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Rep. Larry Combest's Weekly Roundup

"Protecting our Students' Right to Pray"

It's tough for our kids to grow up nowadays. Our children must cope with a variety of pressures ranging from academics to peer groups to random acts of violence. Something seems to be missing. It's as if morals and values that most Americans remember growing up with completely disappear once a child hits the halls of their local school. As a former teacher, I know firsthand that our children deserve a learning environment which reflects the moral foundation that their parents have built.

In light of this, I am surprised and disappointed that our U.S. Supreme Court has struck down recent efforts for voluntary prayer in public schools. This is yet another blow against the morals, values and freedom upon which our country was founded. We owe it to our children to protect their First Amendment right to freedom of religious expression and freedom of speech. Student bodies that want to open a football game, graduation Ceremony, or even simply to begin a day of learning with a word of voluntary prayer or moment of silence should never be told that is wrong.

In the controversial ruling last month, the Supreme Court voted 6-3 to strike down student-led prayers at public high school football games. In the case, Santa Fe Independent School District vs. Doe, a small group of students and their parents filed a complaint against a school district near Galveston. They claimed that prayers delivered by students before the kick-off at football games, as well as the prayers at baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies, violate the separation of Church and state. The Court handed down its decision, insisting that although the prayers were led and initiated by the student body, the school's involvement amounted to a public endorsement of the Christian faith. Furthermore, the Court claimed that prayers at athletic events are coercive because athletes, cheerleaders and band members are required to be in attendance.

This decision is disturbing to me for many reasons. The Court turned a blind eye to the fact that students in the Santa Fe Independent School District not only vote on whether or not to have an invocation at school events, they also decide which student will deliver that invocation. In addition, the Court's ruling is in direct opposition to the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. According to our Constitution, no branch of the government, including the judicial branch, can make any restrictions "respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech." Clearly, if our students are prohibited from voluntarily praying at athletic events, their constitutional rights are grossly violated. Our nation was founded by settlers seeking a home where they could freely practice their religion, this is one of the precious ideals that makes us Americans.

Last year, Congress agreed to a resolution that urged the Supreme Court to uphold the constitutionality of prayers and invocations at public school sporting events, stating their importance to the moral foundation of our nation. Nearly one year ago, Congress passed the "Religious Liberty Protection Act," which restricted the federal government from placing any undue burdens on an individual's right to practice his or her religion. Additionally, the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee of the Constitution is currently considering measures that propose amendments to the Constitution which restore religious freedom and protect voluntary school prayer.

Congress is sending a message to the courts; Americans will not allow religion to be stripped from our schools, communities or public lives. In a time when brutal violence is occurring in schools around the country, it becomes clear that many of the problems of our society could be eliminated or lessened if people returned to the morals and values of our forefathers. Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who voted with the minority in favor of student-led prayer, best sums up the Court's actions, writing, "Even more disturbing than its holding is the tone of the Court's opinion; it bristles with hostility to all things religious in public life."

I believe that all citizens of this country have certain inalienable rights as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, and this includes the freedom to practice religion. I find it ironic that the U.S. Congress can open its daily proceedings with a prayer, but high school students are prohibited from similar activity. It's time to return to the morals and values upon which our nation was founded and I will continue to support legislation that promotes strong morals and family values.

More than One Thousand Say Good-Bye to Well Known Clergyman: Bishop W.D. Haynes, Sr.



They came by the scores - more than one thousand -- last Saturday afternoon, July 8, 2000, to pay their last respects to a well known clergyman, Bishop W. D. Haynes, Sr., who was funeralized at the Agape State Temple Church of God in Christ where Bishop W. H. Watson is pastor and served as one of the conductors of the services. He was assisted by Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, 1st Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

The eulogist was Bishop George E. McKinney, Jr., Ph.D., pastor of the St. Stephen's Church of God in Christ Ministries, Southern California Second Jurisdiction, Sacramento, California.

Acknowledging all the remarks made about Bishop Haynes, he said, "I want to do two things about this man Bishop W. D. Haynes, Sr. I want to say something positive and talk about his theme: 'Oh, Jesus Is Coming.'"

