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## National News

## Children or Tax Cuts--the Nation Must Decide

The Children's Defense Fund Urges Repeal of Tax Cuts for the Wealthiest One Percent

### Florida County Settles Lawsuit on Election Day Violations Means Victory for Thousands

A federal judge has approved a settlement between Leon County and the NAACP, co-counsel People For the American Way Foundation and other civil rights organizations. The civil rights groups, representing thousands of citizens disenfranchised in the 2000 presidential election, sued Florida and individual counties, including Leon County, in early 2001. The settlement is a victory for voters in the north Florida county because it requires county officials to take specific steps to help ensure a fair and democratic election.

Under the April 26 settlement, Leon County, which includes the capital of Tallahassee, agreed to give written explanations to voters whose provisional ballots are rejected; address disputes over voting, voter registration and voting list; send the Florida's Voter Bill of Rights in at least one mailing of sample ballots to voter; and meet with community groups to encourage registration, with special efforts targeting minorities and college students. Leon County officials also agreed to improve communication with and training programs for election personnel who work Election Day.

"We are very pleased that Leon County agreed to the settlement, and the voters of this country also have reason to be pleased," said Elliot Mineberg, legal director of PFAWF. "This is a positive step toward ensuring that the major irregularities that occurred in the 2000 election will not be repeated."

During the November 2000 election, some Leon County voters were erroneously identified as felons and their names were removed from the county's list of registered voters. The settlement requires county officials to restore those voters' names to the lists.

Meanwhile, the lawsuit will proceed against the state and other individual counties with the trial set for August 26. Leon County is the only county that agreed to a court approved settlement.

To help avoid future Election Day debates, PFAWF has also joined with other groups to create the non-partisan Election Protection project. Election Protection is a comprehensive program of nonpartisan voter education and mobilization, election site poll monitoring and free same-day legal assistance for voters who run into any problems casting a vote.

"Follow the money and you will find what we truly care about and stand for as a nation," said Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund. "Budgets represent moral and social choices—not just economic ones. It is time to make better choices to protect our children."

In a new report, The State of Children in America's Union: A 2002 Action Guide to Leave No Child Behind® the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) assesses the state of children in our nation; whether the Bush administration has kept its promises to Leave No Child Behind®—CDF's trademarked mission statement; and calls on the President and Congress to increase funding for quality child care to help more families work and 2 million more children get ready for school.

"CDF's proposed \$20 billion child care funding increase is a step towards providing child care for all eligible children at a time when the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant, which Congress must reauthorize this year along with the 1996 welfare law, is reaching only one in seven eligible children," CDF President

Marian Wright Edelman said. "The administration's welfare proposals require poor mothers to work more hours but provide not a single new penny for child care over the next five years. Rather than freezing child care and after-school funding and the number of children in Head Start as the Bush administration budget proposes, the nation should demand that Congress and the administration freeze and repeal the tax breaks for the wealthiest one percent of Americans instead," Mrs. Edelman stated.

The CDF report follows the money and finds the administration's budget deeds do not match its promises to Leave No Child Behind®. "The administration hails Head Start as the nation's 'premier early childhood education program.' Its 2002 budget would have cut children from Head Start and its 2003 budget will not give even one more child a Head Start."

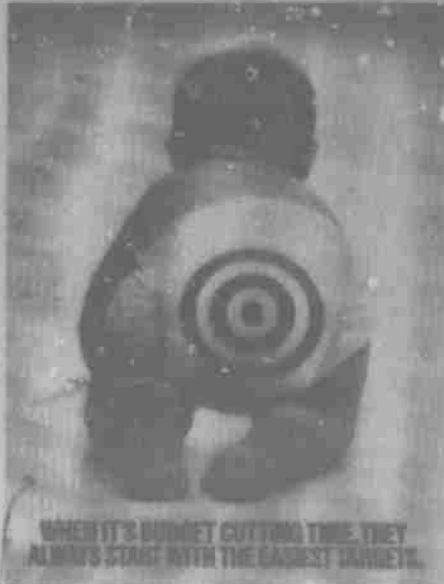
"The biggest percentage of our budget should go to our children's education. Education is my top priority," President Bush said in February 2001. His 2002 budget then proposed 40 times more

money for tax cuts than for education, according to the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities.

"In January 2002, with great fanfare, the President signed his 'No Child Left Behind' (H.R. 1) education reform bill and 'vowed to make educating every child his number one domestic priority.'" The administration's 2003 budget proposed the smallest education increase in the past seven years.

"In his inaugural address, President Bush rightly declared 'that deep, persistent poverty is unworthy of our nation's promise.'" His 2002 budget then proposed a \$1.6 trillion tax cut that disproportionately benefited the wealthy. It also proposed to double the child tax credit from \$500 to \$1,000 but only for upper and middle income families leaving 17 million children behind, including a majority of Black and Latino children. In 2003, the administration seeks to accelerate and make permanent the huge tax cuts enacted by Congress for the wealthiest Americans.

"The administration says it is important for families to work and its welfare proposals require more hours of work from poor parents.



WHEN IT'S BUDGET CUTTING TIME, THEY ALWAYS START WITH THE GREATEST TARGETS.



IF CHILDREN COULD VOTE, MAYBE POLITICIANS WOULDN'T IGNORE THEIR PROBLEMS.

But its budget will result in 114,000 fewer children in working families getting federal child care assistance despite long child care waiting lists in many states. "At the 2000 Republican National Convention, Secretary of State Colin Powell eloquently stated: 'We are obliged to make sure that every child gets a healthy start in life. With all of our wealth and capacity, we just can't stand by idly.'" The administration's 2002 and 2003 budgets leave millions of uninsured children behind including immigrant children and thousands of children with disabilities whose parents cannot get them needed treatment.

"The Bush administration's budget choices favor powerful corporate interests and the wealthiest taxpayers over children's urgent needs; widen the gap between rich and poor—already at its largest recorded point in over 30 years; and repeatedly break promises and fail to seize opportunities to Leave No Child Behind®," said Mrs. Edelman.

The report states that the money spent for the tax cut for the wealthiest one percent of Americans when fully phased in

could pay for almost all the provisions of the comprehensive Act to Leave No Child Behind (S. 940/H.R. 1990) including quality child care, Head Start, after-school programs, health care, nutrition, protections against child abuse, neglect and homelessness, and lift millions of children in working families from poverty. Yet, in the richest and most powerful democratic nation in the world: "A child is born into poverty every 43 seconds. "A child is born without health insurance every minute—90 percent of the nine million uninsured children live in working families. "Seven million children are home alone without adult supervision often after school when they are at greatest risk of getting into trouble."

"These facts are not acts of God. They are our moral and political choices as Americans," said Mrs. Edelman. "It is time for our great nation to truly commit to Leave No Child Behind® and to lead rather than lag many other nations of the world in giving our children a healthy and fair start in life."



## Southwest Digest analysis of Lake Alan Henry City of Lubbock Assignment of Mineral Interests/Garza County

Much has been said about the City of Lubbock assignment of mineral interests, and the Southwest Digest decided to get the complete picture about the matter. We found out that in order to protect the lake from oil development, the City of Lubbock acquired all of the mineral interests below elevation 2245 feet, which is the 100 year flood level. In that process, it was necessary to buy additional mineral lease interests above that level from Mr. Bert Fields in order to get the mineral interests in the part that the City of Lubbock needed to protect the lake.

The City of Lubbock and many other people owned mineral and mineral lease interests around the lake above the 2245 flood elevation. Everything

above 2245 feet has been subject to oil production in the past and continues to be subject to oil and gas production in the future.

