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Man Arrested For Death Of Tourist
A 45 year-old man has been arrested and charged in connection with the murder of two Danish tourist who were shot dead in their car last week while traveling from Sun City to a game park in Phalaborwa.

The suspect, who has not been identified, appeared in the GaRankuwa Magistrate's Court Tuesday. He was not asked to plead and was remanded in custody while investigations continue.

Police said they are pursuing two other suspects.

The two Danish friends arrived in Cape Town 14 April and were due to leave South Africa 23 April.

Their bodies have been taken home to their families.

Sudan Advises Banks To Merge Or Raise Their Capital

Sudan has announced a new policy to restructure its banking system in order to create bigger banking entities with bigger financial platforms.

The Bank of Sudan, the country's central bank, said all banks in the country should seek to merge to form bigger entities or raise their capital "to be able to face the challenges of global competition."

It said the mergers would not be mandatory but were necessary in current business trends.

The move also comes amidst growing central bank complaints that some banks in the country were running short of capital and were unable to fulfill their commitment to clients.

Big Medical Bills Don't Have To Push People Into Bankruptcy

"For people who are drowning in medical bills, there is a solution other than bankruptcy," said Steve Rhode, president of Myvesta.org, formerly Debt Counselors of America. "The lingering and negative effects of bankruptcy will only compound the pain of illness and injury."

Two recent studies link health issues and financial problems. A study by Harvard Professor Elizabeth Warren and others concludes that more than half of bankruptcy filers do so at least in part because they are unable to cope with the bills following an illness or injury. An Ohio State University study found that as debt levels go up, so do stress levels - which can intensify the severity of health problems.

"Money troubles cause fear, embarrassment, anger and frustration," added Rhode. "While some people see bankruptcy as a quick fix, its effects last a long time. Negative marks stay on a person's credit report for up to 10 years, which could make it difficult or expensive to get credit. For some loans, jobs or insurance the negative marks last a lifetime. In addition, many people experience long-lasting negative emotions as a result of filing bankruptcy."

More than 60 percent of bankruptcy filers say that they didn't know there were options. "There are alternatives to bankruptcy filers say that they didn't know there were options. "There are alternatives to bankruptcy, even though the answers are not always readily apparent," Rhode said. "Myvesta.org's Crisis Relief Team creates a comprehensive review of the financial situation and makes recommendations to solve the problems. The team of experts spends a minimum of 15 hours on each case researching a plan of action to avoid bankruptcy."

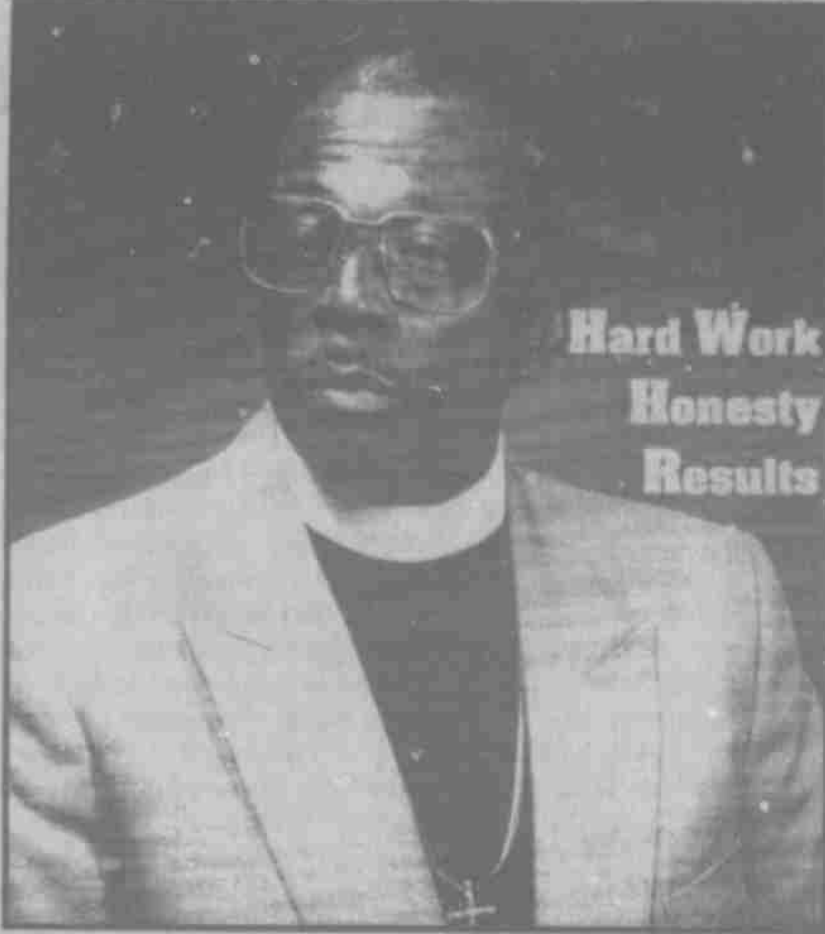
Rhode added, "People need a guiding hand when they are faced with medical issues that are compounded by financial troubles." In 1999, more than 13 million people filed for bankruptcy. For more information, contact Myvesta.org or call 1-800-680-3328.

Ex-reporter May Have Influenced Black Actor's Oscar Positioning

According to sources, a Fort Lauderdale businessman, by the name of Cal Deal played a major role in ensuring Oscar nominee, Denzel Washington of not receiving an Oscar for his performance in "The Hurricane." The film tells the powerful tale of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter's relentless fight for freedom after twice being convicted of a triple murder.

Deal's reason for not giving the Oscar to Washington, "I openly oppose an Oscar for Denzel Washington because of his disinterest in the truth and his public endorsement of Carter."

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Bishop W. D. Haynes: 50 Years of Dedication & Service



The Southwest Digest wanted to take this opportunity and salute Bishop W. D. Haynes, pastor of the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, for his more than 50 years of dedication and service in the ministry.

We want to also take this opportunity and invite all former members and friends of Christ Temple Church of God in

Christ, 9 2411 Fir Avenue, of a Church Reunion, beginning June 30 through July 2, 2000. Services will be held nightly beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Bishop Haynes will be looking forward to seeing you on these dates. There will be spiritual singing, gospel preaching, prayer for the sick and those who need a blessing from the Lord.

For further information about this special reunion, call (806) 744-5334 or 741-1466 or (817) 535-3774.

Elder W. David Haynes will serve as coordinator. He is the son of Bishop and Mrs. W. D. Haynes.

The Southwest Digest learned of the recent sickness of Bishop Haynes and wishes him the very best.

We wanted our readers to know we appreciate what Bishop W. D. Haynes has done.



Single Parent Homes Don't mean Unhappy & Troubled Children



Single parent homes don't mean unhappy and troubled children especially not in this case.

Tony Glynn, known as "Tore Tore", attends Hies Elementary School where he is a sixth grader. He has been an honor student for two years. He has excelled in the classroom and has taken pride in his school, according to his principal, Brian Yearwood.

Tony has received many honors and awards for his many accomplishments in school and little league sports.

Tony's hobbies are football, basketball, baseball, track, and spending time with friends and family. He is also a member of the Community Baptist Church pastored by Rev. Larry Brooks, and many other teen groups. Last summer, Tony traveled with the Mae Simmons

Community Center to the State Track meet in Waco, Texas. He competed in the 100 Meter Dash and won third place.