For approximately 20 minutes, Bishop McKinney did just that as he talked of the many accomplishments of Bishop W. D. Haynes. He made it known that Bishop Haynes was an ambassador for the Church of God in Christ, and made it known where ever he

was that "Jesus Is Coming." A recording of Bishop W. D. Haynes, Sr. singing his favorite "Oh, Jesus Is Coming", was played, and the argues body of people said, "Thank God, Praise the Lord!"

The services, which lasted more than two hours and thirty minutes, had a variety of person appearing on program. Among them were Elder W. T. Hickman, read 90th Psalms; Superintendent Mark Perry, read I Corinthians 15:50-58; prayer by Elder Caleph Swindell. The acknowledgement of Bishops and Special Guest was read by Bishop Watson. Special remarks were given by City Councilman T. J. Patterson, civic; Rev. Wendell Davis, community; and Rev. D.A. Smith, President of Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

Words were also given by Bishop A. LaDell Thomas, Superintendent R. L. Caro, Elder Wayne Pope, and Elder S. C. Allen.

A moving moment of the services were when his grandson, Brent Haynes, sung his Bishop Haynes' favorite song, "Oh, Jesus Is Coming." Elder W. David Haynes, Jr. gave a heartfelt statement. Music was supplied by the Mass Choir who sang, "I've

Got A Testimony" and "Stand." A sermon solo was sung by a great niece of Bishop Haynes, Thelma Raye Smith. Sister Thelma Raye Smith read a resolution from Christ Temple Church of God in Christ.

Bishop Haynes was born April 29, 1932 in Fort Worth, Texas. He has been preaching since he was 11 years of age, and his nickname "Billy" was bestowed upon him by his family and it has stuck with him every since, in that many of the olds timers still call him by it.

He is a graduate of I. M. Terrell High School in Fort Worth. He also attended Texas College in Tyler, Texas, and has a Certificate in Religion from the Life and 20th Century Bible Colleges in Langston, Oklahoma. He has also been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Trinity Hall Seminary in Boston, Mass.

He married Myrta Andrews on August 2, 1952, in San Francisco, California. He moved to Lubbock, Texas 43 years ago, coming from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Among his many accomplishments was in 1965 when he was appointed Missionary Bishop to the Republic of Panama by the late Bishop A. B. McEwen.

then Chairman of the Board of the Church of God in Christ with headquarters in Memphis, Tn, and is the legal representative for all Church of God in Christ Missionaries in Central America.

Bishop Haynes was instrumental in getting Panamanian students admitted into this country so they could further their education. The students were graduates of Mary & Mac Private School of Lubbock, Texas.

Bishop Haynes departed this life on Sunday, July 2, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center after more than 50 years in the ministry.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Mrs. Myrta Andrews Haynes; his son, Elder W. David Haynes, Jr.; his sister, Jonelle Haynes-Perry, wife of Bishop F. E. Perry, Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio; his aunts, Lela Ruth Horn of Midland, Texas and Alpha "K. C." Stewart of San Francisco, California; cousin, Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, 1st Presiding Prelate of the National Church of God in Christ, Inc.; five grandchildren, the Christ Temple Church Family of Lubbock, Texas; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Honors "Man & Women of the Year" Last Month



The Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. selected Ed Henderson and Florinza Stokley as recipients of its annual "Man & Woman of the Year Awards" during ceremonies on Thursday evening, June 15, 2000, at Mae Simmons Community Center.

"The awards are presented to those citizens on the basis of their community service," said Ruby White, president of the local chapter.

Mrs. Stokley was cited for her efforts in serving as a volunteer in community service since 1965, and for directing her efforts toward helping the sick and shut-in,

elderly, and bereaved families. A member of New Hope Baptist Church, she serves on the Solace Board. She also was recognized for having provided transportation for individuals in the community when they otherwise could not have attended church services or kept medical appointments.

On the other hand, Henderson teaches fire science classes at South Plains College, participates in a radio ministry, and has been active in local junior and senior high school programs. He was recommended for the award because of his activities in recruiting minorities for employment with the Lubbock Fire Department, and for his work with the Estacado High School Criminal Justice mentoring program.