The City of Lubbock, as the operator of the former Bert Fields leases, was required by oil and gas law to develop the mineral on behalf of all of the owners of those interests, if a reasonable prudent operator would do so, including drilling development wells, exploratory wells and marketing the oil reserves. As shown by the fact that bids were received when the leases were made available for assignment, oil producers were interested in the area for oil and gas production and a reasonably prudent company would develop oil and gas production.

As mentioned, the City of Lubbock sought bids on the oil

and gas leases above the 2245 feet elevation line that it acquired from Mr. Fields and assigned the leases to the high bidder at a recent City Council meeting.

There is another issue which is worth noting. It is residential development around the lake. Neither oil and gas development or residential development are allowed within a certain distance of the lake pursuant to the initial Memorandum of Agreement of 1986.

Nobody is being treated differently, although the distances for residential development and oil and gas development differ somewhat because oil and gas is not allowed below 2245 feet and residential structures are not allowed below elevation 2220 feet, plus a 300 foot easement

away from the lake. As a result, there are a few places around the lake where oil and gas development is allowable and residential structures are not allowed.

All in all, the City of Lubbock had to acquire Mr. Field's oil and gas leases above elevation 2245 even though the City of Lubbock didn't want them to get what they wanted below that elevation. Once the City of Lubbock had them, the City of Lubbock had a legal duty to not unduly hold up oil and gas production. The City of Lubbock met this obligation by selling the leases to producers. The leases the City of Lubbock sold were no different than oil and gas leases held by others the same distance from the lake. The City of Lubbock is not allowing either residential development or oil

and gas leases within the prohibited distance of the lake which is 2245 feet elevation for oil and gas and 2220 plus 300 feet for residences.

Therefore, the Southwest Digest believes it was the best interest of the citizens of the City of Lubbock financially to sell the excess oil and gas leases acquired from Mr. Fields. The City of Lubbock was paid for them, and it avoided a potential lawsuit by the mineral interest owners. Also, the City of Lubbock is not treating residential development and oil and gas development differently. Both must be kept a certain distance away from the lake to protect water quality and to observe the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement of 1987.

## Butch Avery, "The Soul Man", Performed at Cactus Theater in June Girls Nite Out

Last Monday evening, June 17, 2002, Butch Avery, "The Soul Man" performed successfully at the Cactus Theatre in the June Girls Nite Out. He rocked the house at the Cactus as he returned.

Butch has been a member of the Cactus cast of stars since 1998 and has consistently brought down the house with his timeless renditions of hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s.

Since its beginning in

December 2000, Girls Nite Out has consistently played to sold out houses. Each month, the Cactus features its most popular artists performing their most requested material. To add to the fun and excitement at each concert, the Cactus provides complimentary wine, cheese, and door prizes. Girls Nite Out offers a evening of fun and great entertainment.

Photos are courtesy of F. Scott Mann



City of Lubbock Youth Commission at Press Conference  
Pictured above are the young people of the City of Lubbock Youth Commission who had a press conference explaining their concern for sex education in Lubbock. At this time, they are trying to educate the young people of the community.

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# Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson  
Can Can Scarf



Scarves have been on the fashion scene for generations and for generations they have complimented the wardrobe with elegance and style.

It's exciting to know that one scarf can be worn nine different ways, and it comes with a built in hair clip. With this particular scarf you can have a lot of fun, and you will never get bored, so ladies, dress it up or dress it down, it all depends on how you wear

the scarf. Choose from a variety of unique designs and fabulous colors

Next Issue... the return of Gucci

Fashion. Just for the Fun of it.

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



## 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.

## TIME?

There is enough time... God gives the right number of hours, minutes and seconds to accomplish and do everything that you need to do in your lifetime.

The question is how do you use the time that God has given you? A wonderful way is to volunteer your time to help those less fortunate than yourself. Lubbock Habitat for Humanity offers many ways to use your talents. Whether you are skilled at building office work, public relations, fund raising, scheduling or any number of things WE NEED YOU!

Anyone who has ever built remodeled or even tried to get your lawn started knows how much work goes into making a home. Now, times that by 15 homes! We have a lot to do before our Blitz Build during September 7-14, and we have 15 families who are depending on us. Please, find those extra hours that are spent in

front of the television, sleeping late or just sitting around bored. Show your children how fulfilling life can be when you reach out a helping hand. Let the whole family participate with us; your family will strengthen as you help strengthen another family. You will meet people who will become friends for a lifetime. What better gift to give than one that is given of yourself?

If you would like to volunteer, donate, or maybe you are a family or individual who is in need of a hand up in life, just give us a call. The opportunity that God is offering will bring more joy to your life than you could ever imagine.

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## QUENTIN'S GRADUATION, ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL

Theme: "Together Today, Prepared For Tomorrow"  
Class of 2002

United Spirit Arena - May 25, 2002 - Graduation ceremonies for Estacado High School began at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 25, 2002, and was completed by 1:00 p.m. Family and guest left the auditorium of the arena and gathered in the halls of the United Spirit Arena where communications began with each other and Quentin arrived. At that time, Quentin received plenty of hugs and kisses from everyone present.

Pictures were taken with Quentin and family members. Everyone took their turn viewing his diploma and giving him words of encouragement. Family

and guest were in high spirits. Just as family, guests and Quentin departed from the United Spirit Arena. Quentin told his mother: "Here is our diploma, take it home with you." Both had a big smile!

Quentin was recognized as a honor student in the Class of 2002 as well as the National Honor Society. Not only did he graduate with honors, but had one public poem and received the United States Achievement Award and was listed in Who's Who In High School.

Quentin has been accepted to attend Prairie View A & M University, but has chosen to attend

Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas this fall.

After returning home from his graduation program, Quentin was honored with a big bar-b-que dinner, with all the trimmings. He also received a large cake with the words "Congratulations!" and a photo of Quentin. He received plenty of gifts, cards, money and lots of love.

Congratulations, Quentin James Johnson! Your family is very proud of you. Keep up the good work. God keeps blessing you down the road. We love you Quentin!



## 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 pastor. If you are still looking for a church home, then come and visit with us at the New Hope Baptist Church. You will be glad you chose to do so. So come and be with us. Remember, God is able!

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 a.m. All teachers were present and on time. It was Youth Sunday, and our young people did another wonderful thing. Our young people received thirty minutes of instruction and reassembled to the main auditorium at 10:15 a.m. What a time all had in the Lord.

Members of the Youth Department were in charge of the morning devotional period and were assisted by the Praise Team. It was great!

The Youth Choir marched in the morning procession singing out of their hearts and souls. Praise God for our young people. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Wilson. After the singing of a selection by the Youth Choir, scripture was read by Sister Brittany Wilson. Prayer was given by Brother David Williams. Another selection was sung by the Youth Choir. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother Leonard Wilson. The morning hymn was "In The Sanctuary."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton who always has something positive to give the congregation. After the singing of another selection by the Youth Choir, Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Bloom Where You're Planted." His scripture text was Genesis 39:2-6. It was another great message.

The announcements of the morning were made by Sister Elaine Lindsey. Sister Vickie Kendrick welcomed all visitors.

Immediately after church services last Sunday morning, a "Pre-Father's Day Dinner" was held for all fathers and grandfathers. It was held in the New Hope Baptist Church's Supper Club. It was sponsored by the Youth/Young Adult Department and the New Hope Baptist Church women.

Vacation Bible School is being held this week through Friday, June 14, 2002 at New Hope Baptist Church.

The National Baptist Congress of Christian Education is being held in St. Louis, Missouri June 17 through June 21, 2002.

