graduated from Girls High School and attended St. John's University and Brooklyn College.

She married John Rademaker in 1941. He passed away April 5, 2002 in Lubbock, Texas.

She lived in Brooklyn, N.Y. and Port Charlotte, Florida before moving to Lubbock in March 2002. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by five children: Alma O'Galdez, John Rademaker, Marie Rademaker-Aiford, Edward Rademaker and Carolyn Gershoshon; a brother, Berry Harris and twelve grandchildren.

A Daughter's Revenge

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The idea of revenge originated with the creation of man, according to some beliefs. As one story goes, Satan was angry with God for kicking him out of heaven, so he introduced Adam and his kin to sin. There's been score-settling ever since - motivated by things like shame, family honor, or a desire for justice. Much of the language about responding to revenge is from biblical times - an eye for an eye, from the Old Testament; turning the other cheek, from the New.

Sometimes real revenge goes no further than victims' fantasizing, but its presence in society is palpable enough. Frederic Luskin, the project director of the Stanford (University) Forgiveness Project quips, "More people practice revenge than practice forgiveness."

At Georgetown University, Robert Bies has been looking at revenge in the workplace for the past seven years. His research suggests that "revenge is part of the everyday fabric of all organizations," he says.

As a journalist, Blumenfeld says she saw it everywhere - in the partisan payback on Capitol Hill, the bloody tit for tat in Northern Ireland, and the callousness at recess.

But as the daughter of a rabbi who was shot by a Palestinian gunman in Jerusalem in 1986, she was interested for a different reason. Her father, a tourist, survived the bullet - it only grazed his scalp. But "the shooter," as she calls him, had denied her father's humanity by making him a military target, "as if my father were some kind of radar station, and not even a human being," she explains. She wanted to restore that humanity - for the shooter to know her father as a man.

Her journey takes her to the scene of the crime, and also around the world. She interviews folk experts in Albania and ayatollahs of Iran to ask about revenge practices - and what rights a daughter has to avenge her father. She learns about the power of revenge in Mafia-influenced Sicily. "In Sicily, symmetry would demand that I shoot the shooter, or maybe his father. But I had to find another way, my way," she writes.

Her father's shooter, Omar Khatib, is in jail for his crime, she learns. So she begins her quest for him to know the Blumenfelds by befriending his family without saying who she is - only that she's a US journalist.

She sees revenge as one end of a spectrum, with justice on the other end. Americans prefer the word justice. There's a big difference between the two, says the Rev. Dr. Joretta Marshall, a dean at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis. "Justice is more about how we create and sustain and nurture relationships that serve the common good, that don't marginalize and destroy others. Revenge

has to do with making someone else feel bad because you feel bad."

A focus on revenge may cause people to lose sight of moving toward a more just society. "If revenge is the last word, then we don't have any way to get out of constant [cycles of] hurting," she says.

But some people talk about "constructive" revenge. Professor Bies, who specializes in organizational behavior, says it exists in workplaces. His research suggests that in some cases, revenge curbs abuses of power - as when an employee confronts a superior in a public way about inappropriate actions.

In fact, he says that most stable organizations have a mix of forgiveness and revenge. "You need elements of both, and that's the intriguing thing."

At least one worldwide movement - restorative justice - allows victims and communities to be involved in punishment, to help in reforming the offender.

That's closer to what Blumenfeld was after. She argues that the extreme choices are not always realistic. Turning the other cheek is a tough rule to live by, she says, and an eye for an eye, "feels good for about five minutes until the person pops out your eye, and then all of a sudden you realize the futility of revenge and how it ultimately self-defeating."

She found a third way: transformation. "What I've learned is that revenge doesn't have to be about destroying your enemy, it can be about transforming your enemy or yourself."

Her friendship with Mr. Khatib's family eventually allowed her to correspond with him. He is educated and knows English, and tells her he has renounced violence. They discuss "constructive revenge," in which a person's anger is channeled into "building something up rather than lashing out," she wrote.

He and his family learn her true identity in an emotional courtroom scene when she persuades a panel of Israeli judges to let her testify as a witness in favor of his early release. Rather than alienating her from Khatib and his family, her actions draw them closer, and they remain on good terms. In a recent TV interview on ABC, Khatib (still in jail) said Blumenfeld "chose the positive way of getting revenge from me. And she succeeded."