Tony's favorite sport is football. He has played in the Youth Football League. He played the position of quarterback, and had an opportunity of playing running back and wide receiver for the Panthers. Some of his awards include "Player of the Game," "Most Yards In A Season," and "Most Valuable Player." Tony has averaged from 10 to 15 touchdowns in a season. In his own way, he doesn't want to set any goals right now, but he just wants to enjoy being a child. Among those who have coached him include Larry Issac, Charles Planks and Fulton Berry. His big brother, Marcus Love, puts a lot of time with him. These men are just a few who have stepped in

and provided a positive role model for him.

What is really impressive about Tony is that he has a younger brother, Tyrell, age six, who he loves very much. Tony helps Tyrell with homework and shows him a positive image.

Tony's mother, Sarah Glynn, is director of Milams Children's Center, and always has time for her kids. She devotes time in teaching Tony respect, self esteem, and positive behavior. Sarah shows her sons a lot of love, and they all have a warm and personal relationship. Sarah says, "Parents need to be involved with their children. This keeps children from being unhappy or a problem to society. However, it also encourages children to reach for higher goals in life," she concluded.

Dorrett Green: Ambassador for Black College Fund

A junior student at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, Dorrett Green, is an ambassador for the Black College Fund of the United Methodist Church. A biology major, she was in Lubbock June 7 through 10, 2000 attending the Annual Conference of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The conference was held at the First United Methodist Church. She admits she became

involved with this Black College Fund after being advised by her pastor. "He recommended me highly for this opportunity, and I have a moral responsibility to do my very best," she says.

"This is an internship and I am in my second year," she smiles. "I travel and speak about this Black College Fund, and benefit directly and indirectly from this effort," she says.

Green is proud of the fact she has had an opportunity

to represent eleven Black Colleges and Universities.

"I was highly recommended and I applied for the scholarship which comes with it, and I was chosen out of the other students. It was because of my ability. I travel out of the Western Jurisdiction, but I still rotate around the country," she advises with confidence.

"I hope the people of the United Methodist Church will

continue to support the Black College Fund, as it will help to finance Black students who attend these colleges and universities," continued Green.

While in Lubbock, she had an opportunity to deliver the morning message on Sunday morning, June 4th, at the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.

All in all, she admits her short visit to Lubbock was a very pleasant one, and is looking forward to coming back.



URGENT!!!! Your Help is needed Over 70 exchange students in need of homes!

Caring Host Families Sought for High School Exchange Students

Educational Merit Foundation, a non-profit, Texas-based, student exchange organization is seeking volunteer host families for high school students from Europe. These students, will arrive in August to attend local public schools for one or two semesters and are eager to experience life in Texas. They speak English, have their own spending money,

medical insurance and expect to share their host families daily life including household responsibilities.

Interested host Families are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. For more information visit our web page at www.emfusa.org or call Marie-Claude Dijoud at (972) 495-3868 or (800) 467-8363.



Ruby 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 the proud pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit New Hope. Our doors are always open. You're welcome.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School. It was father's Day, and want all children to know how bless they are if they have a loving father.

All classes met a 9:30 a. m. with 30 minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a. m., all marched to the main auditorium and had prayer. After the singing of a selection, the highlights of the morning lesson were given.

The morning devotional period was conducted by the Prayer Team. We thank God for what they do.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. After the singing of a selection, the responsive reading was done with the congregation standing.

Pastor Moton, as his custom, gave all fathers a pin last Sunday morning. He remembers all fathers on this day.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "How To Handle A Tough And Troubled Times. His scripture text was Romans 8:28. It was another outstanding sermon.

Congratulations to one of our members, Sister Flonza Sookley for being chosen as "Woman of the Year," which was sponsored by the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delata Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Brother Ed Henderson was chosen as "Man of the Year."

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut-in citizens. There are so many among us who are ill at this report.

This writer, Ruby Jay, Clarissa Jay and Ronald Kinner had an opportunity to attend a family reunion in Meridan, Texas last weekend. This reunion was sponsored by the nieces of the family. All had a most enjoyable trip. Thank God for being able to return back home safe.

Mary Roberts and her step-daughter, Cynthia, visited Mary's daughter, Christina, in Houston, Texas last weekend. They reported a wonderful time. Her son, Leon, of San Antonio, Texas was able to join them there. What a time all had!

The Male Chorus of New Hope Baptist Church appeared on a special Men's Day program at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday afternoon. They were able to witness the naming of the "Father of the Year", who was Brother Victor Roberson. Bethel's Male Chorus also sung on the program. Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor of New Hope, was also in attendance.

Word comes that this was a good year for the Juneteenth Celebration, despite the rains. Let's get ready for the next one!

Garden and Arts Center Announces Classes

Garden and Arts Center Announces Children's Summer Classes

Lubbock Texas- The municipal Garden And Art Center, located at 4215 University Avenue, will be hosting several children's classes including a special 4th of July workshop.

On Saturday, June 24th, from 9:30-11:30 am., Florence Lawrence will instruct a Stars and Stripes Workshop for children 6-12 years old. In this mix media workshop, participants will create a unique piece of art with a 4th of July theme. The workshop fee is \$15 and all supplies are provided.

Wayne Conn, a local artist and Art Education Major at Texas Tech University, will instruct Colors Outside the Lines for children ages 10-14. In this class, participants will learn how to create extraordinary effects in their pictures through the use of ordinary crayons. this will meet Monday - Friday, June 26-June 30, form 10:00- 11:30 am. The class fee is \$ 35 and supplies are provided.

Conn will also instruct ARTifacts: Mask for children 8-12

years old. Participants will create a variety of mask inspired by different cultures. The cost for this class is \$40 and all supplies are provided.

For more information , to register or for a complete summer schedule, please call 767-3724

Garden and Arts Center Announces Watercolor Workshop with Jo Beth Gilliam

Lubbock Texas- The municipal Garden And Art Center, located at 4215 University Avenue, will be hosting a 2-day watercolor workshop instructed by local artist Jo Beth Gilliam.

This workshop, for intermediate at advanced students, will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, June 27th and June 28th, from 9:00 am. to 4:00 pm. Gilliam will give individual attention to students as she stresses color and a variety of compositions. the cost of this workshop is \$ 80 and a supply list is available.

For more information, to register or for a complete summer schedule, please call 767-3724

Sunburn Poses Particular Health Threats for Children

Lubbock- Despite parent's best intentions, preventing sunburns in children can be difficult, particularly during the summer months when outdoor vacations, baseball games and swimming pools beckon.

David Bulter, M.D., associates professor in the Department of Dermatology at Texas Tech Medical Center, says one of the major goals of dermatology is to prevent children and adults from getting sunburns.

"Patients who had sunburns as children are at higher risk for developing malignant melanoma, a potentially life-

threatening cancer," Bulter said. "In fact, more than 50 percent of skin's lifetime sun damage occurs before age 18." Some studies show that number might even be as high as 80 percent.

"For a 70-year-old man, applying sun block is only going to help so much," Bulter said. "But a 14-year-old applying sun block is going to help tremendously."

Bulter offers the following suggestions for treating sunburn when the sun block fails or is forgotten:

- soak in a tub of tepid water oatmeal bath powder to soothe skin

- use a mild cortisone lotion on the burn area

- take aspirin to help decrease pain and inflammation

"One thing that seem to be very helpful for sunburns is aspirin or medications like ibuprofen," bulter said "if taken early enough, it may actually prevent some of the damage, redness and inflammation that occurs with sunburn."