The young people of New Hope Baptist Church will be taking their annual trip June 20 through June 23, 2002 in the Dallas/Ft. Worthy Texas area. These young people are looking forward to this exciting time of the year.

Don't forget the Mid-Week Prayer meeting and Bible study each Wednesday evening.

Wednesday, June 19, 2002, the Ola Scott and Burroughs Circles will be responsible for the devotional period. It all begins at 7:00 p. m.

Let us not forget our sick and shut in citizens of the community. There are many who are ill at this report. If you know of anyone who is shut-in, why not go and visit or give them a telephone call.

Also, our families who have lost loved ones. Let them know you are thinking about them and God loves them. Oh, yes, God is able!

## McWhorter principal teacher gains national recognition

McWhorter Elementary School 2711 First Street, principal Luis Cardenas and HOSTS teacher Sherry Prewitt won the highest quality award gaining national recognition for their outstanding efforts in mentoring at-risk students.

The HOSTS (Help One Student To Succeed) Award

for Quality Assurance is presented to high performing programs that achieve Exemplary status for their HOSTS Structured Mentoring Program in Language Arts.

The HOSTS program is a nationally known program as part of Title I where volunteers come into

the school for thirty minutes a week to work with one particular student in Language Arts, Math and Spanish. The program targets students (K-12) who need assistance in reading, writing, thinking, and study skills.

## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday
 Mostly cloudy, cool	 Cloudy and cold; windy in the evening.	 Clouds breaking for some sunshine.	 Times of sun and clouds. Chance of showers.
61	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.
69/35	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.

## GARDENING FORECAST

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

## FISHING REPORT

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

## UV INDEX

Highest Thur. .... 3; Minimal High Fri. .... 3; Minimal Highest Sat. .... 4; Low Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

## SUN & MOON DATA

Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Sunrise: 7:13 a.m.	7:16 a.m.	7:18 a.m.
Sunset: 5:49 p.m.	5:49 p.m.	5:48 p.m.
Moonrise: None	12:31 a.m.	1:58 a.m.
Moonset: 2:03 p.m.	2:44 p.m.	3:21 p.m.

## MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
June 2	June 10	June 17	June 24

## REGIONAL CITIES

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City	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W
Arlene, TX	60/40	c	68/42	pc	69/46	pc	70/40	s	70/50	s	72/54	c	68/34	c
Albuquerque, NM	62/36	pc	64/36	pc	62/38	pc	60/38	pc	62/36	s	58/34	c	56/34	pc
Albuq., OK	63/40	c	61/40	s	63/48	s	63/48	pc	66/48	s	70/47	pc	69/47	pc
Amarillo, TX	54/32	c	60/35	s	68/40	s	70/38	s	66/40	s	64/42	pc	58/42	r
Austin, TX	76/62	pc	66/48	c	73/52	c	73/52	pc	76/50	pc	78/50	pc	78/50	pc
Branson, MO	58/38	c	65/37	pc	62/41	s	59/42	s	61/47	s	65/50	c	64/50	c
Clovis, NM	62/36	c	62/36	c	60/31	s	63/40	s	63/40	pc	63/43	c	67/48	pc
Dallas, TX	68/46	c	66/46	pc	66/48	pc	64/48	c	68/52	pc	70/54	pc	70/54	c
Derby, CO	58/30	pc	70/38	c	69/38	s	60/34	pc	62/30	s	64/28	pc	58/28	pc
El Paso, TX	68/46	c	66/40	c	68/42	s	68/44	s	70/48	s	64/48	c	58/44	r
Fort Worth, TX	68/40	pc	66/36	c	70/36	pc	73/41	pc	69/41	s	67/44	c	69/44	c
Houston, TX	78/52	pc	72/48	pc	74/50	pc	76/54	pc	76/52	pc	78/56	pc	76/58	c
Jacksonville, MO	66/34	pc	66/36	s	68/40	s	68/38	s	68/44	pc	68/48	pc	68/48	pc
Lake Tawka, TX	68/43	pc	65/42	s	63/47	s	64/48	c	66/49	s	67/50	pc	65/50	c
Lubbock, TX	60/40	s	74/38	pc	73/40	pc	74/40	pc	68/48	pc	78/58	pc	74/58	pc
Lubbock, TX	58/34	c	62/36	pc	66/40	pc	64/40	s	68/44	s	68/48	pc	60/46	sh
Mesa, AZ	69/40	pc	69/40	pc	69/40	pc	69/40	pc	69/40	pc	69/40	pc	69/40	pc
Phoenix, AZ	68/40	pc	68/40	pc	68/40	pc	68/40	pc	68/40	pc	68/40	pc	68/40	pc
Rockwell, NM	56/33	c	59/36	c	65/38	s	64/38	s	65/43	s	66/45	c	60/42	sh
Tulsa, OK	64/31	pc	66/36	pc	67/37	pc	67/37	pc	67/37	pc	67/37	pc	67/37	pc
San Antonio, TX	78/54	pc	69/50	c	70/54	c	72/58	pc	75/54	pc	75/55	pc	70/59	c
Shreveport, LA	74/48	pc	64/44	pc	66/48	pc	66/48	pc	68/48	pc	68/48	pc	68/48	pc
Tulsa, OK	68/38	c	60/40	s	63/46	s	62/43	s	61/49	pc	68/50	pc	64/50	sh
Waco, TX	72/48	pc	66/48	c	70/48	pc	70/48	pc	70/48	pc	70/48	pc	70/48	pc
Wichita, KS	60/36	pc	66/36	s	68/40	s	68/40	s	66/44	s	62/44	pc	60/44	r
Wichita Falls, TX	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc	60/40	pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-fog.

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY



**WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS**  
"GOD IS JUDGING AMERICA"

DEUTERONOMY 6:5, THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THINE HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIGHT.

GOD DID BLESS AMERICA. IT IS THE LAND OF RICHES UNTOLD, BUT SHE NO LONGER LOVES GOD? NOW ITS LOVE OF HONEY AND GOLD.

\*\*\*\*\*YES AMERICA DID ROB GOD!\*\*\*\*\*

SHE WAS TREATED UNJUSTLY, AND WANTED TO START A NEW IN THE NEW LAND.

SHE HAS FORGOTTEN GOD, AND GOD IS JUDGING HER FOR HER SINS.

ISAIAH 1:4a,21, AH SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVILDOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS, THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD, NOW IS THE FAITHFUL CITY BECOME AN HARLOT! IT WAS FULL OF JUDGMENT; RIGHTEOUSNESS LODGED INTIL? BUT NOW MURDERERS.

(AMERICAN IMAGE IS THE STATUE OF LIBERTY, SAYING, GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR, HOMELESS? MY NAME IS THE DOOR, THE HYPOCRITE SHE IS; SHE IS NOT TAKING CARE OF HER OWN CHILDREN! AMERICA CHURCHES ARE

SUPPOSE TO BE A DOOR FOR SAFETY; JUST AS THE STATUE OF LIBERTY CLAIMS THE CHURCHES FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY, SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!)

EZEKIEL 23:38,39, THE LORD SAID, MOREOVER THIS THEY HAVE DONE UNTO ME: THEY HAVE DEFILED MY SANCTUARY IN THE SAME DAY, AND HAVE PROFANED MY SABBATHS. FOR WHEN THEY HAVE SLAIN THEIR CHILDREN TO IDOLS, THEN THEY CAME THE SAME DAY INTO MY SANCTUARY TO PROFANE IT;

AND, LO, THUS HAVE THEY DONE IN THE MIDST OF MINE HOUSE.

