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National News

Black Women Mayors' Caucus

In the early years of the Confederation of Black Mayors, Inc., women were not a viable force in the formation and programs of the organization. However, in the mid-1980s, this began to change as more women won mayoral seats across the nation. Most of these newly-elected women mayors became active members of NCBM. In 1988, 12 women caucused at the first Leadership Institute for Mayors. These women of vision formed an Ad Hoc committee to consider establishing a Black Women Mayors Caucus to address issues, oftentimes overlooked by their male counterparts. Not only did they want to provide exposure to issues related to families, children and women, but they also saw a need to support women for leadership positions within NCBM. NCBM, subsequently, conferred official Caucus status on the women's mayor group. Its organizational leadership goal was realized shortly afterward, when Mayor Unita Blackwell of Mayersville, Miss. was elected president of the organization for its 1990-1992 term, becoming the first woman to do so. Looking beyond an internal agenda, BWMC also sought support from the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor to conduct workshops addressing workforce and other issues confronting women. Though these workshops, held as pre-conference activities at NCBM's annual conventions, the BWMC continued:

- To highlight and enhance the role of its mayors through specialized programming.
- To focus national attention on the challenges facing African Americans and other women of color;
- To expose young women to the rewards inherent in public service;
- To examine issues which are of particular concern to women.

The BWMC continues to grow with more than 130 black women leading cities and towns with populations ranging from 100 to over 300,000.

Beginnings of "House of Abraham"

By John Mallory

Habitat has for years said that we are about more than building houses. We are about building lives and about building community. Community is not an easy thing to build and takes effort and planning. During Lubbock Habitat's Building on Faith week in 2000 we saw 4,000 people from all parts of Lubbock come together to work to build 17 homes with 17 families.

After the tragic events of last September and some of the ugly reactions that were reported, I began to wonder if we could put together a partnership with folks from the three Abrahamic Religions in order to create opportunity for interaction and participation. One of our faithful sponsors, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was quick to step forward and indicate that they would like to be a part of a partnership like that.

Since Habitat is a Christian organization it is more of a stretch for a Jewish congregation and a Muslim congregation to associate themselves than it is for a Christian congregation, but the representatives who I visited with were enthusiastic about the opportunity. Both saw great potential for helping create more understanding and relationships between our various communities.

In our discussions we have determined that there are issues about which we will probably never agree, but that there are many things about which we can all agree. One of those is that together we can build a simple, decent and affordable house with a family in need and that all can do so knowing that our Creator desires that we should give this kind assistance.



From left to right are: Gail Tutino, Cherif Amor, John Mallory, Sally Gonzales, Samantha Mendez, Bobby Hanes and Pat Driskell

Members of Cumberland Presbyterian Volunteers of Habitat. They are sponsors of House of Abraham.



Domestic Terrorism and the Burning and Bombing on Places of Worship in America

Atlanta, G.A. - On June 21, 2002, the National Coalition for Burned Churches and Community and Empowerment (NCBC) is sponsoring a forum and photo exhibit entitled Domestic Terrorism: The Burning and Bombing of Americans Places of Worship. The event will be held in the Atlanta University Center at the Robert Woodruff Library, James P. Brawley Drive, 9:00am-4:00pm. The purpose of this historic gathering is to meet with pastors of burned churches, representatives of civil and human rights groups, as well as elected officials to discuss the burnings and bombings of places of worship as acts of domestic terror. The outcome of these discussions will lead to the creation of a Church Burning Domestic Terrorism Task Force. During the first session scheduled for 9:00 a.m., a delegation of pastors from burned churches throughout the South will participate in a Domestic Terrorism Roundtable to share incredible stories of surviving these destructive acts of terror. According to Rev. Terrance G. Mackey, Sr., NCBC president and executive director, "When congregations in this society are targeted and

attacked by domestic terrorism the intent of the terrorist, is to create an atmosphere of fear and intimidation by burning or firebombing the visible symbol of faith and culture...the church. The act of terrorism is successfully accomplished when communities are forced to respond by doing things we normally would not have to do. Even though we stand on our FAITH in GOD everyday, rebuilding our lives, our churches, and our communities; the fact remains that we are continuously violated by terrorist who are punished only as criminals who burn down buildings. This in my view is a great American tragedy in need of more attention and compassion. Above all things, it is a matter of public policy and the law."

A press conference is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at which time church rebuilding grants will be awarded to churches struggling to rebuild and recover. Many of the churches discussed during the roundtable will be featured in a photo exhibit that will be on display beginning June 21, 2002 through July 20, 2002. Just like the many stones that will be shared throughout the forum, the photo exhibit is designed to

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Thousands Attend Funeral Services For Joubert Family MEMBERS

"Mother, Five Joubert Children Killed in Freeway Accident"

Fort Worth, Texas — Thousands of family and friends attended the funeral services of a mother and five of her children killed in a freeway accident on Wednesday, June 19, 2002, at the Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Elder Vernon James, pastor of Johnson Street Christ Holy Sanctified Church, presided over the services.

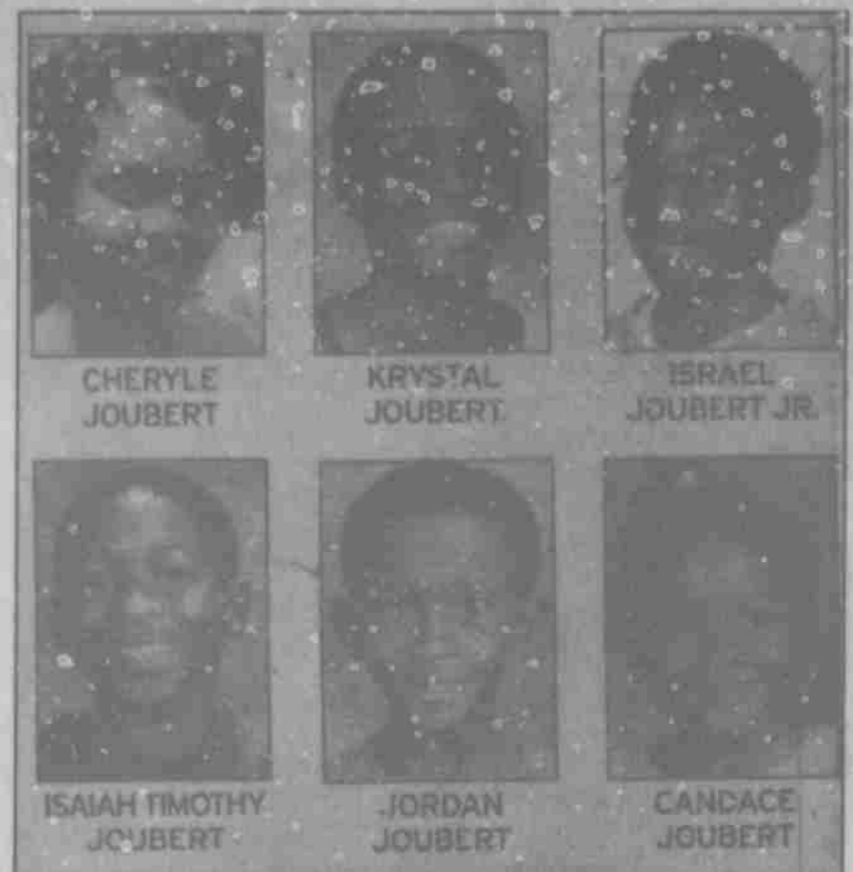
"We are honoring these lives who have moved on, and we are honoring the Life-giver," said Elder James.