Awareness of the danger of the sun damage to the skin, particularly for children, is increasing, yet many parents still are not taking the appropriate measures, according to the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology.

The academy makes the following recommendations:

- use sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15, and apply the recommended amount

- seek shade while outdoors and stay indoors during peak sunlight hours (10 am to 4 pm)

- wear a broad-brimmed hat and preferably long sleeved shirts

Bulter believes teaching children early of the danger of sun damage should be a priority. "Maybe if we go about increasing awareness by going into schools systems, like they have done with smoking, we can make a difference," He said "We have to do something."



SHANGHAI CHINA, 29MAY00- Executive Vice President of Coca-Cola Carl Ware joins Madam Xie Lijuan, Chairperson of the Shanghai Red Cross association and children patients at a painting exhibition at the Shanghai Children Medical Centre 29 May 2000. He also presented two incubators as part of the company's coming support for the center which opened two years ago. Ware is on a week long three nation Asia tour to familiarize himself with the community support programs the soft drink giant is involved in around the region as well as meeting local government officials to reemphasize the company's wish to expand further in China in the wake of PNTR being granted by US Congress last week. Photo by Adrian Fradshaw (Coca-Cola) For queries please call me on +86 138 0183 7080

Johson & Flowers Exchange Wedding Vows Last Week

Angela Johnson and Johnny Flowers exchanged wedding vows last Saturday, June 17, 2000, at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Lubbock, Texas.

The bride is a graduate of Dunbar High School the University of Texas at Arlington, Texas. She is employed by Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

She is the daughter of Ron and Gail Johnson of Dallas, Texas.

The bridegroom received his certification from the U. S. Primary Leadership Development Academy with a degree in Electronic Technology. He received an associate in human relations. He was also a non-commissioned officer in the United States Army, and served four short tours in Desert Storm.

He graduated from Dunbar-Striggs High School, and attended Pearce College in Tacoma, Washington. He is employed by the Buckner Children and Family Services as supervisor of children's programming at DAWW.

Super Teacher

Alma Floers Lopez, assistant professor of mathematics at South Plains College in Levelland, was selected as one of the top 10 Hispanic college teachers by SuperOnda Magazine. A brief biographical sketch of the teacher appears in the June issue.

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Boys & Girls Club of Lubbock joins Major League Baseball's RBI Program

The Boys & Girls Club of Lubbock announced today that they will be launching their first season as part of the RBI program. Reviving Baseball in the Inner Cities (RBI) is administered by MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL and sponsored in conjunction with Rawlings and other regional sponsors. Equipment grants to help start up the league are provided by MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL.

Organized in 1998 by former Major Leaguer John

Young, RBI give youngsters the opportunity to combined athletics and academics. Encouraging academic performance, several RBI leagues require school attendance and performance as condition to play; other offers homework help, computer classes and mentoring. A number of leagues have established scholarship programs and links with college and university.

"We are thrilled to be able to participate in the RBI pro-

gram!" said Charles Hankson, Boys & Girls Club Board Member. "RBI give kids a chance to play ball, while developing their character and teaching them sportsmanship."

"The partnership with the Boys & Girls Club is good for MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL, the city of Lubbock and most importantly the kids", said Ed Stephens, board President of the Boys & Girls Club.

The goal of the program

are increase participation and interest in baseball; develop greater self esteem by the players while they learn the value of teamwork; motivation of these young athletes to study more effectively while providing a strong incentive to stay in school; the opportunity for communities to become actively involved with kids; the development of talented athletes to participate with high school and college teams, and increasing the number of ethnic minorities in the game.

RBI participants are invited to sectional and regional tournaments to compete for inclusion in the annual RBI World Series in August. The first RBI World Series in 1993 was hosted by the St. Louis Cardinals, followed by the California Angels in 1994, the Philadelphia Phillies in 1995, the Cleveland Indians in 1996, and the Colorado Rockies in the 1997.

RBI reaches more than 110,000 boys & girls in over 137 cities in the United States and

abroad. The Boys & Girls Club are currently taking sign ups at all three of their Club locations which are:

John W. Wilson Branch 3221 59th st.

Ted Phea Branch 1801 E. 24th St.

Optimist Branch 3301 Cornell

For more information contact the administrative office at 792-2880.

National Study Uncovers Public School Racial Discrimination

(Oakland) Facing the Consequences: An Examination of Racial Discrimination in U.S. Public Schools, is a new report from the Applied Research Center (ARC). The report presents compelling evidence that public schools consistently fail to provide the same quality of education for students of color as for white students.

Facing the Consequences, conducted in collaboration with community-based parent and student organizations in twelve large public K-12 school districts located across the United States, found that on every key indicator stud-

ied, from drop-out and discipline rates to advanced placement courses, students of color are placed at a serious disadvantage.

"The inequality is persistent and pervasive and amounts to a deep pattern of institutional racism in U.S. public schools," says Libero Della Piana, co-author of the report. "The gap in educational achievement represents a pattern of racial discrimination."

Key Findings

* African American, Latino, and Native American students are

suspended or expelled in numbers vastly disproportionate to those of their white peers. This was true in every school district surveyed. Furthermore, zero tolerance policies exacerbate this trend. For example, in Salem, OR, Latino

students were 22% of all suspended or expelled students but only 10% of the student population.

* Students of color are much more likely to drop out or be pushed out of school and less likely to graduate than white students. For example, in San Francisco, both Latino and African American students rep-

resented a percentage of drop-

outs in excess of their percentage of the population.

* Students of color have less access to advanced classes and gifted programs. The report shows that in all twelve school districts studied, students of color did not have fair access to Advanced Placement and gifted classes, which are essential to admission to many colleges. In Durham, NC, African American students represent 58% of the district population but are only 26% of students in advanced courses.

* The racial make up of a teaching corps rarely matches that of

the student body. Most school districts do not require anti-racist or multi-cultural training for teachers and administrators. None of the twelve school districts had teaching staffs as diverse as their student population.

A key recommendation from the report is that all school districts should be required to keep and annually publish key

statistics, disaggregated by age, sex, and race. In effect, each school district should issue an annual Racial Equity Report.

Three-quarters of the school districts in this study failed to collect or refused to divulge at least some data broken down by racial categories. "We may have measured only the tip of the iceberg," said Della Piana.

New Task Force Formed to inform Minorities about Tourette Syndrome Disorder Widely Unrecognized, Misdiagnosed In Minority Communities

BAYSIDE, NY -- Tourette Syndrome (TS) does not discriminate. The much misunderstood, inherited, neurological disorder affects both males and females from all ethnic groups.

A Multi-Cultural Task Force has been established by Tourette Syndrome Association (TSA) to promote awareness in minority communities where TS is widely unrecognized, misdiagnosed or ignored. TSA's aim is to provide comprehensive education about the disorder to ensure proper identification and diagnosis.

Major Michael Higgins, a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve, was named Task Force Chair. Higgins stated, "Like many other members of minorities, I did not receive a diagnosis of TS until I was an adult. It would have been great if I had known what was 'wrong' with me; maybe I could have dealt with it better. I believe that this problem is the result of a lack of communicating information to all who need it."