The Southwest Digest salutes the efforts of Mr. Ed Henderson and Mrs. Florinza Stokley for their untiringly efforts to make Lubbock, Texas a much better place for all of us to live.

Vice President Gore Announces Alvin Brown as Senior Advisor for Urban Policy



Washington, DC-- Vice President Al Gore appointed Alvin Brown to the new position of Senior Advisor for Urban Policy and to serve as Vice Chair of the White House Community Empowerment Board.

rather than the past." Brown has been Executive Director of the White House Community Empowerment Board since February 1999 and previously served as a senior adviser to Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo. Brown has served in the Clinton-Gore Administration since 1993.

"Alvin Brown's appointment is good news for America's cities. Alvin is an outstanding urban expert who will serve as a trusted and valuable advisor to the Vice President," Secretary Cuomo said.

Brown will be responsible for

"From Whence We've Come"



In 1952, at 2409 Globe Avenue, this photo of the Robert Arthur Scott family was taken. Those in the photo were: front row, from left to right: Jim Scott, Robert Arthur Scott, the father; Jessie Scott, and Robert Scott.

Second row: from left to right, Maurice Scott, Ella Marie Scott-Roquemore, Sylvester Scott, Alvin Scott, and Edwin Scott.

Back row: from left to right, Leo Scott, Myrtle Scott Smith and Beno Scott. At the Scott Family Reunion at the Renaissance Room Quality Inn in Abilene, Texas, only three of those shown in the photo are still living. They are: Leo, Myrtle and Edwin.

With the theme, "From Whence We've Come," Edwin was presented with a certificate for being the loudest living Scott.

The Southwest Digest salutes the Scott Family and the recognition of Rev. Edwin Scott. If you look at this photo closely, you'll discover this photo was taken at the home of Rev. Edwin Scott.

Red Alert!

County Judge Tom Head is declaring war on the poorest of the poor again! With defeated supporter Nathan Ziegler, he is seeking to privatize services for the poor.

Head is recommending the justices of peace determined eligibility for assistance with funeral costs. Head's proposals call for contracting with established organizations for the pay and deliver of food, housing and utilities for poor residents.

This community should be aware of Tom Head and his kind that would in a serpentine move set out to eliminate services to the poor.

This community has a moral obligation to help those who cannot help themselves. The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance is watching those who would for personal and political gain hurt the poor.

—D. A. Smith
President, Interdenominational
Ministerial Alliance



Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. You are always welcome to visit New Hope if you are looking for a church home. We are looking for you to

visit.

Church services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. It was Youth Day. Adult Superintendent Deacon Earnest Swain was present, but the youth were in charge. All teachers, however, were in their various classrooms for thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a. m., all reassembled marching and singing "Yield Not To Temptation."

High points of the morning lesson were given by young people of the Primary Class where Sister Hattie Gipson is their teacher. It was well done.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department -- Primary Class received the Offering Banner, and the Senior Class received the Attendance Banner.

Adult Department -- Adult Class No. 1 received the Offering Banner. Adult Class No. 2 received the Attendance Banner.

There were three visitors to the Sunday School.

The young people did a marvelous job in the devotional period. Thank God for our youth!

The Youth Choir marched in the morning processional. The altar prayer was offered by Brother F. J. Jenkins. After the singing of a selection, scripture was read by Pam Moton. Prayer was given by a youth. Another selection was sung by the Youth Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by a youth.

The morning hymn was "Sweet Jesus." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. Another selection, "God Will Make Away", was sung.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Great Is The Word Of God." His scripture text was John 1:1. It was another wonderful sermon.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in citizens with our prayers and visits. Also, please remember those families who have lost loved ones.

Among those who passed are: Brother Willie Judie who was funeralized last Saturday morning at Community Baptist Church.

Final rites were read for Bishop W. D. Haynes on last Saturday afternoon at Agape State Temple Church of God in Christ.

Funeral services were held last Friday for Sister Mary Lee Ward at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

All families need your prayers. God is calling the roll.

Let us pray for Sister Roberta Hightower who is recovering in the hospital. She had surgery last week.

Coca-Cola Tees up with the Tiger Woods Foundation to help Kids fulfill their Dreams



Coca-Cola recently became the official community sponsor of the Tiger Woods Foundation to help promote the Foundation's mission of encouraging the positive development of young people around the globe.