She says she knew she had achieved her goal, and could finally rest, when Khatib wrote to her father that "[Laura] was the mirror that made me see your face as a human person that deserved to be admired and respected."

Her father says he didn't want revenge, other than to live a full life. But she needed more. "I felt really satisfied," she says. "I got revenge, but it was in a way that put an end to the animosity, rather than perpetuated it."

STRENGTH FOR TODAY; HOPE FOR TOMORROW

When you are saved God adds you to His church (Acts 2:22-47).

"Human intelligence does not guarantee Biblical accuracy. In any spiritual matter the Bible must be the final authority."

To make sure that we are obedient to God's will, He does not allow our faith to rest on the wisdom of men but on His divine power. (First Corinthians 2:3,4).

How many times have we been wrong? Certainly, we dare not trust something as important as our salvation to the thought of mankind. We can trust the wisdom of God. In fact, God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Even if God were to have an off day (which can never happen) His foolishness would still be infinitely greater than our wisdom on our best day. We cannot depend on the mind of humanity to give us divine thought. We must trust the Divine God of Heaven

to let us know what He wants for us. God instructs us by His book the Bible. Human intelligence does not guarantee biblical accuracy. In any spiritual matter the Bible must be the final authority.

The different churches have come about as the result of human wisdom - each denomination offering its own particular brand of religion. This was never God's intent. God's desire was for all believers to be united. Just like our salvation, unity is not based on our opinions, but upon the word of Jesus through the apostles (John 17:17-20). We need to get back to the book and search for God's answers and not invent our own or accept opinions of others. Let us be like the Bereans who searched the Scriptures (Acts 17:10-12). We can trust God. His word is true and faithful (Psalms 119:89,90)

Grace and peace
Gerald

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Car Repair

Q: Our daughter recently took her car to a mechanic for repairs, and the final bill was considerably higher than the estimate she was quoted. The mechanic performed repairs that were not authorized by our daughter, and now they won't give her car back until she pays the bill. Can they really hold her car.

A: Although the majority of car repair shops operate in an honest fashion, my

Consumer Protection Division receives numerous complaints against auto repair shops every year. Often the complaints concern repair shops that charge consumers for unapproved repairs and shoddy work. If you refuse to pay a repair bill, even one that is in dispute, the mechanic does have the legal right to keep your car until you pay. Do not write a check to get the car back and then stop payment. The mechanic can still file a mechanic's lien and take your car.

The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act makes it illegal for a car repair shop to knowingly make false statements about the need for parts or repair, state that work has been done when it hasn't or represent that parts are original or new when they are not. If you have a dispute with a repair shop over the cost of repairs, have the shop write out a reason for the extra cost. Keep this information with the repair bill and written estimate.

If you are still not satisfied with the mechanic's explanation, contact my Consumer Protection Division or your local Better Business Bureau to file a complaint. Both offices provide dispute resolution services. If you feel that the

repairs were poorly done or not made at all, take all of the written information and your car to another mechanic. Ask the mechanic to inspect the repairs and provide a written report. When you file a complaint with my office or the Better Business Bureau, you can use this inspection report to back up your claims of faulty repair work.

To request a complaint form from my office, contact the Consumer Protection Division at (800) 621-0508. You can also download a complaint form from our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/brochure/carepair.htm. The Office of the Attorney General provides a brochure on car repairs and how to protect against from repair shop fraud to interested vehicle owners. You can access a copy of the brochure from our Web site at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/brochure/carepair.htm>.

Q: I recently purchased a car and something always seems to be wrong with it. I've taken it back to the dealership many times, but it still is not running properly. Isn't there a Lemon Law that covers this type of problem?

A: The Texas Lemon Law provides simple and inexpensive help for consumers who purchase or

lease defective new vehicles, including towable recreational vehicles (TRVs), from Texas dealers or lease companies. Used cars, program cars, repossessed vehicles, trailers and boats are not covered under the Lemon Law. These vehicles are understood to be purchased as is.

In general, a "lemon" is a vehicle that continues to have uncorrected defects after having being subject to repair a reasonable number of times, and the defects seriously affect the use, value or safety of the vehicle.

Owners or lessees having repeated warranty repairs on their vehicles can file a complaint with the Motor Vehicle Division of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) if the vehicle is less than 30 months old and is within a certain time and mileage limits. A filing fee is required, but it will be reimbursed if the vehicle is found to be a "lemon."