The Multi-Cultural Task Force will seek out the expertise of existing community groups for the development of materials that respect the sensitivities of different cultures and customs. Forming coalitions with existing community groups, religious and political groups is the key to the program. The Task Force will also reach out to medical professionals who serve minority and under-served

communities with the information they require to effectively address the needs of their patients.

The most common symptoms of TS are motor tics such as eye blinking, facial grimacing, twitching and involuntary touching. Vocal tics include throat clearing, sniffing, grunting and shouting.

If you, or someone you know, exhibits one or more of these symptoms, that person may have TS. For further information, contact Tourette Syndrome Association 888-4-TOURET or 718-224-2999, email: tourette@tsa.net.com, Web site: <http://tsumgh.harvard.edu>.

TSA is the only national volun-

tary health organization dedicated to identifying the cause, finding the cure, and controlling the effects of TS. Its programs include research, professional and public education, and individual and family service. The organization has more than 40 chapters and 150 support groups nationwide.

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Army & Air Force Hometown NEWS

Air Force Airman Brian S. Willess

Air Force Airman Brian S. Willess has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Willess is the son of Jim A. and Ella M. Willess of 8208 Flint, Lubbock, Texas.

He is a 1994 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.

Editorials • Comments • Opinions

THIS N THAT

THANK GOD FOR WHAT DID HAPPEN ON JUNETEENTH 2000! THIS N THAT wanted to see an outstanding JUNETEENTH PARADE last Saturday morning it wasn't meant to be as the lightning and rain did come and for the safety of all the parade was CANCELLED! This was out of the control of the LUBBOCK EMANCIPATION JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE but the response from the public with the various floats and entries makes one feel real good about this holiday as there are still those who want to see that it continues to be a part of our community. THANK YOU LUBBOCK for your response THIS N THAT has learned that a plan is being develop to still have a JUNETEENTH PARADE! say prior to the beginning of the next school year with emphasis on the importance of EDUCATION and with the new superintendent here JACK CLEMONS who could be the PARADE MARSHAL and he could be introduced to the community Anyway LUBBOCK EMANCIPATION JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE you did well with the various resources you had at your disposal Keep on doing what you are doing and what you will do in the future to keep positive programs pertaining to the real meaning of the historic JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION JUST HANG IN THERE!

EDDIE P. RICHARDSON TOLD THE STORY WELL! THIS N THAT for the first time ever heard the REAL STORY about the JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION last Sunday afternoon at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in the religious services for Juneteenth It was told well by EDDIE P. RICHARDSON who serves as the local president and is a state committee member serving with STATE REPRESENTATIVE AL EDWARDS of Houston, Texas He left no stones upturned as he gave the complete history THIS N THAT watched the young people who were present at the services and they did pay close attention THIS WAS GREAT because it means that some young people may have a much better idea of what the JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION is all about For those of you who pay little attention to this celebration THIS N THAT wants you know you can't hide in the crowd THANKS EDDIE P. RICHARDSON for a job well done

CONGRATS TO "MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR! THIS N THAT would like to say CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected "MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR" who were chose last Thursday evening at Mae Simmons Community Center and sponsored by LUBBOCK ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC ED HENDERSON was named "MAN OF THE YEAR" and FLORINZA STOKLEY was named "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" THIS N THAT appreciates this effort each year by this sorority THIS IS GOOD!

"FATHER OF THE YEAR" NAMED! THIS N THAT would like to say CONGRATS to the MEN OF BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH for being so positive ab out naming a "FATHER OF THE YEAR" He was VICTOR ROBERSON who was named last Sunday afternoon Also the recognition of WILLIAM HOUSTON PITTS, JR. for his more than FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICES TO BETHEL All of this is good and it sends some very positive signs throughout the community

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THE BEGINNING doesn't mean a thing in LIFE as it is the END which really count: This holds VERY TRUE for the world today and our young people MUST UNDERSTAND how important it is for them to complete EVERYTHING they began!"

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Let's Continue to Move Forward

By Eddie P. Richardson



"Freedom 2000/ A Family Affair" has come and gone, and it was a very successful one with one minor setback. It was the absent of the parade this year as the weather, especially with lightning. Hopefully, this parade will be move to a later date.

For those of you who do not know why we celebrate Juneteenth: Juneteenth or June 19th is considered the date when the slaves in Texas were freed. Although the rumors of freedom were widespread to this actual emancipation did not come until Major General Gordon Granger rode into the Galveston Bay, Texas and issued General Order No. 3 on June 19th about two and one half years after President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation on September 22, 1862, notifying the States in rebellion against the Union that if they did cease their rebellion and return to the Union by January 1, 1863, he would declare their slaves free. The Proclamation was ignored

by those States that succeeded from the Union. The Proclamation did not apply to those slave-holding states that did not rebel against the Union. About 800,000 slaves unaffected by the Proclamation. It would take a Civil War to enforce the Emancipation and the 13th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution to formally outlaw slavery in the United States.

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19th in more than 200 cities in the United States. Including Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, Delaware, and it is pending in Maryland. They are among the states who have made Juneteenth a legal holiday. Some cities sponsor a week-long celebration, culminating on June 19th, while others hold a one day effort and hold celebrations in June on different days.

Juneteenth is celebrated, because it symbolizes the end of slavery. Juneteenth has become a symbol for many African Americans. It is what the Fourth of July symbolizes for all Americans... Freedom. It serves as a historical milestone re minding Americans of the triumph of the human spirit over the cruelty of slavery. It honors those African Americans ancestors who survived the inhumane institution of bondage as well as demonstrating pride in the marvelous Legacy of resistance and perseverance they left us.

Blacks celebrate the Fourth of July like all other Americans in

honor of American Independence Day, but history reminds us that Blacks were still enslaved when the United States obtained its independence.

Texas was the last state for slaves to know they were free, because during the Civil War, Texas did not experience any significant invasions by Union forces. Although the Union Army made several attempts to invade Texas, they were thwarted by Confederate Troops. As a result of slavery in Texas continued to thrive. In fact, slavery in Texas experienced such a minor interruption in its operation. Many slave owners from other slave-holding states brought their slaves to Texas to wait out the war. News of the Emancipation was suppressed due to the overwhelming influence of crafted incredible sculptures, designed beautiful buildings and helped build a nation. Blacks preserved a culture and succeeded in passing down a legacy of music, language, food, religion, and a lesson in survival. We'll never know how many scientists 9 engineers, doctors, and artists who were lost on the trip over on the slave ships after they arrived.

Slavery taught America and her lesson that it often ignores. Blacks and whites worked together created an anti-slavery movement that ultimately succeeded. Later, they fought and died together to force an end to slavery.

The Cable Guy and the Constitution

Picture this. You go out and buy a brand new television set so that you can watch the shows and games you want to watch. A guy from the local cable company comes in to hook it up for you, but he programs the cable box (or satellite dish) so that you can only watch the shows that he wants you to watch.

You say, wait a second, I asked you to come in to do what I want done! But the guy says, hey, I'm the one you called to do the hook-up, so you'll have to do it my way. So you call the cable company and tell them you want a different guy, but the cable company sends you a letter saying that for the duration of your contract (two years!) you have to have this particular cable guy and only this particular cable guy.

Sound crazy? Outrageous? Even unconstitutional? That's something like what's been going on in New York for the last year. Only it wasn't about a television set and who picks the programs. It was about a political party - the Independence Party of New York - and who makes the decisions. This week a court decision by the Appellate Division for the Third Department finally straightened things out and set things right.