As part of the new partnership, Coca-Cola will sponsor the Coca-Cola/Tiger Woods Foundation Junior Golf Clinics and Exhibition for youth in four U.S. cities in 2000. Pictured above, Tiger kicks off the

series by providing tee-off tips to 13-year-old Jonathon Sanders in Oklahoma City. The new U.S. Open champion also put on a golf exhibition for more than 2,500 local youth, and, with his father, Earl Woods, encouraged them to reach for their dreams and achieve their goals.

Coca-Cola also is sponsoring the "Tiger Jam" benefit concert, currently scheduled for October in Las Vegas.

Photo by Michael Puge

The State of Race Relations keeps Us Going

By Theodore M. Shaw



This year the NAACP Legal Defense Fund is celebrating its 60th anniversary. As the country's oldest civil-rights law firm, actually we would like to go out of business. Unfortunately, we can't.

Issues of race continue to plague America. To a large extent, your race still determines where you live, where your kids go to school and the quality of education they receive, and what your job prospects are.

Race also plays a large role in how the police and the

criminal justice system treat you. If you are a minority, you are often viewed as a suspect, and you are likely to receive harsher penalties than white Americans if you are convicted of an offense.

Police brutality is a huge problem for black people in the United States.

In February, an Albany, N.Y., jury acquitted four white New York City police officers of all charges in the killing of Amadou Diallo, an African immigrant. The plainclothes members of the Street Crimes Unit had fired 41 bullets at the unarmed street vendor as he stood in the vestibule of his Bronx apartment house on Feb. 4, 1999.

The officers testified that Diallo had behaved "suspiciously" and that they mistook him for a rape suspect and his wallet for a gun.

After the verdict, the jurors, who included four black women, stated that race was not even mentioned during their deliberations. That is like saying that nobody noticed the 5,000-

pound elephant in the back seat of the Volkswagen Beetle.

On March 16 this year, Patrick Dorismond became the latest tragic addition to a long line of unarmed black New Yorkers to lose their lives at the hands of the police. As with Diallo and Abner Louima, who was savagely tortured in a New York police station by officers in 1997, Dorismond's name has become a rallying cry against Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who has purposely antagonized the black community by implementing aggressive law-enforcement policies which treat innocent people of color in a harsh and oppressive manner. But this problem is not limited to New York City. It's nationwide.

Political commentators tell us that outside of black communities these issues have little resonance. If so, that is a devastating indictment. A society that sanctions police harassment, torture or killing of its members, whether randomly or by unwitting

design, forfeits its moral authority and its leadership on human rights.

We at the Legal Defense Fund believe that most Americans, including the overwhelming majority of law-enforcement officials, do not sanction a society that tolerates police brutality.

The challenge is to stir all Americans from their complacency and force them to confront racial and social injustice. The American experience with race has been painful and tortured. It remains so. But even though it has been painful, it has been a story of progress.

In the year 2000, the struggle for racial progress continues despite those who would summarily declare it to be over. At the Legal Defense Fund, we wish we all didn't have so much work ahead.

Theodore M. Shaw is associate director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc. He can be reached at mpmproj@progressive.org.

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National Black Arts Festival Announces Seventh Biennial Celebration of Artistic Excellence

Set for July 28 – Aug. 6, 2000, in Atlanta

ATLANTA, June 12, 2000 - The National Black Arts Festival (NBAF) officially announced its seventh biennial event today as the world's largest and most prestigious cultural celebration of the creative and artistic genius of people of African descent. Scheduled for July 28-Aug. 6 in Atlanta, the Festival will showcase the work of more than 1,500 artists in disciplines including music, theatre, film, literature, dance, performance art, visual art, spoken word and educational symposia.

connect, inspire, transform." sets the thematic tone of this years 10 day NBAF. The Festival highlights the power of art and artists to foster positive change in the world.

"The National Black Arts Festival makes a difference, not just in Atlanta, but nationally and worldwide," said Stephanie S. Hughley, NBAF executive producer and founding artistic director. "We're not just about celebration. We're about growth, change, education, service and leadership."