Six coffins, two of them tiny, stood in two rows across the front of the church. The deceased were Cheryle Joubert, and her five children: Krystal, age 14; Israel, Jr., age 13; Isaiah Timothy, age 12; Jordan, age 7; and Candace, age 5.

According to police reports, all six were killed Monday, June 10, 2002, when their Chevrolet Suburban, driven by Israel Lane Joubert, who is husband and father, crossed three lanes of traffic on Interstate 20 in Mesquite, Texas and slammed into the back of a parked tractor-trailer.

Police believe Lane Joubert fell asleep while driving back from a family reunion in Beaumont, Texas. A son, Aaron, age 10, was also injured and survived.

The mother, Cheryle, was born in Lubbock, Texas September 21, 1966, to the parentage of Andrew and Rose McCullough-Ross. The family moved to Fort Worth in 1969, and she graduated from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School



in 1985.

She was saved at the True Light Christ Holy Sanctified Church under the Pastor James Joubert and later became a member of Mount Zion Christ Holy Sanctified Church and served faithfully under Pastor Corine Jimerson. She worked in the Children's Church and Youth Department.

She married Israel Lane Joubert, Sr. on April 26, 1987, and they remained a loving couple until her passing.

She is survived by her husband, Minister Israel Lane Joubert, Sr.; a son, Aaron Joubert; her parents, Andrew Ross, Rose and Jerry Lewis; a sister, Morica and husband, Sammie; her grandparents, Mary

McCullough and Vertal Lee Hubbard; aunts, Lorine Williams, Clariss Willis, Janice Sowell; uncles, Arthur McCullough, Larry McCullough, McKinley McCullough, and Leonard Sowell; four great-great aunts, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Krystal was born September 21, 1987, and was going to the 9th grade at Hurst Junior High School. In school, she was "Miss Athletic" and a member of the basketball team, track team, and volleyball team. She was a member of Mount Zion Christ Holy Sanctified Church, and was a member of the Junior Usher Board, Junior Mission and the Youth Choir.

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Senator Robert Duncan Named As An Amerigroup Foundation Champion For Children

LUBBOCK, Texas (DATE)—The AMERIGROUP Foundation honored Senator Robert Duncan with its Champion For Children award. Senator Duncan was recognized for his leadership in the Texas State Senate, particularly for his leadership role on the Senate Finance Committee and the Medicaid Work Group. Senator Duncan's efforts helped ensure that the Medicaid (STAR) and CHIP (TEXCARE Partnership) programs were adequately funded to meet the needs of Texas families.

"Senator Duncan's efforts have helped to improve the health and well-being of millions of children throughout the state," said Jim Douvan, president of AMERIGROUP Texas, Inc. "He serves as a role model for helping to improve the lives of America's youth. On behalf of the AMERIGROUP Foundation, we are honored to call him a Champion For Children."

To celebrate Senator Duncan's commitment to children and the Lubbock-area community, the Senator will participate in a Foundation check presentation to the South Plains Children's Shelter. The shelter provides short term emergency care for abused children and helps to create stability in the residents, teaches the skills needed to be

successful in a long-term placement or when returned home, and helps to prevent involvement in the criminal justice system. The \$2,500 contribution will support the Shelter's ongoing child support and education initiatives.

Duncan said he appreciates the foundation's recognition. "The South Plains Children's Shelter provides an invaluable service to our community, and I am grateful for AMERIGROUP's generosity," he said.

The event will occur on Wednesday, June 5, 2002, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at 1923 14th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

The Champion For Children award was developed to recognize state officials and community leaders for their advocacy

efforts on behalf of the nation's most valuable resource—its children.

The AMERIGROUP Foundation was founded and endowed in 2001 by AMERIGROUP Corporation, as a non-profit organization in which the company's business interests and the broader public interests are aligned and philanthropy plays a constructive role. The Foundation serves as a national resource that helps create healthy communities and fosters a continuum of education, access and care, all of which improve the health and well-being of lower-income and uninsured Americans. For more information on the Foundation, visit www.amerigroupcorp.com.



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Fashion Fun

by Shirley Robinson

GUCCI

Luxury merchandise is starting to sell once again since the Sept. 11 incident took the power out of retail. The Gucci design did not disappear entirely but the impact of the tragedy contributed greatly to the decline in sells. The Gucci group is wasting no time applying its formula, leading back on the fashion map and back on the fashion runways. This time around you are going to see Gucci in a new light, and so much more of it.

In the fashion industry Gucci is most famous for its handbags and luggage, but you're going to be pleasantly surprised to discover the many different items Gucci has to offer. Something for everyone, shoes-dressy or casual,



formal wear, ready to wear, a vast selection of caps, hats, socks, shorts, jeans, jackets, scarves, silk blouses, jewelry, key chains, cologne, etc.

You name it, Gucci has it, look for the Gucci label, from coast to coast at the finer department stores. Remember that there are very few Designer Brands with this type of world wide appeal, you and your Gucci will certainly be noticed.

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demonstrate powerful examples of COURAGE and FAITH exemplified during times of adversity. In 1996, then President Clinton declared the issue of church arson a national law enforcement priority dedicating the nation's resources to the investigation and prosecution of churches destroyed by racially motivated acts of violence and religious intolerance. The National Coalition for Burned Churches and Community Empowerment was established in October 1997 by mostly rural and southern African American leaders as a faith based response to the church-burning crisis.

The forum and photo exhibit is sponsored by the National Coalition for Burned Churches and Community Empowerment, in partnership with the Brisbane Institute Center for the Studies in Applied Politics at Morehouse College, and the Center for Democratic Renewal. National Coalition for Burned Churches and Community Empowerment PO Box 40784 * Charleston, SC 29423 * Ph 843.853.5363 Fax 843.853.5366 * email netbcp@aol.com

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EEOC Settles Racial Harassment Lawsuit Against Dana Corporation and Spicer Manufacturing

INDIANAPOLIS - The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) today announced a \$300,000 settlement, plus significant injunctive relief, of a racial harassment lawsuit against vehicle parts supplier and manufacturer Dana Corporation based in Virginia and Toledo, Ohio, and one of its divisions, Spicer Manufacturing, Inc. of Indiana.

The suit alleged that Dana subjected Delenore Guyton, Derrick Martin, Michael Steadman, Curtis Thompson, and a class of African-American employees working in its Syracuse, Ind., facility to racial harassment, including the display of hangman's nooses in the workplace. EEOC charged that Dana's actions, in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, were intentional and were done with malice or a reckless indifference to the federally protected rights of the black employees.

"Racial harassment, particularly in the form of nooses and racist graffiti, is a scourge that the EEOC is committed to driving out of the workplace," said Laurie Young, Regional Attorney for the EEOC's Indianapolis District Office. "We are pleased that Dana will cooperate with the EEOC in ridding its facilities of this malady."

According to the terms of the Consent Decree settling the case (EEOC, Derrick O. Martin, Delenore Guyton, Curtis Thompson, and Michael Steadman v. Dana Corporation, Spicer Manufacturing, Inc., Cause No. 391-CV-0372), filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, South Bend Division Dana agrees to:

- Pay \$280,000 to the aggrieved employees.
- Pay an additional \$50,000 in attorneys' fees to the private plaintiffs' attorneys.
- Maintain a work environment for all employees that is free from racial harassment and not discriminate on the basis of race.
- Comply with prohibitions of EEOC-enforced laws against workplace retaliation.
- Post a Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy in conspicuous locations visible to applicants and employees throughout its Syracuse facility.
- Adopt and implement a training program for all employees at its Syracuse facility, covering what constitutes unlawful employment practices under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including racial harassment and non-retaliation.