The Independence Party of New York, the state affiliate of the national Reform Party, is governed by a State Committee made up of about 250 party members. The State Committee is elected every two years by the membership who now number over 172,000. Once the State Committee is elected, it then elects a party chairman who directs the party's day-to-day business.

The controversy in the Independence Party arose when its chairman, elected by the State Committee in 1998 on the basis of a pledge to rewrite party rules to decentralize power into the hands of local county organizations, reneged on that pledge. The chairman - Jack Essenberg - wanted to keep the power to appoint local leaders and award the Independence Party line to candidates for public office, in the hands of an Executive Committee which he controlled.

This was an explosive issue on two counts. First, local leaders around the state who worked actively in their counties with the party's grassroots, wanted sufficient autonomy to be able to conduct their business according to local needs. Second, because New York is a "fusion state" - one of only a handful that permit candidates to run for public office on more than one line - Independence has the option of cross-endorsing Democrats and Republicans, if they choose to.

Historically, New York's "minor" parties - notably the Liberal, Conservative and Right to Life Parties have cross-endorsed "majors" and often influenced the outcome of elections. Since the Independence Party was first formed in 1994, Democrats and Republicans have courted the party for cross-endorsements. When the chairman has the sole authority to grant the line, it gives him inordinate power. This particular chairman wanted to be a traditional "minor party" power broker, and spent his tenure wheeling and dealing with Republicans and Democrats from the top-down.

But the Independence Party of New York is far from a traditional "minor" party. It is an independent party in every sense of the word. It is independent of the major parties. And it takes seriously the party's role as representative of New York's millions of independent voters who deeply oppose the corruption of the state legislature, the domination of special interest politics, and the extreme decrease in participation among ordinary New Yorkers (only 36% voted in the last national election).

Consequently, with decision making concentrated in the hands of the chairman who was violating the vision and principles of the party and its membership, the State Committee rose up in response. A "Democracy Coalition" - made up of politically and geographically diverse local activists who represented 75% of the State Committee - formed for the purpose of implementing local control by rewriting the party's rules and recalling the chairman in order to replace him with one supported by the majority of the State Committee.

As you might imagine, the chairman resisted this plan. Consequently, every time the State Committee attempted to call a meeting for the purpose of amending its rules and recalling the chair, he either refused to call the meeting or refused to allow those items on the agenda. The State Committee nonetheless went ahead and voted up rule changes, conducted a hearing into the chairman's transgressions and then 97% voted to recall him. In response, the chairman took the State Committee to court. He contended that he had sole authority to determine the agenda of State Committee meetings. Consequently, any effort by the State Committee - which elected him in the first place - to act on its own behalf would be null and void, unless he endorsed those actions.

Initially - if unbelievably - the State Supreme Court, populated by political appointees plugged into the two party bosses - ruled in favor of the chairman. Even so, his case was so obviously a manipulation and so patently unjust, that the State

Supreme Court judge granted the legitimacy of the new rules, while overruling the removal of the chairman. This litigation - and various spin off cases - went on for over a year, keeping the party (not to mention the Democrats and Republicans who were trying to control it for their own purposes) in continual suspense. The Democracy Coalition, backed up by a hard working independent legal team, kept up the fight in the courts, but most importantly continued to build the party at the grassroots.

Last week a five judge Appellate Court panel put an end to the chaos when it overruled the State Supreme Court, upheld the validity of the local control rules and the right of the State Committee to call its own meetings and set its own agenda via petition. The court also upheld the recall of the chairman and affirmed the authority of the State Committee as the party's highest governing body. Regarding the chairman's contention that only he could set the agenda for State Committee meetings, the judges wrote in their unanimous opinion "... in our view such a construction would effectively eliminate the meeting-by-petition provision because it would permit the chairperson to preclude consideration of the business which prompted members to petition for the meeting in the first place."

As the party's newly recognized chairman Frank MacKay remarked, "This decision is not a victory for any party faction, but it is a victory for democracy. It makes the statement that the Independence Party is not for sale." Gary Sinawski, the lawyer who argued the case for the Democracy Coalition, added, "This case sets an important precedent for the constitutional principles of non-interference and non intervention into the internal affairs of political parties.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Recently, I've noticed several feature articles concerning prostate cancer and other chronic diseases in major national and international newspapers and magazines. I am sure you are aware that African American men are 2 1/2 times more likely to be diagnosed and to die from prostate cancer. However, most of the articles I've read fail to emphasize the epidemic proportion by which African American men are affected by this tragic disease.

I am extremely impressed with the efforts of Rev. Thomas L. Walker, a prostate cancer survivor and author of the book, Brother To Brother--You Don't Have To Die With Prostate Cancer. Rev. Walker is making tremendous progress in saving lives of men by educating them on the importance of early detection.

Please feature the enclosed news release about his work. Respectfully submitted,

Doda D. Harding
Enclosure

The people to worry about are not those who openly disagree with you, but those who disagree with you and are too cowardly to let you know.

This Way For Black Empowerment

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

That right has long been recognized for the Democrats and Republicans. But the courts have begun tinkering with the internal affairs of independent parties, as those parties have grown more and more influential. The decision in the New York case sets a dramatic precedent and will hopefully protect other independent parties from over-reaching by the courts in the future."

So now the Independence Party moves ahead. As I write this column, I'm on my way to the state capitol for our nominating convention where we'll select our candidate

(or candidates) for the U.S. Senate race. As you might expect, Hillary Clinton and Rick Lazio have been working overtime to figure out how to use us for their own advantage. The Independence Party is working out a plan for the Senate race that gets the most power for independent New Yorkers.

And what about that cable guy who tried to tell you what programs to watch? He quit the cable company. Last I heard, he was selling satellite dishes at an incredible discount at rodeos and state fairs. But only to independents.

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So, this is our resolution to you. Feel free at any time to call this office for information concerning this newspaper or any other matter that is of concern to you.

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New Medicines will Make Life better for Children

by Larry Lucas

As a parent, I can't think of a better Mother's Day present for all the mothers—and fathers—of the world than the promise of better health for their children. That's why I'm happy to report that there are 217 drugs and vaccines in the pipeline for children and that 25 medicines for children were approved in the past year. Many of these medicines will be of particular interest to African American families.

For example, in the past year the Food and Drug Administration approved a once-a-

day pill to be used in combination therapy for children with AIDS. Tragically, AIDS has affected the African American community disproportionately: young African Americans represent 56 percent of the new cases of HIV infection reported among the 13 to 19 year old age group. That's why it's encouraging that there are nine more drugs for AIDS and AIDS-related conditions in the pipeline, including one to treat HIV-positive children as young as one month old.

Asthma is another disease that affects African Americans dis-

proportionately. The incidence of this disease is on the rise, particularly in the inner city. African Americans are three to four times more likely than whites to be hospitalized for asthma, and four to six times more likely to die of the disease. That's why I'm happy to report that, in the past year, two new medicines have been approved to help control asthma in children. One of them can be used in children as young as two years. In addition, there are 14 medicines to treat asthma in children in the pipeline, including one that interferes with the

allergic process at an earlier stage than is possible with currently available medicines.

Sickle cell disease affects primarily African Americans. It's an inherited, chronic and severe blood disease where the red blood cells are abnormal (sickle-shaped), resulting in reducing oxygen-carrying capacity of the blood. Two new medicines are in development to treat sickle cell disease in children, including one for newborns.