Founded in 1987, the NBAF opened with Hughley at the helm, a post she held successfully through 1992. With a mission in mind, Hughley returned this year to

lead the organization in a new direction and execute the NBAF board's long range vision of expanding the Festival's comprehensive program by creating a partnership with Atlanta University Center (AUC), Atlanta's historically black colleges and universities - Clark Atlanta University, Spelman College, Morehouse College, Morehouse School of Medicine, Morris Brown College and the Interdenominational Theological Center. This partnership emphasizes the yearlong important resource of historically black colleges and universities as repositories of art and as centers of discussion on

race and culture.

The NBAF's Festival 2000 kicks off its opening weekend on Friday, July 28, 6-8 p.m. with "A Gathering of Artists." An opening ceremony consisting of a splendid procession down historic Auburn Avenue with an array of artists leading the way to the new NBAF headquarters at the Studioplex. The weekend continues with "A Gathering of Colors" on Saturday, July 29, 7 p.m.-midnight, a fundraising Gala that features a festive evening of entertainment. Following this Gala there will be a neighborhood block party, gallery crawl and

open studios on Sunday, July 30, noon p.m. Additional venue throughout Atlanta will host performances, symposia, conferences and public forums. Some of these are free of charge.

From Aug. 3-6, the AUC will serve as the focal point for activities for the entire family. Plans include an outdoor marketplace with more than 100 vendors, multiple stages showcasing local, national and international artists; the Official NBAF Artists' Market with more than 80 visual artists; a Children's Village with hands-on participatory activities; film screenings; lectures

and workshops; a book fair; a health fair; exhibitions and food vendors. A nominal fee of \$5 will be charged at the gate. Children under 6 are free.

"We are pleased to bring National Black Arts Festival events to the Atlanta University Center campuses," said Hughley. "Art is the very fiber of our beings, the very thread that ties us to our history and heritage, the very fabric of our community."

For program, travel and ticket information, call the NBAF headquarters at 404-730-0177 or visit the NBAF web site at www.nba.org.

Feds Criminalize A Generation

by Earl Ofari Hutchinson (E-mail: news@nnpa.org)

The prison incarceration juggernaut slowed down slightly in state prisons in 1999. But the federal government more than picked up the slack. According to a Bureau of Justice report the number of those jailed in federal prisons grew by 11,000 in 1999. The majority of them were for drug offenses. And to almost no one's surprise most of these drug offenders were young African-Americans. Putting thousands of black men behind bars for mostly non-violent drug offenses has had staggering consequences. It has wreaked massive social and political havoc on families and communities. It has been the single biggest reason for the bloat in federal spending on prison construction, maintenance, and the escalation in the number of prosecutors needed to handle the continuing flood of drug cases.

The standard reasons given for criminalizing practically an entire generation of young blacks is that they are poor, crime-prone, and lack family values. The more compelling reason can still be summed up in four words: racially biased drug laws. Reports and studies by the Justice Department, the U.S. Sentencing Commission, as well as universi-

ties and foundations confirm that:

- Far more whites use and deal drugs including crack cocaine than blacks.
- The overwhelming majority of those prosecuted in federal courts for drug possession and sale (mostly small amounts of crack cocaine) and given stiff mandatory sentences of ten years to life are African-American.
- Only five percent of those sentenced to jail terms are major dealers.
- There is a massive and deep disparity in how blacks (crack cocaine) and whites (powdered cocaine) are being sentenced by the federal and state courts.

Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno have given their tepid support to eliminate the gaping racial disparities in the drug laws. Yet the reconstituted Sentencing Commission recently moved swiftly to amend, revise, and upgrade sentences for a range of offenses but said nothing about amending the drug sentencing laws.

The scapegoating of blacks for America's crime and drug problem actually began in the 1980s. The assault by Republican conservatives on job, income, and social service programs, a crumbling educational system and

industrial shrinkage dumped more blacks on the streets with no where to go. Some chose guns, gangs, crime and drugs. The big cuts in welfare, social services, and skills training programs under the Clinton administration have dumped not only more young black males but more black women on the streets. According to the Bureau of Justice report the number of women in U.S. prisons has doubled since 1990 to a record 100,000.