Because the filing deadline and other requirements of the Lemon Law are very specific, you may want to contact the Motor Vehicle Division of TxDOT for more information and assistance at (800) 622-8682 or (512) 416-4800. You can also view the TxDOT Web site at www.dot.state.tx.us.

Hood Rich Club Tour Kicks Off in South Carolina

New York, New York - Following up on the platinum success of their last Cash Money/Universal Records release *I Got That Work*, and the buzz generated from the infectious single "Still Fly" the multi-platinum Cash Money Records duo BIG TYMERS released their fourth album, *Hood Rich* on April 30th. The BIG TYMERS recently kicked off a national club tour in Florence, SC on April 19th.

The lead single from the forthcoming album, "Still Fly" is a Top 10 hit at urban radio stations in Atlanta, Denver, Birmingham, Savannah, Washington D.C. and more. The Mannie-Fresh-produced song pays homage to all of the "fly-guys" and "fly-girls" in the ghetto who make the best of a bad situation.

Mannie Fresh and Bryan "Baby" Williams, better known as the BIG TYMERS, are responsible for setting trends in slang language, custom jewelry and custom cars in the Kip Hop culture through their chart topping songs and cult-classic videos. The duo made their debut in 1997 on B.G.'s underground classic, *It's All On U Vol. 2*, when the group went into the booth and started clowning

around for an intro to the album. The result sounded so good that the two decided to do a whole verse, and thus the BIG TYMERS were born.

Elaborating on the album title, the BIG TYMERS explain, "[Being] hood rich is an extension of the big tymer philosophy-[Being] hood rich is making it happen, although you're from a bad situation," says Baby. We have fun and spit-game (persuasive bragging and slick talking) and talk about the things that we're interested in. Those things just happen to be fine cars, fine jewelry and fine living," adds Mannie. Like their previous releases, *Hood Rich* has its moments of outrageous comedy. Noted tracks on this album include "Hello," "Big," "Oh Yeah" and "Sunny Day."

The Big TYMERS have also embarked upon a national club tour. The line-up will include label-mate Lil Wayne and introduce the newest members of the Cash Money family Boo & Coti, Lac Stone, Mickkey, and TO - on select dates.

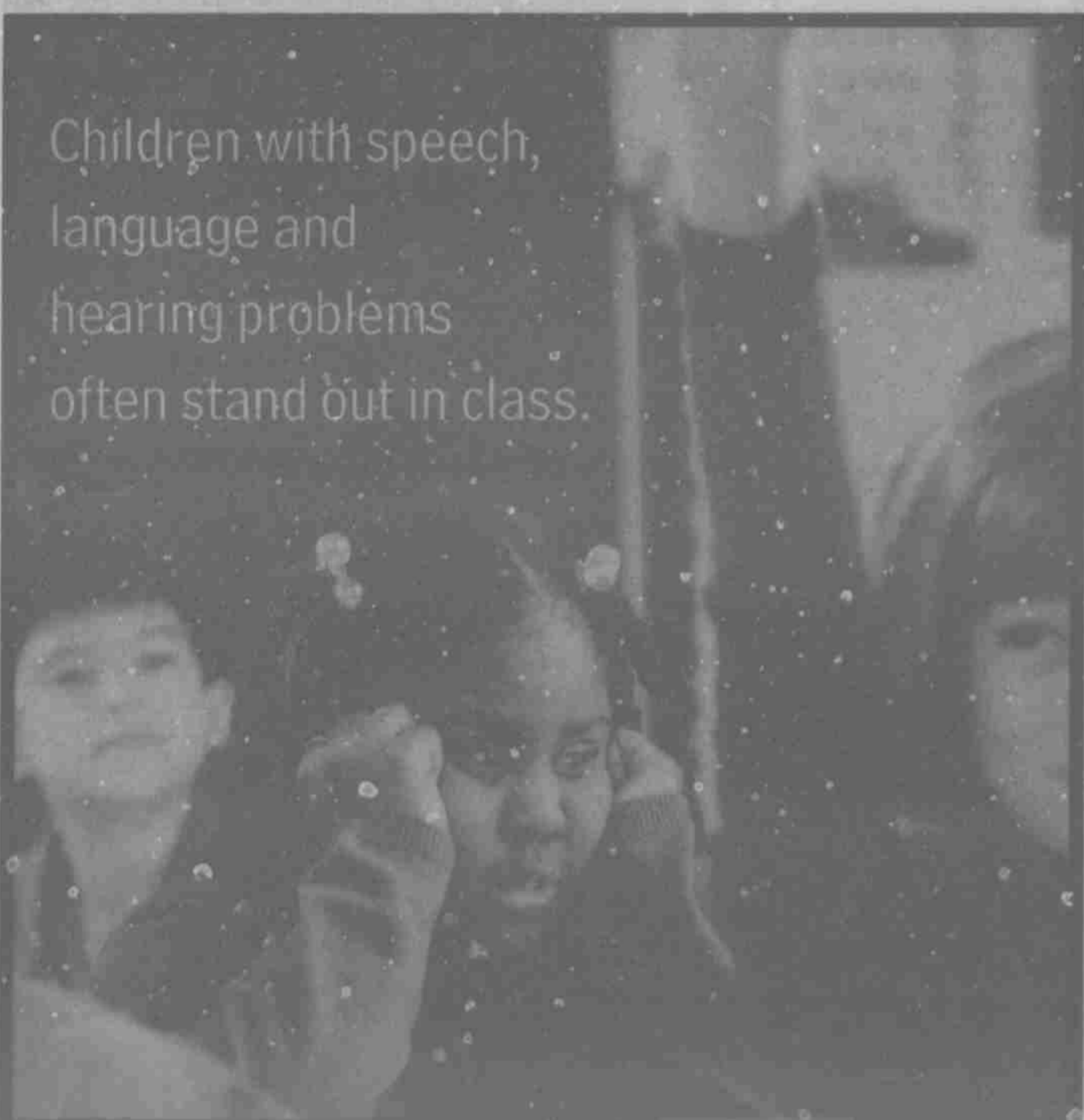
The Tour stops in Lubbock at the Fair Park Coliseum on July 5th. Big Tymers will be joined by Lil Wayne.