In addition, companies are working on new treatments to help children with cancer, heart disease,

diabetes, eye disorders, Crohn's disease, Duchenne's muscular dystrophy, ear infections, pneumonia, cerebral palsy, Tourette's syndrome, psychiatric disorders, transplant rejection, autism and other conditions. Children are truly our future, and America (PhRMA), the future for children is looking brighter and healthier. The new and potential medicines for children offer hope that more children will be able to fully savor the joys of childhood and to grow into healthy adults. Happy Mother's Day.

For more information



about medicines in development for children, see PhRMA's web site: www.phrma.org.

July Jamboree is sponsored by Panhandle South Plains Fair.

LUBBOCK (Special) A July Jamboree is coming to town! Plans are well under way for the 1st annual July Jamboree, set to run June 30 - July 4 at the Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds, 4th and Avenue A in Lubbock, TX, reports Steve L. Lewis, Jamboree director.

According to Lewis, the Jamboree will operate as a small festival with an arts and craft fair located in the Trade Mart Building, entertainment on a portable outdoor stage, talent in the coliseum, a small carnival and a limited number of food booths. Building hours of operation are 6 - 10 p.m. week nights and 2 - 10 p.m. on weekends. Gate admission is \$2 for adults 12 or older, children younger than 12 are admitted free and parking fees are \$2 per vehicle.

Fair Park coliseum tal-

ent for July Jamboree on different nights will showcase Barbara Fairchild, Steve Hall and Shotgun Red and the Shotgun Red Band, FFH (Far From Home) and Johnny Counterfeit with special guest appearances by the "Hooray for America Review."

"All these shows are class acts for the family," reports Lewis. "We are operating on the theory that if people can't go to Nashville or Branson to the shows, we will bring quality Branson and Nashville shows to them. We have five big nights of entertainment, ending with an all-American, patriotic show on July 4th. Over the holiday we urge everyone to attend 4th on Broadway and after it is over to come on out for an evening of fun and entertainment."

Continuing the patriotic,

All-American theme used for coliseum shows, July Jamboree activities along the midway area in front of the coliseum will include a watermelon eating contest, and a hot dog eating contest plus free hot dogs for the first 500 persons who pay gate admission each day.

Several arts and crafts vendors will display items for sale in the Trade Mart Building during July Jamboree. Although plans for building usage have not been completed, Lewis indicated there would most likely be several commercial vendors as well as arts and crafts vendors in the Trade Mart Building. Pointing out that it is never too early to start shopping for those special Christmas items, Lewis said he thought items for sale in the Trade Mart Building would be a good place to begin.

Talent on an outdoor stage located on the east side of the Trade Mart Building is scheduled each day of July Jamboree from 6 - 10 p.m. Set to perform are popular hypnotist Ken Whitener and Rusty Hudleson's Knights of the West.

A small carnival will operate in front of the Coliseum and in the area east of the Trade Mart Building. Games and food concessions will be provided along the carnival area.

All July Jamboree Fair Park Coliseum show tickets are for general admission only and will be available June 13 at the fair office, 105 E. Broadway or by calling the fair ticket office at 806/744-9557. Children younger than 12 can attend coliseum show free of charge.

Adult tickets for Barbara Fairchild, Steve Hall and

Shotgun Red and Johnny Counterfeit tickets are \$10. The FFH show is free with no ticket required for coliseum admission. MasterCard and Visa credit card charges are accepted for ticket purchases. On show days tickets will be available at Fair Park Coliseum ticket office.

As a special attraction for coliseum shows and to encourage ticket sales to more than one show, ticket discounts

are being offered when tickets for two or more shows are purchased at the same time. General admission tickets to attend two shows are \$15 and tickets for all three shows are \$20. According to Lewis discounts will not apply when show tickets are purchased separately.

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The Ruff Ryders join forces with Hip-Hop Best to Release Ryde or Die Vol. II



On the Video Set of the 1st single entitled "Got It All" features Eve & Jadakiss from the Ruff Ryders Ryde or Die Vol. II compilation. Eve, Swizz Beatz & Teflon the producer of the single take a break to pose for the camera.

have teamed up with today's hottest producers and artists to come up with what will be the biggest compilation of the year: Ruff Ryders Ryde or Die Vol. II tentatively scheduled to hit stores June 27th.

The first single "Got It All" produced by Teflon, the next Ruff Ryders producer poised to take the Ruff Ryders production team to the next level features the highest selling female rap artist Eve & ex-Bad Boy Jadakiss of the Lox. "Got It All" a mid-tempo Caribbean/hip-hop head knocker that puts the best of each sex to

battle, Eve (the women) vs. Jadakiss (the men) will be serviced to radio and video immediately.

Ryde or Die Vol. II brings you production by Timbaland (Aaliyah, Missy Elliot), DJ Premier (Nas, Jay-Z), Dr. Dre, & The Ruff Ryder's production team Swizz Beatz, Teflon, and Mahogany Vol. II also brings you a stellar line-up of artists- Busta Rhymes, Method Man & Redman, Snoop Doggy Dog, Dr. Dre, Eminem, Trick Daddy, & The Ruff Ryders family DMX, Eve, The Lox, & Drag-On.

Be on the look out for solo rap albums from Jadakiss, Swizz Beatz in stores this summer and a sophomore effort from Eve due out in the winter.

New York, NY May 8, 2000- The driving force behind hip-hop superstars DMX, Eve, The Lox, Drag-On, & Swizz Beatz

are being offered when tickets for two or more shows are purchased at the same time. General admission tickets to attend two shows are \$15 and tickets for all three shows are \$20. According to Lewis discounts will not apply when show tickets are purchased separately.

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Cigarette smoking

"Cigarette smoking is the chief, single avoidable cause of death in our society and the most important health issue of our time"—C. Everett Koop, M.D., Us Surgeon General from 1981-1989.

When it comes to cigarette smoking or the use of tobacco products and the devastating effects it has on people's health, death would almost be a blessing.

The use of tobacco products causes loss of productivity and increases health problems. Let us forget for a moment about the fact that you may eventually die from a disease related to smoking; let us concentrate on what happens while you wait to die. Smokers often stop "Living" a long time before they die.

- Loss of workday due to colds, asthma, Bronchitis, and upper respiratory infections.
- Increase in medical
- Your children or grandchildren develop asthma or respiratory problem because you smoke around them
- You start having problems walking long distances
- You become short of breath with very little activity
- Your skin begins to turn leather and you look a lot older than you really are
- Your skin starts to look grey from all the poisons they put in cigarettes
- Your hair and clothing smell. It doesn't matter how many times you wash the clothing; the smell will penetrate all the fibers
- Your house smells like a bar
- Your teeth start to turn yellow
- Your children or grandchildren will soon start to imitate you
- You start to have a constant cough
- You start to have a cough that produces phlegm
- If you are a woman, your voice begins to get raspy like a man
- You begin to have pain in tingling in your arms and legs from loss of circulation to those areas due to tobacco.
- Your heart start skipping beats and you begin to have chest pain
- Food does not taste good anymore
- All your hopes and dreams center around your next cigarette
- Your chest starts to look like a barrel because your lungs are trying to make room for clean air
- You begin to get a hump on your back because you have so much trouble breathing that you have to slump over

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IN JESUS NAME "LIFE HANDLE WITH PRAYER"

LUKE 21:36. JESUS SAID, WATCH YE THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS, THAT YE MAY BE ACCOUNTED WORTHY TO ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS THAT SHALL COME TO PASS, AND TO STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN.