AMERICA LEFT THE WORD OF GOD; TO DO HER OWN THING, NOW SHE FULL OF SIN; AND THAT WILL BRING HER TO SHAME.

1 TIMOTHY 6:10, FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL:

WHICH WHILE SOME COVETED AFTER, THEY HAVE ERRED FROM THE FAITH, AND PIERCED THEMSELVES THROUGH WITH MANY SORROWS.

(AMERICA CAN GO TO THE MOON, DO HEART AND KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS; SHE CAN DO WHAT GOD DID TO MAKE ADAM: CLONING; SHE CAN DO WHAT GOD DID:

TO GET JESUS; PREGNATE A WOMAN WITHOUT A-MAN PRESENT, AND NO SEX TAKEN PLACE. SHE IS VERY PROUD.)

PSALM 2:1,2, WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE, AND THE PEOPLE IMAGINE A VAIN THING? THE KINGS OF THE EARTH SET THEMSELVES/ AND THE RULERS TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD.

WITH ALL THE TROUBLES IN AMERICA: SHE WANT TO TEACH THE FOREIGN MAN/

AMERICA IS A HYPOCRITE; SHE IS THE WORSE IN THE LAND!!!

MICAH 7:2, THE GOOD MAN IS PERISHED OUT OF THE EARTH; AND THERE IS NONE UPRIGHT AMONG MEN; THEY ALL LIE IN WAIT FOR BLOOD; THEY HUNT EVERY MAN HIS BROTHER WITH A NET.

AMERICA PUT DRUGS ON HER STREETS; AND IT KILLS THE CHILDREN. SHE KNOWS WHO BRINGS IT IN; THE POWERFUL? FAT RICH MAN.

ISAIAH 9:16/17 & FOR THE LEADERS OF THIS PEOPLE CAUSE THEM TO ERR; AND THEY THAT ARE LED OF THEM ARE DESTROYED., THEREFORE THE LORD SHALL HAVE NO JOY IN THEIR YOUNG MEN/ NEITHER SHALL HAVE MERCY ON THEIR FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS; FOR EVERYONE IS AN HYPOCRITE AND AN EVILDOER, AND EVERY MOUTH SPEAKETH FOLLY. FOR ALL THIS HIS ANGER IS NOT TURNED AWAY, BUT HIS HAND(LOVE) IS STRETCHED OUT STILL.

THE CHURCHES SEE THE TROUBLES; PEOPLE GOING TO HELL IN BASKETS, BUT THEYRE BUSY WITH ANNIVERSARY, DINNERS OF RIBS AND BRISKETS!!!

MATTHEW 11:28, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND

ARE HEAVY LADEN (WEARY AND OPPRESSED), AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

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



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith  
"Standing on the Solid Rock"

On "U.S. Bishops Let Public Opinion Guide Them This Time" Laurie Goodstein of the New York Times wrote: "For many years, the nation's Roman Catholic bishops dared to stake out positions that were decidedly unpopular, or even counter cultural, because they felt that on the grand American stage, it was their role to speak with a prophetic voice."

Goodstein chided the bishops by saying "they stood against the death penalty and abortion even as polls proved that the public and even the Catholic faithful did not stand with them. They testified against the arms race while Americans applauded the Regan administration's military buildup; When American clamor to close the borders to immigrants, the Catholic bishops preached to open them."

Goodstein express that the bishops now face with mounting pressure has sided with the public, the media and sexual abuse victims

joining in a chorus for "zero tolerance" of priest offenders. Priests who have been involved in sexual abuse of a minor in the past, present or future cannot wear their Roman collars.

We thank God for the media and others who stayed the course for standing on the Solid Rock. Those people who sexually abuse children and with deviant behaviors should not be allowed to pastor a church or perform any pastoral duties in any church and not just the Roman Catholic Church.

This past week, the Rev. Jerry Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention caused a stir because of his stance in a speech condemning American religious pluralism and calling the prophet of Islam, Muhammad, a pedophile. Rev. Vines asserted that Muhammad was a "demon-possessed pedophile" because his 12th and final wife was

a 9-year-old girl, and declared that Muslims worshiped a different God than Christians.

The Associated Press quoted Rev. Mr. Vines as saying "Allah is not Jehovah and Jehioyah's not going to turn you into a terrorist that will try to bomb people and take the lives of thousands and thousands of people."

There are many who may condemn this preacher's remarks. However, there are a silent majority of millions who stand firm on the Solid Rock (Christ Jesus) who may not never say a word publicly; but will support this preacher's stand spiritually, socially, politically and financially and they are going to WIN.

The ole Parson believes that those of us who believe in Jesus should stand firm. We must not let anyone stand in our way of worshipping HHTL One reason we should worship Jesus is that God

commands us to do so; At first we might react negatively to this because of outside forces. However we can see the wisdom of Gods directive when we realize how inclined we are to worship ourselves and others, rather than the Lord.

Another reason for standing firm and worship Christ the Solid Rock is that it is an integral part of our relationship with Him. He created and saved us to adore Him. When we give praise to Christ, we will come to know and enjoy Him more.

We should worship Jesus out of love and gratitude for what He has done. He loved us enough to die on the cross for our sins. We should show our love for Him by adoring Him in worship

Then we should worship Christ, the Solid Rock in order to be united in love with other believers. Together we support the cause of Christ, the Solid Rock.

## UCC Pentecost? More than 6,000 members to join UCC this weekend

Atlanta, GA--Christians around the world celebrate Pentecost (the church season that follows Easter) as the birthday of the church when 3,000 new people (According to the book of Acts of the Apostles) decided to become disciples of a radical new religion — more than 2000 years ago. This weekend, during the season of Pentecost, the UCC will add more than 6,000 new members in the state of Georgia at its Southeast Conference Annual Meeting. If all goes as planned, the new members will be announced at the Southeast Conference Meeting at Agnes Scott College Campus in the dining hall on Saturday, June 15, 2002, at 1 pm.

The members of the two churches are quite different. The members of one are in a small mostly White community church, Virginia-Highland Baptist Church (formerly Southern Baptist) and the other is a mostly Black mega church, Victory Baptist Church that was formerly a part of the National Baptist Convention. They share a common vision that in the words of Dr. Kenneth Samuel, pastor of Victory, &#8220;addresses the total needs of the total person, with the Good News, that despite the social, personal, psychological, political, spiritual and/or physical obstacles we face, there is certainly Victory in Christ.&#8221;

Proclaiming that the UCC has a similar polity with historic Baptists, Senior Minister, the Rev. Tim Shirley says, &#8220;Authentic congregational autonomy only takes place in relationship, and relationship only happens within the context of communities that are mutually challenging and acknowledging of expectations. This is the kind of denominational relationship that Virginia-Highland Baptist

Church desires.&#8221; They will certainly find that with the UCC, a denomination that often pushes new frontiers within the Protestant ecumenical community. UCC forebears were the first religious voice on this continent to speak out against slavery in America (1700), the first white denomination to ordain and call an African-American person (1785), the first to ordain a woman (1853), first in foreign missions (1810), and the first to ordain gays having done so now thirty years ago (1972.) See [www.still speaking.com](http://www.still speaking.com) for more firsts.