BIG TYMERS

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Heineken USA teamed up with lifeBEAT for the pre-concert reception for urbanAID2, a concert designed to raise awareness of HIV prevention and AIDS issues in the urban community. Heineken USA's Linda Pizarro (left) and MTV VJ Sway show their support for this important cause. According to lifeBEAT statistics, of all the new HIV infections occurring in the U. S., half are occurring in young people under the age of 24. Of that, young African Americans and Latinos represent 80% of those being infected.

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Editorials • Comments • Opinions



What Do We Do With What We Have?

by Eddie P. Richardson

This writer recently read a quote by James Baldwin, an outstanding and fiery cultural icon. He said: "Our crown has been bought and paid for. All you must do is put it on your head."

On the same sheet was the following anonymous missive: "There is nothing you need that you don't already have. There is nothing you need to know that you don't already know. There is nothing anyone has that you cannot have."

There is nothing more powerful, more powerfully more intelligent, more sacred than you. You are the stuff life is made of. You are the essence of life. You have been chosen this time in this place, in this place to be among the living. You come from a line of successful living beings.

You are one of the king's kids. Born into to inherit the Kingdom. You are equipped to handle anything. You live by grace, built by love. You are the cause and reason of everything you see. You are one with the source. You are creative.

You are alive. What else could possibly matter?

After reading this message several times with increasing appreciation, this writer begs you to understand its relevance to our mission and the work we are doing.

Both Baldwin and the anonymous statements are a testament of faith and affirmation of life. If one is uncertain about the ability to reach personal and collective goals, it is only by and through being grounded that doubt will disappear.

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In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

The national news agencies have recently stated that there are 33,000,000 hungry people in the United States and that 3,000,000 of these are children. That is a statement which is hard to digest at a time when legislatures throughout the United States are cutting back on services to the poor. It was not mentioned as to how many of these individuals are homeless. In my opinion, even though nobody asked for it, this is criminal.

It is criminal, in a country where at least fifteen percent of any working person's earnings are taxed to the hilt to support this country. Why are some of us hungry? The federal government matches the dollars spent by states for welfare programs. The problem there, is that some states do not want to put up the dollars to be matched, therefore, the only funds available to the indigent are those from the federal government which are reduced when the state does not carry its share. The irony of this is that those same states which do not want to match funds, also have a state income tax as well. That way, no one should be hungry.