The training will cover all forms of racial harassment, and will identify specific racial issues

that the organization may be dealing with and how best to address those issues. The Consent Decree has a term of two and one-half years.

Ken Bird, Senior Trial Attorney for the EEOC's Indianapolis District Office, commented, "The Commission is pleased with the settlement we reached with Dana. We look forward to real changes taking place at Dana Syracuse through Dana's compliance with the terms of the Consent Decree."

In addition to enforcing Title VII, which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex (including sexual harassment or pregnancy) or national origin and protects employees who complain about such offenses from retaliation, the EEOC enforces the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, which protects workers age 40 and older from discrimination based on age; the Equal Pay Act of 1963; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits employment discrimination against people with disabilities in the federal sector Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits employment discrimination against people with disabilities in the private sector and state and local governments; and sections of the Civil Rights Act of 1991.



JAY'S CORNER

This writer, Ruby Jay; her daughter, Clarissa Jay; and Ronald "Bubba" Kinner and a friend, Carol, with the family dog, Patches, motored to Meridan, Texas for a Homecoming Holiday Celebration Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16, 2002. Joining them were a daughter and granddaughter, Chantell Jay of Dallas, Texas; and her boys. It was just good to see faces you haven't seen in a long time. All reported a wonderful time. It was a hectic time, but all had a wonderful time.

The New Hope Baptist Church 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor. The doors are still open for those who are looking for a church home. So come and visit with the congregation of the New Hope Baptist Church.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. with Sunday School and all teachers were at their post of duty. With the superintendent presiding, all students received thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a. m. teachers and students marched to the auditorium for a review of the morning lesson. What an interesting time all had.

At 10:45 a. m., the morning devotion was conducted by Brother Curtis Gipson and Sister Hattie Gipson. They were assisted by the Praise Team. What a time!

The New Hope Senior Choir marched in the morning processional singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Audrey Brickey. After the singing of a selection by the Senior Choir, the morning scripture was read by Sister Joan Jones. The morning prayer was given by Brother J. C. Quigley. Following the singing of another selection, the responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Lottie Barrow. The morning hymn was "Farther Along."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton who always has something positive to say. After the singing of another selection by the Senior Choir, Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "God Will Provide." It was another great sermon.

After the invitation to discipleship was extended by Pastor Moton, the morning announcements were read by Sister Denise Jamerson. Sister Emma Jackson welcomed all visitors.

The 3rd Annual "Women's Prayer Retreat will be held August 16 and 17, 2002

at the Ark in Amherst and will close out on Sunday, August 18th, with morning worship at the church. Any New Hope women who would like to work in any capacity, please contact either Sister Dyer or President Ervin.

Plans are underway for the Women in Red Banquet. Your help is appreciated. Presidents Margie Thomas and B. J. Caviel are the chairpersons. Additional information is forthcoming.

The B. M. E. Congress of Christian Education will be held in Dallas, Texas on July 22 through July 26, 2002.

The West Texas Baptist District Association will be held in Odessa, Texas on August 5 through 8, 2002. Let us not forget our sick and shut in citizens of the community. Also, those who have lost loved ones. A telephone call, visit, and prayers will mean so much to both groups. God is able!



Brunch and Blues - In celebration of Essence week, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. recently sponsored the Essence Awards Gospel Brunch held in Los Angeles at the world-famous B.B. King's Blues Club & Restaurant. Pictured (center) are gospel music legend/Gospocentric recording artist, Tramine Hawkins and CEO of Essence Entertainment, Clarence O. Smith. Also seen are Toyota's Gloria Jahn, Corporate Communications and Guillermo Hysaw, Vice President of Diversity.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday
Cloudy with some sun	Cloudy and cold; windy in the evening.	Clouds breaking for some sunshine.	Times of sun and clouds. Chance of showers.
44	44	78/31	71/36
RealFeel: 50	RealFeel: 28	RealFeel: 58	RealFeel: 50
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny.	Sunshine.	Intervals of clouds and sunshine.	Plenty of clouds with spotty showers.
68/35	63/34	65/43	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.

Weather Notes: tornado safety

☑ "Go low and get low" means go to the lowest level of the structure you're in, crouch in a low position and cover your head to protect it. In your home, take cover in the center part of the house, on the lowest floor, in a small room such as a closet or bathroom. If there's time, pull a mattress into the room with you and cover your family's heads with it. Get away from the windows and stay away from corners because they tend to attract debris. If possible, get under a sturdy piece of furniture to deflect debris.

☑ If you live in a mobile home, it's best to evacuate the structure, even if it has a tie-down system. If there is no designated shelter in the mobile home park, take cover on low, protected ground.

☑ If you're caught in your car, leave it and seek shelter in a nearby substantial building (if one is available) or lie flat in a close ditch or ravine. Never try to outrun a tornado in your car.

☑ "Go low and get low" is an easy way to remember what to do for tornado safety.

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JESUS
"LORD WE FORGOT TO REMEMBER"

DEUTERONOMY 6:10 & 12, WHEN THE LORD THY GOD SHALL HAVE BROUGHT THEE INTO THE LAND WHICH HE SWARE UNTO THY FATHERS, AND HOUSED FULL OF ALL GOOD THINGS, WHICH THOU FILLEDST NOT, AND WELLS DIGGED, WHICH THOU DIGGEDST NOT, VINEYARDS AND OLIVE TREES, WHICH THOU PLANTEDST NOT: WHEN THOU SHALT HAVE EATEN AND BE FULL, THEN BEWARE LEST THOU FORGET THE LORD.

LORD, I REMEMBER WHEN LIFE WAS SIMPLE, WE LOVED TO PRAISE YOU, THEN THE 60'S CAME, AND MANKIND WANTED TO DO, WHAT HE WANTED TO DO.

ISAIAH 1:4, AH SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVIL DOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD.

BEFORE 60'S WE WASHED CLOTHES IN A TUB, WASH POT, AND A RUB BOARD, HUNG THEM ON THE OUTSIDE, IN THE WINTER: THEY FROZE HARD AS A BOARD.

PROVERB 28:6, BETTER IS THE POOR THAT WALKETH IN HIS UPRIGHTNESS, THAN HE THAT IS PERVERSE (WRONG) IN HIS WAYS, THOUGH HE BE RICH.

LORD, I REMEMBER WHEN THE RESTROOM WAS THE LITTLE HOUSE, BEHIND THE BIG HOUSE; WE FOUGHT FLIES, SPIDERS, WASPS, BEFORE CAME OUT.

PROVERB 14:20, THE POOR IS HATED EVEN OF HIS OWN NEIGHBOUR:

BUT THE RICH HATH MANY FRIENDS.

(MY UNCLE CLINT MORRISON, TOLD ME OF HIS RAISING UP IN 1925, WHEN THEY HAD A SHACK TO LIVE IN; YOU COULD SEE THE CHICKENS AND DUCKS THROUGH THE FLOOR, AND THE SUN AND MOON THROUGH THE ROOFTOP.

HE SAID, HE HAD NO SHOES AND IN THE WINTER TIME HE WOULD MILK COWS: AND HIS FEET WOULD BE SO COLD; HE WOULD PUT THEM INTO THE COWS DO-DO TO WARM THEM. BUT GOD BLESSED PAPPA BILL AND MAMMA SUSIE TO RAISE 7 CHILDREN; PAPPA TOLD ME, HE THANKED GOD; THEY DIDNT HAVE CHILDREN THAT SPILLED ANOTHER MAN'S BLOOD, AND NO JAIL BIRDS. IT OK TO BE POOR; BUT KEEP ON TRUSTING IN THE LORD !!! THEY DIDN'T ROB GOD).