The Rev. Tim Downs, Conference Minister for the Southeast Conference that has been actively engaged in welcoming a growing list of churches who are seeking out affiliation with the UCC. According to Downs, Some say the UCC is too progressive. I say that UCC has simply been ahead of its time, and it&#8217;s just right for today. &#8221; &#8220;Churches like these are seeking to be in fellowship with an established community,&#8221; says Downs, &#8220;We are a church that believes &#8216;God is still speaking,&#8217; a place where progressive vision is affirmed and nurtured to thrive &#8211; often amidst persecution and derision. It is then that we especially seek to be a house that models God&#8217;s extravagant hospitality and welcome for all people.&#8221;

Is the phenomenon of Black Baptist and Southern Baptists joining the UCC as radical as Pentecost 2,000 years ago? Maybe. In any case there will be 15 foot puppets on hand to celebrate.

The national offices and the UCC General Synod speak to but not for its 6,000 congregations and 1.4 million members.

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

In the world of warfare, strange things occur. Like now, the devils going to and fro in the world seeing who he can trip up. He's shrude and he often lies. Of course, he is the author of lies.

Jesus Christ is not a set of rules. He is not a new idea. He's not all you think. He is not all that the world thinks.

We will tell you who he is. He is alpha and omega. The beginning and the ending; the first and the last. Revelation 1:8-11 — Jesus is the A and Z. The first and last letter of the Greek alphabet. The beginning and the end of Jesus is the eternal Lord and ruler of the past, present and future. Without him, you have nothing that is eternal. Nothing that can change your life; nothing that can save you in the end.

Is Jesus Christ your reason for living? The first and last of your life? Honor the one who is the beginning and the end of all existence. John was exiled to Patmos, because he refused to stop preaching the word of God. We may not face such persecution for our faith in Jesus, but few of us have the courage even now to share God's word with others.

If we are afraid to share our faith during easy times

how will we do during times of persucution? They are coming, Christians. Your life will be put on the test. Just be sure you will pass.

To all the Fathers^ you have so much love to give. Began today to spend a little time with your children. Tell them you love them; By the way, have you said that lately? If not, do it today! THEY NEED YOU IN their lives.

Fathers, be role models in a positive way for your kids. You can be one. We are hoping you had a great Fathers Day. We are praying for you.

"America, bless God! Keep praying, Saints, wherever there are people! IT IS IMPORTANT for us to do just that.

Thanks for reading. You will receive a blessing by doing so. For all of you who are hurting, stay in the word. There's healing there for each of you.

Don't forget your drive by prayers as you go to and from your work station while you are grocery shopping or even driving to worship services.

Sister Dorothy Hood president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and

Sister Joyce Ross, secretary.

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### RELIGIOUS METRY CONTEST HAS JUNE 30 DEADLINE

A \$1000.00 grand prize is being offered to a special religious poetry contest sponsored by the New Jersey Religious Poets, free to anyone who has ever written a poem. There are 50 prizes in all totaling almost \$3,000.00. The deadline for entering is June 30, 2002.

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less. First Poetry Contest, 111 N. Wood Ave., BMD 01102, NJ 07033. Or enter on-line [www.religiouspoets.com](http://www.religiouspoets.com)

"We think great religious poems can inspire and transform," says Frederick Young, the organizer of the Contest. "Our goal is to inspire creative poets and we think this competition will accomplish that." There has produced many wonderful poems over the years and we'd like to discover more other than the last 2000-2001.



**In Remembrance...**



**CHARLES ARMSTRONG**

Funeral services for Charles Edward Armstrong were held Thursday morning, June 13, 2002, at Abbey Chapel of Resthaven with Michael Armstrong officiating.

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mr. Armstrong died Thursday June 6, 2002.

He was born November 6, 1935, in Grandlinton, La. He married Barbara Patterson on April 17, 1997. He graduated from high school in Bogalusa, La.

A retired U.S. Air Force person, he served 28 years and was a veteran of South Vietnam.

For 15 years, he worked at Reese Air Force Base in vehicle operations maintenance until it closed in 1997. After that point in his life, he was employed by Global Security at Lubbock International Airport. He was a member of the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge No. 75 in Tacoma, Washington. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife; Barbara Armstrong; a son, Michael Jenkins of Dallas, Texas; a daughters Yolanda Jenkins Robinson of Dallas, Texas; two brothers, James of Nashville, Tennessee and R. C. of Bogalusa, La.; a sister, Ira Neil Mondy of Bogalusa, La., and two grandchildren.



**DARLING LEE**

Slaton, Texas — Funeral services for Darling were held Wednesday, June 12, 2002, at Mount Olive First Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. C.C. Peoples, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Bill Tipton.

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

She passed away Thursday, June 6, 2002.

Born July 12, 1915, in Waco, Texas, she married Paul Lee, who preceded her in death June 1971.

She moved from Fort Worth, Texas to Slaton June 7, 2001. She was a member of Mount Olive First Missionary Baptist Church and Eastern Star No. 380 in Fort Worth, and the American Legion No. 838 of Fort Worth. She worked as a nurse's aide for a church in Fort Worth.

She is survived by a daughter, Lizzie D. Slay of Slaton, Texas; six grandchildrer 14 great-grandchildren, and 25 great-great-grandchildren.



**MARY LOUISE MCCORMICK**

Funeral services were held for Mary Louise McCormick on Thursday Morning, June 13,

2002, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors.

Pallbearers were Ralph Alexander, Jr., Dale Richardson, LaCarl Richardson, Robert Johnson, Boney Banks and Kenneth Yates.

Honorary pallbearers were Bob Thompson, Fancy Richardson, Wallace Holland, Quincy White, R. L. Barnett, Tim Taylor, Harold Holmes and Andy Hood.

She died Sunday, June 9, 2002.

She was born July 11, 1936, in Waco, Texas. She attended school in the Lubbock Independent School District and Dunbar High School. She was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Eddie Vaughn and Vanie Mae Hibbler; grandson, Kenard R. Mooney; and brother, Malford Hibbler.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her children: James Allen Lewis, Jr., Rodney Lewis, Olda D. Lewis, Glenda Mooney and Shirley Johnson; her brothers, Joe and Walter Hibbler; her sister, Ethel McNeal; twelve grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren two nieces, four nephews, an uncle, seven aunts, four sister-in-laws, two brother-in-laws, one son-in-law, four daughter-in-laws, and a host of other relatives and friends.

**STRENGTH FOR TODAY; HOPE FOR TOMORROW**

**Question:** Why don't you hear very much about hell anymore?

**Answer:** Here's a question that begs to be asked and answered. It would appear that maybe the church has forgotten that we do have an adversary. Certainly there are consequences for righteous behavior as well as unrighteous behavior. I think it is best that I answer the question directly and then elaborate on the answer.

I believe hell is a forgotten or lost subject because that is the way Satan would have it. If people don't believe there is a hell, then there is no fear for ungodly behavior, called sin. One of the most effective ways to conquer your enemy is to make them believe there is no enemy. They relax their guard. They stop their diligent watch, they become an easy target for their enemy. The Bible tells us that we have an enemy...the devil. He goes about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). It is interesting to note that lions roar when they have already caught their prey. If he were trying to sneak upon his victim he would not be roaring. It is worth remembering that if we hear the lion roar to pray for God's deliverance.

The second reason I believe that hell is not spoken about is because it is so horrible a subject for us to think about. When we talk about eternal separation from God, and a place of unimaginable pain and suffering, it is easy to understand why we don't talk about hell. We live in the richest country on the face of the planet. Even the poorest of our people have a standard of living above most of the world's population. It is

easy to see that we are so used to being comfortable that to speak of anything uncomfortable is not desirable.