If you visit a public school in any school district in the United States, you will find that a majority of the students attending, eat a free breakfast early in the morning. Some of those children eating that free breakfast are not really entitled to it, but have parents who fill out those free lunch applications and omit some of the truth. Nevertheless, they eat free. The few who pay for that breakfast, do not pay very much,

somewhat less than what they would pay at a McDonald's, Burger King or Sonic Drive-in.

Many parents who do not have time or do not take time to fix breakfast, the most important meal of the day, for their children, make the trip to the fast food place on the way to school. It is breakfast that wards off the germs of the day in which we come into contact. That is what makes it the most important meal of the day. It also helps a child to be able to grasp that which is taught to him during the early part of the day.

Close to the noon hour, lunch is served at most schools and again, most students eat a free lunch. This is the meal that will carry them through the remainder of the day, as they continue to learn. By four o'clock, most children are home from school. This is where many of the problems begin.

Many parents who receive food stamps are not feeding their children. They do not cook a wholesome meal for their nourishment when they are home. Many children must tend for themselves if they intend to eat. Often this means the fast food establishment. They get the hot-dogs and the hamburgers, milkshakes and pops and fill up. They are full, but undernourished and so to speak, still hungry. It is time that we get "in cinque" and realize that we need to put more effort into the nourishment of our children. Well fed children learn well. They retain what they learn and go on to higher levels of achievement.

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South Africa Abuzz as "Afronaut" Launches Into Space

By Nicole Itano

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA - Open a newspaper or turn on a radio here, and they're all talking about the same thing: the young millionaire who is paying the cash-strapped Russian space program \$20 million for a high-flying adventure.

But Mark Shuttleworth, insists he's more than just a "space tourist," and that he won't spend his time there just gazing at stars. He prefers to think of himself as the first "Afronaut."

The admitted "computer geek" has commissioned several South African universities to create experiments, including one related to AIDS, which he and the other two crew members can perform while in space. He will also test the growth of stem cells in zero gravity and measure the effect of weightlessness on the body, and do a project looking at immune system antibodies.

Additionally, he says he wants to use his trip to space to inspire South African children to take more interest in math and science and has launched an educational foundation

called "Hip2B2," which translates as "Hip to be Square."

In classrooms across South Africa, students have latched onto Mr. Shuttleworth's mission. In Lyda Smith's 12th grade science class at Vorentoe Secondary School in Johannesburg, students say Shuttleworth's trip has inspired them to take a closer look at the stars and the sky.

"It's pretty cool," says Jonathan Brummer. "It's amazing that this young guy can start a business in his garage and then buy a ticket to outer space."

Mr. Brummer isn't the only South African who is caught up in the space frenzy. One local radio station has been playing "Rocket Man" by Elton John, while a local newspaper covered its front page with cartoons of Shuttleworth blasting into space, superhero-style.

Local media have pointed out, however, that the title of first "Afronaut" may in fact belong to another man, Patrick Baudry, a Frenchman who was born in Cameroon who flew on the US shuttle

Discovery in 1985.

Interactive Africa, a South African public relations firm representing Shuttleworth, dismisses these claims, saying: "Mark is the first person who is going up under an African flag as an African citizen, and having grown up in Africa, we feel well qualified that he is the first African in space."

Prominent South Africans, including former President Nelson Mandela and current Vice President Jacob Zuma have agreed, saying that the trip of Shuttleworth, born in Cape Town, South Africa, is a great triumph.

"We are also proud of you because you are the first resident of the African continent to go into space," Mr. Zuma wrote. "This is a great achievement for the continent."

Zuma, however, may be slightly off the mark with his praise. Although raised in South Africa, Shuttleworth is not technically a resident of Africa. Although he retains his South African citizenship, last year he moved to London.



Mark Shuttleworth

Still, Shuttleworth has worked to maintain ties to his mother country, serving on a presidential committee on technology and frequently traveling back to Cape Town. He also tried to turn this trip, which was initially mocked in South Africa as the indulgence of a rich playboy, into a AIDS awareness and educational campaign.

Mia Smith, another student in Mrs. Smith's class, who also thinks Shuttleworth's trip is pretty cool, says the computer entrepreneur is still a South African if his heart is here.

"Look at Penny Heyns [a South African Olympic swimmer who won two gold medals]," she points out. "She lives in Australia but she's still a South African."

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