LORD, EVEN I REMEMBER GETTING OUT OF BED; ONTO THE ICE COLD FLOOR.

WHEN THERE WAS A BENT NAIL; THE ONLY LOCK FOR THE DOOR.

PHILIPPIANS 4:19, MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEED ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY BY CHRIST JESUS.

(NOW AMERICA DON'T TRUST IN GOD; IT HAPPENS WHEN WE LEFT HIS WORDS, WE'RE AFRAID NOW; AND PRISONS IN OUR OWN HOMES; TWO AND THREE LOCKS ON ONE DOOR. THE UNCIVILIZED WORLD AROUND US; NOW HAVE THEIR RIGHTS; TO DO YOU AND ME WRONG. BUT THE MAN IN THE JUNGLES, CAN LIVE IN A HUT; WITHOUT FEARING SOMEONE ROBBING, RAPING, AND KILLING HIS FAMILY.)

PSALM 40:4, BLESSED IS THAT MAN THAT MAKETH THE LORD HIS TRUST, AND RESPECTETH NOT THE PROUD, NOR SUCH AS TURN ASIDE TO LIES.

LORD, I REMEMBER WHEN RESPECTING ELDERS; AT HOME IT WAS LEARNED, THERE IS A LIE TOLD TO THE CHILDREN; RESPECT MUST BE EARNED.

PROVERB 22:6, TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO; AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.

LORD I REMEMBER WHEN WOULD BRING IN WATER; IT WOULD FREEZE OVER NIGHT, AND WHEN GETTING EGGS FROM THE CHICKENS; SOME OF THEM WOULD BUTE.

MATTHEW 5:3, JESUS SAID, BLESSED (HAPPY) ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT; FOR THEIR IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

LORD, I REMEMBER I DIDNT KNOW; I DIDNT HAVE THE BEST OF THINGS, TGDAYS CHILDREN WANTS EVERYTHING ON T.V. SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

PROVERB 27:20, HILL AND DESTRUCTION ARE NEVER FULL; SO THE EYES OF MAN ARE NEVER SATISFIED.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON. 111. YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
"Items of Our Faith"

"But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believed on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." —Romans 4:24-25

Carefully reading of verses 24-25 of Romans 4 yields two exciting facts we believe about Jesus our Lord. These two facts could be labeled "items of our faith."

First, Jesus was delivered for our offenses. Because of the sin humanity, Jesus had to die if salvation were to be procured. He died to make atonement for our sins, to expiate our guilt; to satisfy divine justice. We believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" but also that He was delivered to death "by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God." We were sin-

ners and "the wages of sin is death." However; because of our faith; Jesus credits our life's account for His righteousness. Therefore; we have eternal life as a gift. While that gift is free to us who receive it; it was very costly to those who gave it. God gave His Son; Jesus gave His life. He was "delivered for our offenses."

The second item of our faith in the mentioned Scriptures is Jesus our Lord "was raised again for our justification, for the perfecting and completing of our justification. What is our justification? It is our transformation from sinners to people who are just, people who are righteous. This change takes place when our sins are erased from God's book and we are given credit for righteousness. So by the merit of His death he paid our debt, in his resurrection he exonerated us. When he

was buried he lay a prisoner in execution for our debt, which He took on as a guarantee to pay our debt; on the third day angel roll away the stone and discharged the prisoner which was the greatest assurance possible that divine justice was satisfied and the debt paid.

How then again is our justification related to Christ's resurrection? Sometimes looking at a picture of it can help our understanding of reality. Jesus' atonement for us is a picture in the ceremonies of the Day of Atonement in earlier times. On that day, the priest offered sacrifices to atone for his sins and the sins of the people. However, atonement was not complete when the victims died. The priest took some of the blood into the inner shrine of the tabernacle or temple, to the Holy Ark that symbolized God's presence. Only

then was atonement completed.

Items of Our Faith

Jesus died to atone for our sins, but atonement was not complete at the moment of His death. Jesus was both sacrifice and priest. As sacrifice He died for our sins; as priest He was raised from the dead to enter not into a holy place made with human hands, but into Heaven itself "to appear in the presence of God for us" When He did that the atonement was complete, and with it, our justification was complete. God's gift is free, but it is not compulsory. No one gets it who does not want it; not one gets it who does not value it; no one gets it who does not believe in the giver. The gift is given freely by God's grace, but it is received by man's faith. How much hangs on our faith!

"Leading the Way and Staying Strong"

Sidewalk Installation Honors 15 Community Leaders

Baltimore, MD. March 26, 2002 While we all know and recognize the leadership of a great patriot of civil rights Martin Luther King and the example of the courageous act of defiance of Rosa Parks, we sometimes overlook the outstanding achievements and significant service of the people who live in our own communities. The consistent strides of ordinary people have been critical to current movements for positive social change in society. Their thoughtful service to others provides a context for community centered social justice worldwide. In honor and appreciation of those worthy deeds, Black Living Legends a program of the National Juneteenth Museum based in Baltimore City will hold the first "Black Living Legends" sidewalk installation and awards program in Druid Hill Park, a Black Historical Site. Black Living Legends will recognize "15 Outstanding Community People" June, 27, 2002 from 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Druid Hill Park. Themed, "Black Living Legends Leading the Way and Staying Strong," this select group of honorees will be saluted for significant service to their communities in specific areas of endeavor. They include: Art: Joyce Scott, Athletics: Pete Pompey, Edmondson High School, Civic: Gloria Lester, Baltimore Area Gleaning Network, Education: Elizabeth Edmonds. PH-D Coppin State, St. Francis Academy,

Entrepreneur: Joy Bramble, The Baltimore Times. Lifetime Achievement: Lena K- Lee (D), House Retired, Media: Sandi Mallory, WEAA 88-9, Medicine: Dr. Edward Cornwall III, Johns Hopkins, Hospital. Police: Richard Hite, Vanguard Justice Society, Politics: Kurt Schmoke. PA. Mayor Baltimore City, Religion: Rev. Vernon Dobson, Union Baptist Church, Science/Technology: Dr. Russell Kelley, Engineer Retired, Social Responsibility: Israel Casson, I Can't, We Can, and Young Adult: Deborah Abrams, Baltimore Youth Opportunity Movement. There will be a three bronze plaque installation, honoring historical legends, past honorees and 2002 honorees. The program will include a lively networking reception followed by lunch and an awards program, led by a distinguished Master of Ceremonies. The event will attract the "Who's Who" of prominent Baltimore Community Leaders and Business Executives. Juneteenth Museum's, Sunday remarks that, "The people we are honoring this year are in the forefront of community leadership. Their accomplishments serve to inspire and motivate people in our world. It is our hope that young children, teens and young adults will see this installation and identify with these great people and recognize that they too can be of service". For more information call 410-467-2724.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast wants to clear up a point in Mark 11, regarding believing you receive when you pray, because there is no physical evidence to support what you believe in the natural. It can be awesome for you since we as humans are conditioned from childhood to see, feel, hear, taste and smell. Thus, when it comes to this business of praying and believing, you receive without having anything to touchy taste, hear, see or smell. It is awesome!

It is like jumping out of an airplane without a parachute. Imagine what that might be like. We trust you will not try it, but just imagine it. We are so conditioned by our senses by walking by faith is a foreign experience, because of our conditioning. We really have to develop our faith and wean ourselves from our senses in order to be successful. If not; we will be intimidated and tempted to judge a situation by what we see, feel, hear, taste or touch. Mark 11 crystallizes the idea of believing you receive without seeing anything. When we pray believing, we receive before we finish the prayer, because we know that he hears us. Be sure we have faith in God.