A third reason for hell not being spoken about can be blamed on us preachers. Many of us have believed the world's philosophy that you can't attract people to Jesus if you talk about hell. It is said that you can't attract people to Jesus with such a negative message. I beg to differ. When people are in trouble they want the right person to help us. Unlike the man who was hurt in an auto accident. When a bystander asked the man if he needed a doctor the man replied, "No, call me a lawyer!" If we are hell-bound, we need someone who can deliver us from hell. Only God can do that. Hell is a certain reality for people who are not in Jesus (John 8:21-24).

Occasionally you hear the idea that God loves everybody and He will not send anyone to hell. Do not be tricked into thinking that God's love will ignore His justice. God's love paid the price for His justice (Romans 5:8). Do not presume upon the gift of Jesus on the cross and disregard this tremendous sacrifice for our salvation. Listen to Paul describe the condition of judgement; "Or do you think lightly of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God who will render to every man according to his deeds: to those who seek glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation (Romans 2:4-8).

Also, God is not the one who makes it necessary for people to go to hell. People make a choice to go there. Hell was not created for people. It was created for Satan and His angels (Matthew 25:41) If you want to go along with Satan and his bunch you are free to make that choice. But, it is not God's will for you to go to hell! (2 Peter 3:9).

Maybe we ought to get back to talking about hell a little more. Maybe it will correct our sinful behavior. For sure hell is a good reason not to sin. But how much more precious is heaven going to be when we are found to be in Jesus. Let's give our best to live for Him. He has built a mansion for us in Heaven (John 14:1-6). Let's make heaven our choice.



Grace and peace  
**Gerald P. Jackson**

Please call your questions in at 762-4142, or e-mail your questions to [gjackson@parkway-drive.com](mailto:gjackson@parkway-drive.com). We welcome your input.

**Privatizing—Not the Answer to Crisis in Education**

By Meryl Simon and Ruth Oron

We feel strongly that privatization of our schools cannot answer the crisis in education. Established over 300 years ago as the proud cornerstone of democracy in America, public education must now be made to fulfill its original promise—to bring out the best possibilities in every child. Taxpayers' money meant for this beautiful purpose should not be diverted into the pockets of stockholders.

Aesthetic Realism, founded by the great American educator, Eli Siegel, explains that the purpose of education and the purpose of the profit system are utterly incompatible. The purpose of education, and every persons deepest desire, he stated, "is to like the world through knowing it." The competing desire, on which the profit system is based and which interferes with the best thing in every person, Mr. Siegel explained is contempt, "the addition to self through the lessening of something else."

In 1970, he showed that our economic system had failed, stating: "Deeply, what has made the profit system weaker is at the very beginning of history. . . man was not made to be used by man for money . . . It is a corruption, it is artifice."

Because it is hardy to make profit in these years, corporations—out of desperation—are looking to public institutions—the post office, health care, Amtrak, and education—as fields for making money.

It is contempt that has private companies, such as Edison Schools, "in a feeding frenzy," as the American Teacher (February 2002) puts it—to take over schools in such cities as Hartford, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston and Los Angeles, overriding the objections of millions of "parents, civil rights activists, labor organizations, educators and other concerned citizens." The American Teacher quotes J. Wyatt Mondesire, president of the Philadelphia chapter of the NAACP: "The people behind [privatizing] are more interested in making sure their company stays profitable on Wall Street than in the education of black, Latino and white schoolchildren."

"Public education," explains Ellen Reiss, Class Chairman of Aesthetic Realism in the international journal *The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known*: "is the saying that all the people of a land owe it to a single child to have knowledge come to him or her. It is also a saying that a child's need for knowledge should not be exploited for private profit. . . The effort to undo public education is, really, as reactionary as an effort to have this nation ruled again by a king."

How proud should we Americans be that public education began in this country? In *The Right Of*, Ms. Reiss quotes Horace Mann who tells of the

importance of the Massachusetts act of 1647 making education free for all children: "It is impossible," he wrote, "for us adequately to conceive the boldness of the measure...As a fact it had no precedence in...history."

It is a great fact that the Aesthetic Realism teaching method, which has children learn and be kind to each other, has had unprecedented success for over 25 years. The basis of the method is this principle by Eli Siegel: "The world, art, and self explain each other; each is the aesthetic oneness of opposites." In her commentary to "Education: Ethical and Beautiful," Ms. Reiss writes:

"Eli Siegel is the educator who saw that 'the purpose of education is to like the world'...Children come to see the subjects they meet as friendly to their very lives...A child sees, for example, how an algebraic equation is a making one of the known and unknown; how high and lowy and depth and surface, are together in earth science, how a noun becomes more itself as it is changed by an adjective. These are bewildering, even tormenting, opposites in the child's own life, and seeing that a subject shows they can make sense, the child cares for that subject and happily learns it."

For public education to succeed, it is urgent that this teaching method be implemented in our nation schools. To learn more about Aesthetic Realism, visit [www.Aesthetic-Realism.org](http://www.Aesthetic-Realism.org)

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### Beware these Scams

**Q:** I recently received an e-mail from someone claiming to be the family member of a Nigerian official. He says he needs my assistance in order to transfer 25 million dollars to the United States. Is this a legitimate offer?

**A:** ABSOLUTELY NOT. The e-mail you received is a very common scam often referred to as an advance fee fraud. Thousands of people in the US and in other countries have received this type of fraudulent solicitation through various forms of correspondence.

My office receives dozens

of inquiries each month about this particular scam. No matter what the pitch is, you are not going to get lots of money for helping these people. Instead, you could end up losing your own hard-earned funds. The scam generally falls into one of several common categories:

- **Money Transfer:** The writer claims to have a large sum of money that was overpaid on a government procurement contract that must be transferred overseas. You are promised a percentage of the money in exchange for use of your bank account.

- **Charitable donation:** The solicitation asks for your bank account information under the promise that a donation will be contributed to your organization.

- **Contracts:** In certain variations of this type of scam you may be asked for your "expertise" to complete a contract with a foreign government. You will then be asked to pay various fees before your help is accepted.

**Q:** What should I do with the e-mail I received?

**A:** You should forward it to the US Secret Service, which is charged with investigating foreign advance fee scams. If you have already responded and lost money, send all documentation to:

US Secret Service  
Financial Crimes Division  
950 H Street NW

Washington, DC 20001

If you have received this type of correspondence but have not responded, you can fax a copy to the US Secret Service at (202)406-4840.

The Secret Service has more information about this type of scam on its Web site at [www.treas.gov/ussf](http://www.treas.gov/ussf). The US State Department and the US Postal Service also have information on their Web sites at <http://travel.state.gov> and [www.usps.gov](http://www.usps.gov).

**Q:** Someone left a message on my answering machine asking me to call a number with an 809 area code. I called, but it turned out to be a sales pitch. When my phone bill arrived, there was an outrageous long-distance charge for the call. Who can I file a complaint with?

**A:** This is an increasingly common telemarketing scam. My Consumer Protection Division receives frequent inquiries and complaints about these kinds of calls.

The scam begins when you receive a voice mail or e-mail message asking you to call a number with an 809 area code. The reason for the call can vary ó you have won a prize or a friend or relative needs help ó but you are always asked to call a number in the 809 area code, which people assume is in

the United States. Instead you are calling outside the country to an international exchange that charges huge per-minute rates.

Some consumers have reported receiving phone bills totaling thousands of dollars as a result of the 809 area code scam. If you have responded to one of these calls and have a large charge on your phone bill, you should contact your long distance carrier to see about having the fees adjusted. You should also contact the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which is investigating this particular scam.

You can mail a complaint to:

Federal Communications Commission  
Consumer Information Bureau  
Consumer Information Network Division  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

You can also file a complaint through the FCC's Web site at [www.fcc.gov/cib](http://www.fcc.gov/cib). If you get a call of this nature, check the area code before you call. Or better yet, don't call back!