PRAYER IS THE KEY; YOUR FAITH UNLOCKS THE DOOR. GOD HAS WHAT WE NEED; WHATEVER WE ASK HIM FOR.

LUKE 11:13. JESUS SAID, IF YE THEN, BEING EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS UNTO YOUR CHILDREN; HOW MUCH MORE SHALL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THEM THAT ASK HIM.

AND WHEN WE PRAY: WE MUST FORGIVE THOSE WHO WRONGED ME AND YOU; THAT IS THE ONLY WAY, GOD WILL HEAR OUR PRAYERS; AND THIS IS TRUE.

MARK 11:25,26. JESUS SAID, WHEN YE STAND PRAYING, FORGIVE, IF YE HAVE AUGHT AGAINST ANY; THAT YOUR FATHER ALSO WHICH IS IN HEAVEN MAY FORGIVE YOU YOUR TRESPASSES. BUT IF YE DO NOT FORGIVE, NEITHER WILL YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN FORGIVE YOUR TRESPASSES.

IF GOD WON'T FORGIVE YOUR TRESPASSES; THEN YOU'RE A SINNER; WE KNOW A SINNERS PRAYERS ARE IN VAIN; GOD WILL NOT ENTER!!!

PROVERB 28:9, HE THAT TURNETH AWAY HIS EAR FROM HEARING THE LAW (THE WORD OF GOD), EVEN HIS PRAYER SHALL BE ABOMINATION.

MANY TIMES I HEAR THE SINNERS SAY~ MAN I BE PRAYING SO HARD; GOD HEARS NOT THEIR PRAYERS; HE ANSWERS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE HEART.

PROVERB 15:29. THE LORD IS FAR FROM THE WICKED; BUT HE HEARETH THE PRAYER OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

AND MANY TIMES ITS NOT HOW LONG YOU PRAY, TO GET AN ANSWER FROM GOD; IT CAN BE SHORT LIKE PETERS: WHEN WAKING ON WATER; WAS ANSWERED BY THE LORD.

MATTHEW 14:30,31. BUT WHEN HE SAW THE WIND BOISTEROUS, HE WAS AFRAID; AND BEGINNING TO SINK, HE CRIED, SAYING LORD, SAVE ME, AND IMMEDIATELY JESUS STRETCHED FORTH HIS HAND, AND CAUGHT HIM, AND SAID UNTO HIM, O THOU OF LITTLE FAITH, WHEREFORE DIDEST THOU DOUBT?

GOD ALWAYS ANSWER PRAYER; NOT ALWAYS WHAT WE WANT; BUT TO HIS WILL; WE'VE SEEN IT MANY TIMES; IN SICKNESS, EVEN WHEN A LOVE ONE IS KILLED.

LUKE 22:42. JESUS PRAYED, FATHER, IF THOU BE WILLING, REMOVE THIS CUP FROM ME; NEVERTHELESS NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE, BE DONE.

(I REMEMBER WHEN WE PRAYED, FOR THE REMOVAL OF CANCER FROM OUR DAD'S BODY BILLY,II. GOD CALLED HIM HOME 7-19-87, OUR PRAYERS WASN'T ANSWERED; BUT TWO MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY GOT SAVED. BOBBIE DEAN, AND J.R. GOD USES THINGS SOMETIMES TO BUILD HIS KINGDOM AND HE IS TO GET THE GLORY, HIS WILL NOT YOURS OR MINE!!!!)

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17,18. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING(ALWAYS). IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS; FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU.

(IF WE THINK OF PRAYER AS THE BREATH IN OUR LUNGS AND THE BLOOD FROM OUR HEART, WE THINK RIGHTLY. THE BLOOD FLOWS CEASELESS, AND BREATHING CONTINUES CEASELESSLY; AND WE'RE NOT CONSCIOUS OF IT, SO SHOULD PRAYER BE.)

LUKE 18:1b. JESUS SAID, MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY, AND NOT TO FAINT.

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON,III, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS!!!!



from the Deck of Parson D.A. Smith Jesus Is The Answer

The sun is setting and the day is ending. It is eventide. The weary travelers turn down the lane off the main road. They have arrived at Emmaus, their destination. The stranger who walks with them continues as if to go past them.

"Abide with us," they invite the stranger. "The day is far spent, and stay." In their hearts they do not wish to part with him, or he has lifted the cloud of hopelessness from their spirits. The stranger has given them comfort. They have received a new outlook from his words of wisdom.

All answers to, and understanding of, the Christian's puzzling problems and trials may be found in the Holy Scriptures. Jesus demonstrated this fact to the two travelers on their walk to Emmaus.

Desolation and despair had depressed the disciples' spirits. All their plans, the very foundation of their lives had crumbled under them. They were walking and talking about the tragedy of Calvary when Jesus, unrecognized, drew near. They thought he was a ranger, nevertheless, they confined in Him as such, telling Him their deep disappointment: The kingdom had not come and the

King was dead.

In loving friendship the stranger turned their minds away from themselves to the Scriptures, God's Holy Word.

He probably reminded them first, as He had Nicodemus that "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of man be lifted up." He probably turned their thoughts to the alms of David. "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither will I suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Under divine inspiration David had foretold about the risen Christ. Then Jesus may have quoted ver 1 and verses 11-19 of Psalm 22 to the Emmaus disciples. Just maybe He as Cleopas: "Is not this a picture of what really happened?" And in awe, they would have had to agree.

As Jesus opened up the Scriptures to the downcast men their despair began to lift, and hope sprang up on their hearts. Gradually the perplexing events of the past few days became clearer to them. However, it was not until they saw Jesus' hands—the nail-pierced hands, as He broke bread at their table, or by whatever other means God caused them to recognize that they knew who He really was.

As we enter this "thanksgiving season" let us remember just as the Emmaus disciples received strength when Jesus broke bread to them, we today may receive strength from His word—the Bread Of Life, and understanding of God's plan for our lives.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast members and friends are just wondering about: What if we would unify ourselves and start helping each other. What if we would love and respect each other, and lift up our Black Fathers and Men who have fallen and made many mistakes in life. Why not speak words of encouragement that might help them to change their direction in life. What if God wasn't so loving and forgiving as He is. What if He treated us like we treat others sometimes unfairly or with justice and not mercy.

What if he had created us differently, not in his image? What if we truly and completely obeyed him? What if we would love our leaders of our

city, pastors, ministers and the body of Christ from inside out? What if we would obey God rather than man? What if we would really understand our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the demonic forces of hell. What if we would realize it's going to take Christians uniting across denominational lines to make an impact for the cause of Christ. Failure to do so places satan in the driver

What if we would really worship in the spirit and the power of the Lord? What if the Christian Army would start trying to heal their wounded instead of just letting another soldier die in God's Army when we have the power to make a

difference. God wants to see every soldier loved. What if America continues to turn her back on God? What if Y2K was a reality today? Are you still preparing for that day when you will have to answer to God's call? Be sure to continue to store up treasures in heaven.

Thank you for reading what's on our hearts. With God, anything is possible. Let's continue to pray for one another!

Are you hurting? If so, read II Chronicles 7:14, Mark 11: 22-26 and Mark 16:17-18. Become a believer.