The scripture says we can speak to that mountain in your life, and it will move. Just step out in faith. The word of God is your only support, but there's power in the word of God to move every mountain we have in our home, community, our children. Let's trust God! Step out in faith!

Thought of the Week: "Why are we so concerned about trying to save the masses, when that one lost soul is so important. Go for one today!"

"Watch your attitude during the holiday season. It will make you a different person." Try it!

We are sending a call out to all bereaved families and those who are sick at this report. Remember, God's word has power to heal bodies and broken hearts.

Keep those prayers going on your street, grocery store, service stations, pharmacy while you are picking up your medication. Pray over it when you pay your bills by check. Just put a little word on them like, "In God We Trust."

We are always willing to read your letters when you write to us. Our address is:

Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. We are so excited about hearing from you. We'll be looking for your letter.

For your information, did you know that the "Outreach Prayer Breakfast" was one of the first articles to appear in the Southwest Digest on September 11, 1977. Thus, this means when this date comes in a few months, we, too, as the Southwest Digest, will be at least 25 years old. Praise God!

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

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Bishop Young Will Preach Here Sunday
—The Prelate of the 10th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop McKinley Young will deliver the morning sermon at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2002 Southeast Drive, beginning at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Danny Poe is host pastor.

MT. GILEAD MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOST ANNUAL DAY JUNE 30TH

The Missionary Society of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church will host their Annual Women's Day on Sunday afternoon, June 30, 2002, beginning at 5:00.

With the theme, "A Pattern For Spiritual Living," Philip 2:5-8, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church will honor outstanding women of the City of Lubbock who have lived an exemplary life pattern for many to live by.

The public is invited to come and share this very special program with Mt. Gilead Baptist Church and will encourage you to bring a friend. If you attend, you will be glad you did.

Sister Mary Paul is chairperson; and Rev. J. J. Johnson is pastor.

In Remembrance...



CHRISTOPHER L. CARRINGTON

Funeral services were held for Christopher Lydell Carrington last Monday afternoon, June 24, 2002, at the Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

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

He died Wednesday, June 19, 2002.

Mr. Carrington was born September 8, 1961, in Lubbock. He was married to Gloria Jean Washington on April 2, 1987, in Lubbock. He graduated from Estacade High School in 1980 and from South Plains College in 1983. He earned a degree in automotive technology and was employed with the City of Lubbock for 19 years with fleet maintenance.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Jean Carrington; a son, Jeffery Lydell of Lubbock, Texas; his mother, Edith Carrington; four brothers: Wiley Carrington, Durwin Carrington, Ronnie Tatum and Sammy Tatum, all of Lubbock, Texas, a sister, Carlotta Washington of Lubbock, Texas.



EARL POWELL JR.

SLATON — Funeral services were held for Earl Powell, Jr. last Thursday, June 20, 2002, at the Mount Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Clifton Peoples, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Englands Funeral Service.

Mr. Powell died Saturday, June 15, 2002.

He was born August 30, 1929, in Slaton, Texas, where he was a lifelong resident. He worked for Underwood-Trinity Press and in later years he was in yard maintenance.

He was a member of the Mount Olive Baptist Church.

*Well son, I'll tell you
Life for me ain't been no crystal ball
It's had roses in it, and splinters,
And boards tore up,
And places with no carpet on the floor—
Bare. But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landings, and turnin' corners,
And sometimes gain' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So boys, don't you turn back,
Don't you set down on the steps,
'Cause you find it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now,
For I'still goin', honey,
I'still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal ball.
—Hughes (1922)*

**Homage to the Lady:
Mary Louise McCormick
or Granny**



by Rodney Lewis Jr.

It seems uniquely fitting that some people should live. My grandmother was one of these people.

She embodied all of the enduring qualities that make the world more bearable; more just; and more humane. Although she did not have all of the "advantages" of a lengthy formal education, her intelligence and her wisdom were nonetheless impeccable. She dazzled, humored, and at times amazed me with her quick wit and charming personality. Her compassion, dignity, elegance, and grace were beyond reproach. Her wealth was not money in the bank nor stock on Wall Street; it was in the form of endless wisdom; deposited deeply in the recesses of her heart and mind, available to anyone who wanted to make a withdrawal. At times she could be demanding, but only when it came to what she wanted most - her loved ones to strive for the very best. She wanted all of us to be upright, healthy, educated, productive and financially independent. Anything less would not do. Also, my grandmother was a very beautiful woman. Everyone noticed or commented on her flawless style and faultless design. Mary Louise McCormick was the total package.

From the day I moved into her house, our relationship was that of discussions. As I matured, and as my education expanded, so did the conversations. She was one of the few people I enjoyed talking with, at length, on topics as diverse as politics, current affairs, race, religion, and education. During these innumerable discussions, I grew increasingly aware of her unusual intellectual abilities. I was convinced that she was truly blessed with an innate capacity few people possessed. The lucidity of her thoughts, uncorrupted by formal training, was commonsensical and her analytical skills sharp. The agility of her synthesis was equally impressive as she

effortlessly employed analogy and metaphor to illuminate what was obvious to her. I struggled to intellectualize - in the end, however, we often reached the same conclusions. She recognized her general ability and called it "mother wit." Psychologists simply call it "g." Whatever one chooses to label it, it was undeniable that my grandmother possessed it at a very high level.

Other enduring qualities of my grandmother were her sense of concern and compassion. Don't get me wrong, my grandmother could get about it, but it - ask Brandon! That, however, was not her nature. By nature she was sweet and inquisitive. She had a genuine interest in the human condition, and she constantly inquired into the nature of human suffering. She was especially concerned with the plight of Lubbock's Black community. She believed that we once had direction - that our direction was lost by virtue of the misguided hope of desegregation and the abolition of prayer in schools. She often expressed these two concerns using effective anecdotal narrative. For instance, she believed that Black teachers played an invaluable role in the lives of her generation. Because Black teachers truly cared, she used to say, Black students felt an obligation and a duty to "do right." For her, the near absence of Black teachers in the classroom today has worked to seriously disadvantage Lubbock's Black youth. Additionally, she believed that the loss of prayer in schools has done much to heighten aggression and disobedience. The end result of these two fundamental social overhauls has sent negative energy, operating in various forms, reverberating throughout our entire community.

In addition to possessing these qualities, my grandmother had a certain savior-faire that made the

world take notice. Her spirit was independent and her motives laudable. She did not buy into traditional notions of what a grandmother should be. She was a moral and God-fearing woman who knew the difference between religion and culture. As such, she reworked the system. Undaunted by criticism and with unwavering audacity, she lived life to its fullest by doing what she wanted to do. To the unsophisticated, she may have seemed a bit capricious or oxymoronic. In reality, she was tantalizingly consistent in her dynamism. She refused to wait for death in silent conformity.

Oh yes, absolutely gorgeous; that is what my grandmother was. Her inner beauty radiated throughout her soul. It expressed itself in the curve of her shoulders and in the curl of her carefully manicured fingers. It danced on the hue of her supple, coffee-colored skin, delightfully contoured smile, and sparkling brown eyes. She took particular pride in her appearance and encouraged others to do the same. She humored me with her inability to fully appreciate the work of beauticians who worked with her. Every hair style was to a large extent her work. As for clothing, my granny was one of the best-dressed women in Lubbock - the envy of many women. Like her hair, her clothing reflected her unique personality and drew many admirers.