## The Khirbet Iskander Collection:

"Archaeology at the Dawn of History", coming to LCU

LUBBOCK, TX—May 20, 2002—Lubbock Christian University in conjunction with the Eric Art Museum and the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal is proud to announce that the Khirbet Iskander Collection "Archaeology at the Dawn of History" exhibit is coming to Lubbock. You will be able to step back 5,000 years for a glimpse of life during the Early Bronze Age, which is 100 years before the birth of Abraham. The exhibit, which will run July 1 through September 30, 2002, will be on display in the Pioneer Gallery located in the University Library on the LCU campus. The exhibit is open during regular library hours and is free to the public.

LCU professor of Old Testament and archeologist-in-residence Dr. Jesse Long has been involved with the dig located near Amman Jordan for many years. A lecture series is planned for the fall—September 5, 12, and 19—featuring biblical archeologists Dr. Long, Shelley Wachsmann of Texas A & M and Rami Arav of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

### What is the Khirbet Iskander Collection?

It is this city that has been excavated and whose artifacts are featured in this exhibit. The Khirbet Iskander Collection has been organized by the Eric Art Museum in cooperation with Lubbock Christian University, Gannon University, and McMurry University.

The exhibition examines the way in which we learn about the past through the study of the cultural remains of ancient people, in this case, pre- to Canaanites living at Khirbet Iskander. Artifacts date to before the time of Abraham and other Biblical patriarchs, 2350-2000 B.C.

A variety of ceramic vessels is featured, including storage jars of many sizes; some over 2 feet high that held grains, seeds or oils. A large assortment of cups, bowls, and plates indicate the dining traditions, such as the huge platter-bowls used for communal dipping. Also featured are tools for everyday living including a stone potter's wheel, equipment for grinding flour, and vessels used to manufacture olive oil. There are also objects used in religious observances.

The exhibit will also feature maps of the region and photographs of the dig.

Before the discovery of Khirbet Iskander, the people of this period were thought to be nomadic, living in tents or temporary dwellings. Finding the ancient city and seeing what daily life was like there totally changed scholars' views about the period.

This exhibit is made possible in part through a grant from the Lubbock City Council, as recommended by the Lubbock Arts Alliance. For more information, contact Dr. Jesse Long at (806) 720-7657 or email him at [www.jesse.long@lcu.edu](mailto:www.jesse.long@lcu.edu).

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## “It’s Time to Move Forward Now”

By Eddie Richardson

the religious services made it a very inspiring effort. Of course, it has never been a massive number of people in attendance, and almost any church in the community could accommodate it. These services, in this writer's opinion, could be beneficial to both Juneteenth and the Black Church.

So much for procedure, now let's get to this year's program which were successful and enjoyed. It all began with the "Man and Woman of the Year" which was sponsored by the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In the past few years, the Deltas have umbrellaed with the Juneteenth. This year, we believe they (Deltas) made one of their better choices in their history of sponsoring the program of the most deserving Lubbock citizens. They were Joe Hatchett, founder of the Juneteenth Picnic Committee which was designed to feed senior citizens, homebound, and handicapped persons. But it never happened as they feed everyone no matter who they are until the food runs out every year. He also works with young people. We hope his organization will become a part of the large umbrella of the Juneteenth program; He was named "Man of the Year."

Receiving the "Woman of the Year" was Wanda Wesson, who is a volunteer on almost every board in the City of Lubbock, especially dealing with

young people. She works proudly with the YWCA. She is also associated with the Stark's Nest and other worthwhile programs. She is a deserving woman who makes a difference in Lubbock.

The parade had a new twist with the All-City Juneteenth Band, which is composed of students from all over the city. The parade had a little more quality besides the band. The participants were also the same as past years with at least 80 entrants. No doubt about it, there was a record number of persons in the park on last Saturday. There were a various number of booths which consisted of vendors on information, paddle boat rides, local talent, national and Hollywood talent as well as the health fair at Mae Simmons Community Center. Don't forget the Senior Citizens fish fry; play ground equipment from Texas Tech University for the children. If you were among the crowd which heard Johnny Taylor, you were pleased with his performance which was very enjoyable. He and his band members said, collectively, "We are impressed with Lubbock's hospitality and the way we were treated."

The Johnny Taylor Show, in this writer's opinion, was something for everyone of all ages. All in all, it was a great day, June 15, 2002!

Juneteenth has come find gone on a national and state level. Juneteenth is active year round. Lubbock's affiliate should and more than likely will reach this point.

Even though Lubbock had a successful program, it could have been better with long range planning which will soon become a reality. Starting in time beats fast; running in the end.

The three additions to the New Juneteenth is healthy which Lubbock is in goodstead. The health walk, the various health screenings and information—Lubbock is a little short on education and economics which this writer hopes to see soon. The largest complaint was the religious services and the complaints were many. Almost 30 years ago when we first started, we would worship at the regular worship services at various churches and rotate from year to year as well as from church to church. Then, somewhere along the way the Pavilion. This was an outstanding method to bring in many churches. The number of people who attended

## Letter to the Editor

Lillian B. Stappert, Owner of Unique Lady Fishbowl, and T. LaBarry M. Donahoe, Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant would like to give a heart felt thank you to Lubbock African-American Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for allowing us the blessed opportunity to take part in the More Than A Woman 2002 Miss African-American Pageant. As a youth counselor, I Lillian B. Stappert work with so many troubled youth on a day-to-day basis. It was very inspiring to work with such intelligent young women that obvious has goals for the future. Watching the young ladies work after work, exercise their dance routine, and talent, I knew that we had some wonderful talent in Lubbock, Texas. To the coordinators, who work so diligently behind the scenes to make sure everything went perfect, God Bless you, and thank you again for such great support of Unique Lady Fishbowl. To all the contestants, you ladies looked so elegant and beautiful in all the fishbowl, and you were a wonderful appearance on the stage. We had a great time working with you and seeing one of you. We hope to work with you in the future in other endeavors. We will cherish this opportunity for the rest of our life. Continue to work for the Lord. Always keep God as the center of your life in all you do. In conclusion, let this experience be the beginning of many blessed experiences to come. From tonight there could only be one winner to take home the crown of Miss African American, just remember YOU ARE ALL WINNERS. This was a beautiful event. God Bless to the of you, and may God always bless you.

Sincerely,  
Lillian B. Stappert, Unique Lady Fishbowl & LaBarry M. Donahoe, Independent Beauty Consultant

## Fear of a Black Jury

by Gene Healy

While most of the media focus on the war on terrorism, the Bush administration's key initiative in the war on crime, Project Safe Neighborhoods, is quietly being implemented across the country. The program deserves a closer look. The administration points to the involvement of minority organizations such as the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and argues that Project Safe Neighborhoods is a compassionate conservative solution to the violent crime that afflicts many inner-city neighborhoods. But there are good reasons to be wary of this claim. The program opens the door to prosecutorial mischief affecting the racial composition of juries, and may lead to long prison terms for marginal offenders who do not deserve to be in jail.

Under President Bush's plan, many gun crimes that would ordinarily be prosecuted at the state level—such as possession of a handgun by a felon, drug user, or illegal alien—will be channeled into the federal system. In addition to federalizing gun crimes, Project Safe Neighborhoods acts as a prosecution-stimulus package, funding the placement of more than 700 new prosecutors (113 federal, 600 state) who will do nothing but pursue gun law violations full-time.