Thought for the Week: "Be sure you set your goals so high that you know you will fail if you don't 1/2it God first.

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For all the Fathers, we prayed each of you would have had a blessed day on last Sunday. May you continue to be the Fathers that God intended for you to be today.

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

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

(Great Father's day Story) Prayer keeps Holy Kenolys Singing

Religious Faith Brings Singing Family Through Tough Ordeal A family who prays together, stays together and a family who prays and sings, stays together and makes great music. Music is the Kenoly family business and prayer sustains their business and their lives. They called upon those prayers this past March when family patriarch Ron Kenoly suffered a severe angina attack that required emergency double by-pass surgery.

Ron's sons, urban inspirational duo -- the Kenoly Brothers, rushed to his side to pray and encourage their father through the biggest health scare of his life. Ron was driving home from the gym when he was stricken on a Florida freeway. He slumped over the steering wheel of his car as horrified passerby called for an ambulance via cell phones. His oldest son, Tony, and the duo, Ron Jr. and Samuel, rushed from their homes in California to be with their dad and mom, Tavita. They knew the seriousness of what their dad faced and spent time in the hospital praying and clowning for him. The cheer lifted Ron's spirits. His doctors were amazed at his speedy recovery. "We know it was the prayer that accelerated my Dad's recovery," Sam says.

An internationally-known praise and worship music leader, Ron Kenoly has been singing for his supper for thirty years. He began his career as a nightclub singer who recorded for A&M and Arista Records. However, he left the secular music business in 1975. He's been singing church songs ever since. Over the last decade, Ron has become the most popular praise and worship leader in the country with gold selling albums like "Lift Him Up." After Ron and Tavita became born-again Christians, they reared their kids in the faith. Although influenced by R&B bends like Mint Condition, Ron Jr. and Sam, decided they wanted to evangelize through their music like their dad

does. They apply a definitive R-B brand to inspirational grooves and gospel tunes on their latest album, **All the Way** (NGMR Records). He nurtured his sons' musical interest and had them perform with him at his mass crusades.

Ron Sr. particularly cherishes his relationship with his sons because he and his five brothers were not close to their own late father. "My father was in the military and gone all of the name." Although, the Kenoly men have had problems, they always resolve them. Ron wrote his 1996 Dove award winning song "Welcome Home" about his oldest son, Tony. Father and son battled daily during Tony's puberty and Tony ran away from home for four years. He became a high-priced dope dealer and never communicated with his family. His family continued to pray for him though they didn't know where he was. When Tony tired of his risky business, Tony called from the bus station. He said, "dad can I come home." Ron recalls, "My wife and I cried and said 'we've been waiting for you.' There were some things Tony had to learn and things I had to learn in that situation and we started communicating for the first time in a long name. Tony was like the Prodigal Son." Episodes such as that fuel the faith behind Ron's music. On his latest smash, *We Offer Praises* (Integrity Music) he testifies of surviving a plane crash and a miraculous medical miracle. "I want to be a good steward of what God has given me, not just in terms of music, but in life experience and valuable lessons I can pass on to other people," Ron says. Dad, mom and sons are all back together again, praying and singing, in Orlando, FL.

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New TPA Officers Share Goals, Visions of Organization

By Trina S. George TPA Wire Service



AUSTIN - Just a few weeks ago, the Texas Publishers Association (TPA), an organization started in the mid 80s that unified African American publishers in Texas, ushered in the new millennium as they elected new officers to further the organization's vision. Founded in 1986 by 14 African-American newspapers, including the Dallas Post Tribune, Texas Times (Ft. Worth) and the Dallas Weekly, the TPA now consists of 21 of the 36 African American newspapers in Texas. The organization still aligns itself to "meet the growing needs of the African-American community by focusing on social, political and economic empowerment."

Jocelyne Fadojumi, publisher and director of community relations for the East Texas Review and TPA's new president, says she is very humbled and honored that she received her colleagues' vote to lead such an important organization, and she's ready for the task. Fadojumi's platform includes professional development and continuing education, establishing a designated meeting schedule, alliances with advertising agencies, professional ethics and standards, an executive advisory committee and corporate sponsorship.

"I want to work together with all the publishers to bring out the best in our organization," says Fadojumi. "I strongly believe that we can make great strides and accomplishments if we focus and

work together.

Professional development and continuing education for the publishers are of specific interest to Fadojumi. "I want to bring back training for the members of TPA. Training will take the publishers to new grounds of success." Fadojumi stressed the need for the publishers to put forth a good product. In order to meet this need, Fadojumi will do something the TPA has never done. "I am going to donate my Saturdays to travel to the papers that need help, such as the smaller papers, and teach them everything from layout to how to sell advertisements. In order for our papers to compete with other weeklies, we have got to ensure the product is not lacking."

In addition to the significant training endeavor, Fadojumi seeks to build "honest relationships with advertising agencies." "I intend on taking our best newspapers when making a pitch for advertising," says Fadojumi. "There's nothing like showing a potential advertiser the product in which they may be advertising. They'll see the layout and colors and make the decision that advertising in African-American papers is good for their business and even the community."

Thurman R. Jones, 1998 TPA president and publisher of Minority Opportunity News, confirms that advertising in an African-American newspaper represents more than an opportunity to increase business. "Advertising in an African-American newspaper represents a commitment to ensuring that a major source of information and education remains viable in our communities."

Maintaining high ethical and professional standards is also an important element of the new president's platform. Having received the Media Honor Roll, statewide recognition of media representatives who present fair and balanced reporting of news about

public schools, Fadojumi understands how important it is to continue in TPA's well-defined set of professional ethics and standards. According to Fadojumi, "the guidelines serve to direct the professional dealings of our membership so as to protect and enhance the reputation of the TPA, define the approach to working with our respective clients and ensure the integrity of the organization."

According to the 1999 TPA president, Reginald Blow of the North Texas Journal, Fadojumi is certainly capable of taking the organization to higher heights. "The East Texas Review is the most improved paper in the state," Blow states his hope for the new officers is that they continue in the spirit in which TPA was conceived and that they continually challenge, lead and

direct the organization making it a viable force in the publishers' arena. When asked what is most memorable about his term, Blow reflects on the unification of the TPA. "We were able to end the battle of the small paper versus the big paper. Our goal was to get individual publishers to expand their scope of possibilities for what their papers could become." Blow adds that he worked to get the publishers to "use what they have" and refuse to buy into the "baby bird syndrome - open mouth waiting for something to drop in." Blow states that unification of TPA and reaching out to corporations has positioned the organization for future success. Vice-president elect, Zariyah Shakir, publisher of the San Antonio Observer, says she's honored to have been chosen for

the position and is equally excited about her leadership role. "The training aspect that Joycelyne (Fadojumi) is spearheading is a step in the right direction to streamline some of the organizational skills of the TPA to produce the best results," says Shakir. "The focus on training will allow those individuals who have been contained to step up and make some positive things happen for their paper." Shakir adds that the additional training will also bring in more advertising dollars that will benefit the TPA.

Though it appears to be a large task before the new TPA officers, incoming president, Fadojumi declares she'll pull the strength from her spiritual source.

"I believe that God will use me to bless the TPA. I am going to bring my knowledge and experience to help the smaller papers. Combined with patience and tenacity, because I don't give up, the TPA will soar to higher heights."



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