No amount or combination of words can ever (re)present my grandmother. They can only help me remember. They help preserve her as more than an abstract idea. They capture bits and pieces of who she was to me. In her absence they become my reality - that link to the past, the details of which I have forgotten. In the end, my memories of her must necessarily replace her. They are finite, manageable, and they belong to me. She is mine - my granny.

STRENGTH FOR TODAY; HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Question: Why do I have to go to church. Why can't I just worship God the way I want to?

Answer: I have found these two questions are usually related because they are motivated by the same attitude. Let me first explain the attitude and then I will answer the question.

The attitude can be described in two possible ways. The first description is reflected in the question, "What is the least I can do and still be pleasing to God?" The second description is portrayed by the statement, "I don't want to do what God asks me to do but I still want the blessings God promises." This attitude is usually used by someone wanting to justify their lack of church attendance.

The person who uses this excuse to avoid coming to worship God has no love for God in their heart. You can almost hear someone in the background saying, "You shouldn't judge others." To that person let me ask a question. Can a person truly recognize their lost condition in sin, learn about the horrible sacrifice of Jesus, who paid the price for our sins and yet refuse to come together with other grateful people and say how wonderful God is for saving us? If there is any appreciation at all in this person they would crawl to the nearest house of worship to honor the living God.

The one who seeks to find an excuse not to come to worship should simply be straight forward enough to admit they don't want to come to worship. Let's not offer God some petty excuses to justify our rebellion against Him. I am reminded of the story of W.C. Fields on his death bed. It is told that Jack Carson came to

see his friend who was dying. He found Fields reading a Bible. He knew that Fields was not a religious man. He asked, "Bill, what are you doing reading the Bible?" Fields replied in that characteristic voice, "Looking for loopholes." Those who make excuses for not coming to worship God and use the excuses mentioned are hoping that maybe God has some loopholes in His Bible that will allow them to do what they want to do and still get to heaven.

The Bible is clear about our worship. Firstly, we must worship in spirit and in truth. "For an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers" (John 4:24).

Secondly, the Hebrew writer encourages us to "draw near to God", "hold fast the confession of our hope", "consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds", "not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some" (Hebrews 10:22-25).

As to the manner of worship, we are able to see from the Bible that God has shown us what He desires in our worship. In the book of Acts 20:7 we find the saints were gathered together on the first day of the week to break bread (the Lord's supper). They were not hanging out on the corner waiting for the Friday night fish fry. The Bible tells us when they met and what they did. We find that during this assembly Paul preached to them. In 1 Timothy 2:1-4 we find when the church is assembled they should pray. Throughout the Old and New Testaments we find singing was always a part of worshipping God. From the time that Moses

and the children of Israel sang in Exodus until the Angels sang in Revelation, singing has always been a part of worship to God. And finally, in 1 Corinthians 16:1,2 when the church was assembled they took up a collection for the relief of the saints. This is what the Bible teaches us about worship. We have not been given the flexibility to worship when we want and how we want.

Consider what happened to Nadab and Abihu when they offered strange fire as an act of worship to God (see Leviticus 10:1-3). God has given us His word to guide us. We don't need to reinvent the wheel. Our task is to simply obey what has already been written.

To answer the question, you don't have to go to worship, you get to go to worship! Why would you want to miss out on worshipping with people who have a similar appreciation of salvation that you have. Get up Sunday morning and look forward to worshipping the King.



Grace and peace
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Protecting Your Personal Information

Q: I recently received an e-mail telling me that as of July 1, a new law will allow credit bureaus to release my personal information to anyone who asks for it. This isn't right! What can I do to protect my personal information?

A: My office has received many inquiries about the e-mail you received. This message has been circulating on the Internet since last summer, and it isn't exactly accurate.

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, credit bureaus are allowed to release your personal information - name, address, telephone number - to requestors with a legitimate business need. For example, if you apply for credit, the company is allowed to request your credit report.

In addition, certain companies may use your information to send you unsolicited offers for credit or insurance. This is known as "pre-screening." You do, however, have the right to request that these companies not call you or send you offers in the mail. You can call (888) 567-8688 and request that credit bureaus not release your personal information to companies doing pre-screening. This opt-out number applies ONLY to the national credit bureaus and pre-screening offers.

The law referenced in the e-mail you received is the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLB). The GLB set July 1, 2001 as the deadline for all financial institutions to give consumers notice about their privacy policies and their options for opting out of information sharing practices.

Consumers did not need to do anything by July 1, 2001; that deadline was strictly for the

financial institutions. Consumers can ask their financial institutions not give out their personal information at any time. You should contact the financial institutions you do business with and request a copy of their privacy policy and their opt-out procedures.

Remember, you should never give out your personal information such as your address, date of birth, driver's license number, or Social Security number over the phone, through the mail, or on the Internet unless you know who you are dealing with. Identity thieves may pose as representatives from banks, Internet Service Providers, or government agencies to get you to reveal your personal information.

Legitimate organizations with whom you do business already have the information they need and will not ask you to provide it. For more information about your privacy rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, visit the Federal Trade Commission Web site at www.ftc.gov. You can also call the FTC at (877) FTC-HELP.

Q: I recently was denied a credit card because of my credit history. I ordered my credit report and discovered

several inaccurate entries. How can I get them removed?

A: The Consumer Protection Division of my office receives many inquiries each month from consumers who need to fix their credit reports. Your credit record contains information about your income, debts, and credit payment history. If you have ever been sued or arrested, or have filed for bankruptcy, that information will also be included in your credit report.

Because banks, lending institutions, and credit card companies take your credit report into account when considering doing business with you, it is important that your credit report is accurate. If you discover an inaccurate entry on your credit report, you should file a written dispute with the credit bureau and with the company that gave the information to the credit bureau. Both parties are required by law to investigate your dispute.

Colon Cancer: Get Screened

by Lorry Lucas

Want to improve your chances of living a long and healthy life? Get screened for colon cancer.

Last year, about 48,000 Americans died of this disease, and 98,000 new cases are expected this year. Colon cancer is the #2 cause of cancer death in both men and women. But colon cancer is preventable, through regular testing and through the removal of polyps in the colon, which often grow into cancerous tumors.

The most common symptom of colon cancer is no symptom. Screening is the best way to find polyps before they become cancers, and to find cancer early when treatment can be most effective. Talk with your doctor about your screening options. These include fecal occult blood testing, flexible sigmoidoscopy, double contrast barium enema and colonoscopy. If none of your relatives had colon cancer, the recommended age to start screening is 50. If a close relative had the disease, or if you have a history of inflammatory bowel syndrome, ulcerative col-

itis, Crohn's disease, or abdominal or intestinal polyps, you should talk to your doctor about starting screening earlier.

In addition to regular screening, there are some lifestyle choices that will decrease your chances of getting colon cancer, including:

- Daily exercise
- No smoking
- Weight control
- Limited alcohol intake.

If you are diagnosed with colon cancer, treatment options include surgery and drug therapy. In addition to medicines already available, pharmaceutical companies are working on 55 new medicines to treat colorectal.

To learn more about colon cancer go to www.nccra.org or www.calliance.org. To learn about medicines in development for colon cancer and other diseases, go to www.phrma.org.

Lorry Lucas is Associate Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

TTU Student Receives Scholarship to Study Vietnam

LUBBOCK — Jennifer Board, a graduate student in history at Texas Tech University, received the first Lee Roy Herron Scholarship during a ceremony at 4 p.m. Friday (May 17) at the International Cultural Center on the Texas Tech University Campus. The scholarship is named in honor of a U.S. Marine killed in Vietnam in 1969. Board's scholarship will provide \$1,700 toward furthering her studies.