What's wrong with that? First, the techniques embraced by Project Safe Neighborhoods have been used by federal prosecutors to avoid majority-black juries in cases involving black defendants. Second, the program is

likely to lead to a mindless zero-tolerance policy for technical infractions of gun laws, and incarceration of marginal offenders who do not deserve long prison sentences. This will hit minority communities particularly hard.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is based on Project Exile, a program developed by federal prosecutors in Richmond, Virginia. There's good reason to believe that Project Exile prosecutors used the program to avoid black juries. In Richmond, where Project Exile was first implemented, the jury pool for the state-level Circuit Court is approximately 75 percent African-American.

In contrast, the federal jury pool for Richmond defendants draws from a broader area and is only about 10 percent African-American. By diverting gun possession cases from state to federal court, Richmond prosecutors were able to do indirectly what the Constitution does not allow them to do directly—manipulate the racial composition of the jury pool. Indeed, an assistant U.S. attorney frankly admitted that one of Exile's goals was avoiding "Richmond juries."

In the 1999 case of United States v. Jones, a Virginia federal district court rejected a black Project Exile defendant's claim that such statements of bias violated his rights to trial by jury and equal protection of the laws. However, the court warned that "Project Exile unnecessarily invites a substantial risk of selective prosecution" on the basis of race. That risk will only be enhanced by Project Safe Neighborhoods' expansion of the Exile model throughout all 50 states. Under Project Safe Neighborhoods, federal prosecutors will be able to racially gerrymander the jury pools by diverting racially charged cases to federal court.

Critics have charged that Project Exile has a disparate impact on black Americans: Over 90 percent of Project Exile defendants in Virginia are African-American. Former Richmond police chief Jerry Oliver, who is black, bristles at such charges: "It isn't about profiling race. It's about profiling behavior.... We've got to go after the bad guys, and many of the bad guys are black."

Fair enough. No one, whatever his race, is entitled to commit violent crimes. But Project Exile and Project Safe Neighborhoods have never been targeted at violent crimes. As attorney and Project Exile expert Amy Fairweather notes, Project Exile "does not prosecute gun violence. Exile does not apply to assault, murder, rape or

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that the best way to get Americans to vote is to promise to cut taxes. That's why they always talk about the government wasting your money. What they never talk about is the things that the government stands ready to give you, or to help you buy at bargain basement prices," says James Rungseegul, a researcher at the Institute. "The most popular listings in the booklets are: Loans for entrepreneurs with no money; \$2,500 for college students for summer travel; Free help getting the best deal on a new car; Find a federal job with a phone call.; \$20,000 to write a novel; Get paid to travel and talk; Free medications direct from drug companies; Money for seniors to fix up their homes.

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By Joseph Young, Jr.

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Presently, he is extending an inspirational offer to publications to take part in his latest project and receive his newly released Dr. Joe's Art Block, six months of fully-produced, engaging instructional art. "The art block is an instructional, step-by-step drawing lesson, featuring multi-cultural images geared toward youth, juveniles and adults."

says Joe Young.

In Dr. Joe's Art Block, after the youth draw they can send Joe: A copy of their work and Joe's staff will critique the work and offer encouragement (all correspondence is answered). The company offers many art services to youth. Mr. Young travels the country conducting creative arts workshops to try to motivate youth to participate in the arts.

The syndicated main character Dr. Joe, from the *Scruples* comic strip, called the "urban Peanuts," by the Hartford Courant, finds his way back onto the pages (a daily circulation through Dr. Joe's Art Block). The *Scruples* characters are a group of multicultural, hip, thought-provoking orphans who live on the *Scruples* Campus. The group is led by ten-year-old Dr. Joe, a self-proclaimed psychiatrist, who gives advice to his fellow orphans. The comic strip, "Scruples," nationally syndicated in 1988, reached its height through national publication in a myriad of daily and weekly papers, broadcast on CBS and NBC stations of the animated version, and mention in media such as *People*, *Ebony*, *Essence*, *The New*



York Times, The Hartford Courant, USA Weekend, The Boston Globe, Associated Press and C-Span.

Today, Joe Young finds innovative outlets for thousands of children, while always offering a message of morality, safety and opportunity. He spends a majority of his time teaching and as the Community Arts Coordinator for The Community Renewal Team (Connecticut's largest privately owned social service agency).

Joe Young, president of Dr. Joe Art Club International, the world's fastest growing youth art club, says he's dedicated to the arts because it fosters "self-expression in youth, which gives them self-importance... that builds self-esteem..."

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other violence," but rather to possession of firearms or ammunition by prohibited persons, many of whom lack a history of violence. Federal judge Richard L. Williams noted that "Ninety percent of these [Exile] defendants are probably no danger to society."

In fact, recent federal firearms prosecutions have included a Colorado woman who was convicted under the felon-in-possession statutes for posing nude on the internet with a gun, and an Iowa man who was sent to federal prison for 15 years for possession of a single .22-caliber bullet. We can expect more of the same as Project Safe Neighborhoods ramps up firearms prosecutions. Because the program will hire 700 new lawyers to prosecute nothing but gun crimes, technical violations will be their sole source of charges once the truly dangerous and violent criminals are locked away.

Thanks in large part to the drug war, mandatory-minimum sentencing and various crime-control initiatives emanating from Washington, One of every three African-American men between the ages of 20 and 29 are under the jurisdiction of the criminal justice system in this country. When Washington comes to us with another tough-on-crime program of dubious constitutionality, shouldn't we pause before embracing it?

## Vatican Exhibit Draws Tourists to Hub City

With estimates of upwards to 150,000 visitors coming to the Hub City to attend the Vatican Art Exhibit at the Museum of Texas Tech University, the City of Lubbock embarked on a number of projects several months ago to enhance and beautify our community.

Now that the exhibit has opened, visitors from around the world will descend on Lubbock and find a city that welcomes them with a new attraction that is both functional and instills pride in our community, enhanced beautification and a friendly place that is sure to impress our thousands of new visitors.

These projects and programs were targeted and accelerated specifically to be completed in time for the arrival of the Vatican exhibit in order to complement the extraordinary efforts put forth by Texas Tech University, the Texas Tech Museum staff, the Catholic Diocese, the Conventions and Visitors Bureau and many other groups.

Any visitor cannot help but be impressed with the spectacular Freedom Fountain at Huneke Park at Memphis and 82nd Street. Gertie Jeter, with Civic Lubbock, Inc., Penny Mason and Karen Malouf of Keep Lubbock Beautiful (KLB) and Phyllis Jones of the Parks and Recreation Board all banded together to raise more than \$100,000 to build the fountain and have it dedicated on Memorial Day this year.

Guests arriving by air will notice the massive number of trees that have been

planted along the main entrance to Lubbock International Airport on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. More than 260 of the 357 trees have been planted and the remainder will be planted in the coming days. The 357 trees comprise Phase I of the beautification of the Airport Corridor project to landscape the airport entrances on MLK Boulevard and Regis Street. Parks and Recreation employees have been putting in extra hours to get as many trees planted as possible in anticipation of the coming visitors.

With so many visitors arriving for the exhibit that may never have been to Lubbock before, a custom-built information station will be located inside the Museum of Texas Tech University. This booth features large, attractive maps of Lubbock and the surrounding area, impressive large color photographs of South Plains attractions and is being operated by volunteers from as far away as the Panhandle Plains Museum in Canyon, the Palo Duro Canyon stage production TEXAS! and the communities of Crosbyton and Plainview.

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We would like to publish your monthly meetings. If you would like for an announcement to appear in this column, please get it to us in writing by mailing it to:

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