"Jenny is an exceedingly bright and promising young lady who happens to be the daughter of a career Air Force officer," said James R. Reckner, Ph.D., director of the Texas Tech University Vietnam Center. "Though it is coincidental to Jenny's superb academic

performance, it is appropriate that the first winner should come from a military family."

Board is the daughter of retired Air Force Capt. Mack Board and Cathy Board of Pittsburg, Texas. She graduated from Pittsburg High School in 1997.

Board will use proceeds of the scholarship to visit Vietnam this summer to further work on her thesis comparing the U.S. prisoner of war experiences in Vietnam and Korea. A key part of her trip will be a visit to Hoa Lo Prison, the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" where captured American servicemen were imprisoned during the war, explained Reckner.

The scholarship is named for Lee Roy Herron who was killed

in the A Shau Valley in 1969 and posthumously awarded the Navy Cross, the nation's second-highest honor, which is given to members of the Navy and the Marine Corps for extraordinary heroism. He was a 1963 graduate of Lubbock High School.

David Nelson, former school mate of Herron from Houston, aided in the efforts to create the Lee Roy Herron Scholarship for students concentrating their studies on the American experience in Vietnam. "This scholarship both honors Lee Roy and reinforces the Vietnam Center's efforts to help future generations understand more about a conflict that has had a profound, lingering impact on America," Nelson said.



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“One Cannot Take a Federal Judges Decision Lightly”

By Eddie Richardson

The single member district is a very serious issue and very emotional. Let's give a little history. This writer was one of ten first people to bring this issue up at Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808 building in 1969 at a United Black Coalition meeting. We (Black citizens) were pushing for the Ward System, like the one in Chicago, Illinois and in Louisiana. This meeting almost scared the pants off a lot of people including African Americans.

Things cooled down for a while when a local attorney, A. Gene Gaines — who was African American; made the statement at the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs at St. Luke Baptist Church: “I am going to finish what Eddie Richardson started.”

He later entered Federal Judge Halbert O. Woodard's court, who is now retired, in Amarillo, Texas; and was almost jailed for contempt. At that time, the Black community began raising money for the case. Then the Hispanic community, League of Women Voters, and others, along with the Southwest Voters League. Of course, there were local white attorneys.

This writer and T. J. Patterson were subpoenaed to testify for the plaintiffs;

along with A. Gene Gaines and others from the Black community and Brown Community. Also the late editor of the *Avalanche Journal*, Chas. A. Gay, who surprised everyone. He told the real story which included the functions of the early KKK in the early Black school situation and everything in between and enjoyed himself doing so. The minorities were overjoyed with his testimony.

This case had been denied at one time, but after a lot of protesting by various people and organizations joining the fight, the case came back to the Court for a second time leading up to this meeting where this writer as the President of the United Black Coalition proposed the real thing — the Ward System. The late Harold M. Chatman put an *Avalanche Journal* reporter out of the meeting.

Leading up to the second time around in court, we protested, marched. This writer called military cadences. There was a lot of emotions, heart breaks, disappointments, and other events to prevent this from becoming a reality. All of us entered this event in a real, serious position. However, at this particular time in history, we have a city councilman who seems to think as though this has been a game. Not so! This city councilmember was elected from district 4, now living in District 6 which already has a city councilman, Alex “Tye” Cooke. He has made a statement that the lawsuit only affected District 1 and 2. Yes, he lied! He doesn't really know the facts. Before the suit there was no districts. They system was totally at large or silver dollar representation. In other words, all city councilmembers lived in the same neighborhood.

The District System came about when Judge Woodard made this famous statement:

“Time has changed, events have changed, situations and lives have changed, and I've changed. I rule in favor of the plaintiffs.”

Now, that was the beginning of the single member district. Maggel Treio won the District 1 post and T.J. Patterson won District 2. No, we didn't get the Ward system.

Victor Hernandez is the second member of the council from District 1. T. J. Patterson is the only person elected to represent District 2.

Now get this Frank Morrison, you have a lot to learn. Check it out and learn more about the real history. In other words, Frank, where were you when all of this was going on. Either you had no interest in what was going on in Lubbock or you were not in Lubbock, Texas. But for your information, your district does apply to the total city including District 4. We believe you made the statement to your understanding only District 1 and 2 were affected. Your understanding is wrong!

One thing for sure; this was a time in Lubbock history when the minority communities made a non-binding pact for District 1; Hispanic; and District 2; African American. The pact was a handshake between Blacks and Browns as a show of friendship and solidarity.

Nuff Said! Why Not?

THIS N THAT

IT WAS GOOD TO SEE! THIS N THAT ... enjoyed seeing something happening in the ... AREA OF EAST 19TH STREET AND BIRCH AVENUE ... on the ... 19TH OF JUNE ... AS THERE was the moving of the former ... GUARDADO FUNERAL CHAPEL BUILDING ... to this address where it will become the home of ... BROCK'S SOUTH PLAINS FUNERAL DIRECTORS... This is another omen of good things happening in the ... EAST LUBBOCK COMMUNITY... No doubt about it ... this moving of such a large building ... to the East Side ... did stop traffic and there was a lot of talk about it... THIS N THAT ... is just always elated when there are some positive economic development events happening in this part of the city... In past years ... THE N THAT ... did make known the same kind of happenings of ... CASSIE CURRY FUNERAL HOME AND JAMISON FUNERAL HOME... In other words ... this is the beginning of much more activity to happen in this part of the city... and we are glad about it... THIS N THAT ... REMINDS EACH OF YOU OF OUR THEME ... EAST LUBBOCK IS ON THE MOVE! JOB OPPORTUNITY HERE! THIS N THAT ... receives employment announcements from time to time ... and thought the one this week will help someone in the community... This announcement comes from: ... NUNN ELECTRIC SUPPLY CORPORATION ... 5902 Spur 327 ... The opportunity is the position of ... DRIVER/WAREHOUSE WORKER ... If you are interested and know of someone who may be interested ... contact ... RICK MORRIS ... at 797-2697 ... Applications may be picked up ... between 9:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. ... Monday thru Friday ... THIS N THAT ... thought there would be someone who may be interested ... Hope so!

GOOD THING TO DO! THIS N THAT ... has been invited to a function ... sponsored by the ... LUBBOCK HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND LUBBOCK POWER & LIGHT ... with State Representative Carl Isett as guest speaker ... and a special honor for ... MAYOR PRO TEM VICTOR HERNANDEZ ... This is a good gesture ... and should be well received by ... BROTHER HERNANDEZ ... THIS N THAT ... salutes all who were responsible for this special effort for ... BROTHER HERNANDEZ ... The event is on tap for ... JULY 3, 2002 ... at the Holiday Inn Towers ... 801 Avenue Q. It is just good to see these kind of activities in our city ... and will be looking forward to attending...

JUST A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR JUNETEENTH NEXT YEAR! THIS N THAT ... appreciates what was done during the recent ... JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ... but would like to offer two suggestions... Number one ... WHY NOT HAVE WORSHIP SERVICES ON THE LAST DAY OF THE CELEBRATION ... and ... the second one ... HAVE THE PARADE ON THE 19TH OF JUNE ... regardless of the day of the week ... Just thought these two would help in the future... Need to keep it very serious ... as other states are doing some great things...

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: “IF WE AS BLACK PEOPLE ... would stick together ... then we can all make a ... DIFFERENCE!”

STILL LEAVING BEFORE BENEDICTION AT FEDERATION OF CHOIRS! THIS N THAT ... is still observing, many choir members ... leaving the ... FEDERATION OF CHOIRS ... before the ... BENEDICTION... Would be great if we could all remain till the end of the monthly meeting... If we keep in mind the group only meets once a month... Should be easy... If we would just do something like this ... just think of what kind of signal this would send through the community... Why not give it a try ... This would be a good issue for the officers of the ... FEDERATION OF CHOIRS ... to talk about... Sure... there is a solution ... Why not look into it... LUBBOCK HIGH SCHOOL HAS TOO MANY STUDENTS! THIS N THAT ... would offer an idea for the Lubbock School Board of Trustees ... Since ... LUBBOCK HIGH SCHOOL ... is overcrowded ... why not send some of those students to Estacado High School... THIS N THAT ... has been noticing the number of ...TRANSFER STUDENTS ... to Lubbock High School ... which is a great high school... Since ... ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL ... needs the enrollment ... why not send them to Estacado ... This would mean so much if this was done ... and it would be a win win situation for all in the city... THIS N THAT ... believes this could become a reality ... since there are board members K who are concerned about the future of the Lubbock Public School District... Why not give it a chance to work...?

Special Folks...

Dedicated to F. J. Patterson and Eddie Richardson

Sometimes God sends us special folks
Who brighten up our life—
The kind that help to lift our load,
And take away our strife...

Sometimes God sends us special folks
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Sometimes God sends us special folks
Who take us by the hand—
The kind that tarry for awhile
And help us understand...

Sometimes God sends us special folks
Who make our dreams come true—
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Dear special folks like you!!!

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This is in regards to a problem I have encountered as an insurance agent. I am Hispanic and I want to focus on the Hispanic and Black market. All I am trying to do is educate families why life insurance should be a necessity.

My assumption is that many Hispanics and Blacks have not yet been hit with reality. When someone dies they may leave dependent family, and they don't realize that after their untimely death they leave behind a financial burden. Death is unpredictable and unavoidable, and we must all prepare for it today.

People with life insurance should ask themselves if they have enough coverage to cover finances such as final expenses, Debt, Mortgage, Education and Retirement. Even though a person dies their debts do not, and someone is left to pay them.

Reality check: Funeral expenses increase almost every year by 10%. Nowadays, \$5,000 in coverage isn't enough to pay funeral expenses.

My brother died in 2000, and he did not have life insurance. When making all of the arrangements we selected some of the most expensive things, and the funeral added up to almost \$7,000 including burial. For some it meant sacrificing their bills just to pay their share.

I would hate to see other families go through these same financial situations. I am in this business to educate people about the importance of life insurance. So, life is a lot to anyone who does not have life insurance to think about.

Sincerely,

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→ 76 Colleges and Universities Receive Grants at Awards Ceremony Held at The Governor's Mansion

AUSTIN, Texas—At a reception and luncheon at The Governor's Mansion, ExxonMobil Foundation awarded \$3.5 million in unrestricted grants to 76 Texas colleges and universities to match educational gifts made in 2001 by ExxonMobil employees, retirees, surviving spouses, and directors. Over the past ten years, ExxonMobil matching gift grants to Texas colleges and universities have totaled more than \$33 million.

Initiated in 1962, the ExxonMobil Educational Matching Gift program matches gifts to higher education on a 3-to-1 basis and has provided more than \$250 million in gifts to higher education in the United States. This year the ExxonMobil Educational Matching Gift Program contributed more than \$16.6 million in unrestricted grants to 930 col-

leges and universities. Texas colleges and universities consistently rank as the top recipients of the company's contributions through this program.

"Whether you are a part of one of our many great institutions of higher learning; a legislator; or a corporate supporter of higher education such as ExxonMobil, we all stand together today as partners for a better future," said The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas. "An educated child is the best economic development tool we have in Texas. An enlightened mind is the best guarantee of a prosperous future."

Under the ExxonMobil Educational Matching Gift Program, a donor can give up to \$5,000 a year to colleges and universities with which he or she is affiliated and the Foundation matches those

gifts on a 3-to-1 basis up to \$15,000. The affiliate requirement is waived for gifts to the United Negro College Fund, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and the American Indian College Fund.

"Our educational matching gift program exemplifies the commitment ExxonMobil has made to higher education and to its employees," said Kenneth P. Cohen, vice president for public affairs, Exxon Mobil Corporation and chairman, ExxonMobil Foundation. "Our employees have a long history of supporting their colleges and universities across the country. We are honored to have Governor Perry here today to join us in recognizing the academic excellence of Texas colleges and universities."

ExxonMobil Foundation is the primary philanthropic arm of the Exxon Mobil Corporation in the United States. The Foundation engages in a broad range of philanthropic activities focusing on the communities where Exxon Mobil Corporation has significant operations. In addition, the Foundation supports research and dissemination on selected topics of national interest; to the energy industry. Focus areas include education, health and environment. In 2001, ExxonMobil Foundation, Exxon Mobil Corporation, and its divisions and affiliates provided \$126 million in contributions worldwide, with \$38 million dedicated to education.

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Photo from left: Sam Terry, Manager, Texas Area Public Affairs, ExxonMobil Upstream Public Affairs, looks on as Dr. William Marry, Dean of Engineering, Texas Tech University, grants The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, and Kenneth P. Cohen, Vice President of Public Affairs, Exxon Mobil Corporation, during the ExxonMobil Foundation Educational Matching Gift recipients luncheon at The Governor's Mansion.

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USA Health News - Patient Assistance Network has just published a new booklet, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care." The booklet includes information on a how and where to get free and low cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program in the Lubbock TX area.

The Hill-Burton program has been in effect for over 50 years providing more than 35 billion dollars in free and low cost care to qualified participants. The program was established in 1946 to assist in the construction and modernization of hospitals and medical care facilities. Nearly 6 billion dollars in grants and loans were given to 7,000 facilities in over 4,000 communities. In exchange,

the facilities agreed to provide a reasonable amount of services to persons residing in the Lubbock TX community who are unable to pay their bill.

"There are currently 687 facilities that provide free or low cost medical care, but there is rarely any publicity to let the public know about this program," says Jim Surasak, a researcher at Patient Assistance Network. "A step by step outline guides consumers through the process of finding a participating facility, and applying to determine their eligibility for free or low cost care. Consumers can apply before or after receiving care from a participating facility."

Patient Assistance Network is

an organization established by volunteers dedicated to helping people who cannot afford medical care or prescription medication. The primary purposes of Patient Assistance Network are to inform potentially qualified applicants about the patient assistance programs for which they appear eligible and assist them in the enrollment process.

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The SBE will determine the TAKS passing standards in November. Next spring, students in grades 3-11 will take the TAKS.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.wndw.state.tx.us) and the Texas Education Agency.

United We Stand.

AOIP is an organization engaged in an overall community-building approach to addressing the root cause of all ills among Black and similarly-situated minorities. AOIP's overall objective, via this interorganization coalition, is to begin immediately to transform the discrete communities within Black America, through pride-installing "togetherness," into a Shining Oasis of hope that all therein will not only be motivated to learn and become productive parts of our wonderful communities, but also there will be less desire to abandon support for Black-led organizations that have opened economic and other doors for Black-owned businesses, professional entities, Black churches, etc. By inordinately integrating the communities and social and other institutions developed by (and for) other ethnic groups, AOIP has a redemptive mission of completing the "unfinished work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." The information listed below about your organization should, as best possible, be focused on what your group is doing to help completed that "unfinished work."

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