Much of the media quickly turned the drug problem into a black problem and played it up big in news stories and features. Many Americans scared stiff of the drug crisis readily gave their blessing to drug sweeps, random vehicle checks, marginally legal searches and seizures, evictions from housing projects and apartments. When it came to law enforcement practices in the ghettos and barrios, the denial of civil liberties protections,

and end drug profiling and random stops of black and Latino motorists.

McCaffrey and other federal officials are at least finally paying some lip service to the pathetic truth that billions are being squandered on a wasteful,

racially-flawed drug policy that targets mostly poor, and desperate small time black drug offenders. They have done nothing to change that policy. Until they do more and more young black men and women will continue to stuff federal prison cells.

"Share a Book with a Child"

Join us for "Share a Book with a Child," a storyhour for children ages 3-5 and their parents, at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 18 at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive. A book will be given to each family in attendance, courtesy of the Literacy Coalition. This is a free program. For more information, call 767-3300.

OBITUARY

Willie Judie

Funeral services were held for Willie Judie, a long-time resident of Lubbock, Texas, last Saturday morning, July 8, 2000, at the Community Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Corie Powell Powell.

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

Mr. Judie died Saturday, July 1, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born October 15, 1925 in Rosebud, Texas. He married Joyce Williams on October 14, 1982, in Lubbock. He was a member of the Community Baptist Church where he was the deacon

of the church finance committee, a choir member, and a choir director.

He was a U. S. Army veteran. Mr. Judie retired from the City of Lubbock. He was also a Mason and chaplain of the East Lubbock Early Settlers Reunion.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Joyce Judie of Lubbock, Texas; three sons: Willie, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas, Dewayne Williams of Abilene, Texas and Ernest Williams of San Antonio, Texas; eight daughters: Billie Robinson and Rita K., both of Fort Worth, Texas, Gloria of Lubbock, Texas, Debra Wiseman and Debbie Smith, both of Amarillo, Texas, Janice Mayfield of Atlanta, Ga., Doris Williams of Oakland, California, and Tamara Williams of Albuquerque, N. M., three sisters, Gladys Swenney of Denver, Colorado, Ruthie M. Banks of Midland, Texas and Utia Pierson of Dallas, Texas; 27 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

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THIS N THAT

PARKWAY MANOR CARE CENTER NEEDS US! THIS N THAT wants to advise you that in a very short time what we know as the PARKWAY MANOR CARE CENTER will be no more and it will leave a VOID FOR SENIOR CARE in this area of the city THIS N THAT has learned that it will be CLOSING If this is the case wouldn't this be an opportunity for someone or some people to get involved and see what the possibilities are to BUY THIS FACILITY and make things better for those who are seniors in our community Just something to think about especially since EAST LUBBOCK is on the move Are there any PEOPLE WHO WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER?? If you don't know THE PARKWAY MANOR CARE CENTER is located at 114 CHERRY AVENUE CITIZENS MISSED! THIS N THAT will miss the THREE CITIZENS who passed last week in our community They are SISTER MARY LEE WARD, BROTHER WILLIE JUDIE and BISHOP W. D. "BILLY" HAYNES, SR. All made VERY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTES TO THE CITY OF LUBBOCK

IT'S ABOUT TIME! THIS N THAT believes that it is about time for CORPORATE LUBBOCK to x begin making plans to bring more RETAIL OUTLETS including some drive in restaurants and other eating facilities in the Eastern Part of Lubbock Do you agree?? The time is now because the GOOD PEOPLE OF EAST LUBBOCK have been waiting TOO LONG! If this is not possible then what do you suggest we do to get the necessary resources from within the area and do it ourselves. Something to think about Much is being done on the PUBLIC SIDE but there is a GREAT NEED for some help from the PRIVATE SIDE Much study has been done now we need some POSITIVE ACTION!!

WHAT ABOUT THE BACK TO SCHOOL PARADE?? THIS N THAT had heard that PLANS are being made to have a BACK TO SCHOOL PARADE since the rains prevented the JUNETEENTH PARADE THIS N THAT still believes this a VERY GOOD IDEA and it could serve as a catalyst for the going back to school for our young people Let us hear from you about this idea. It's only an IDEA at this time but it could become a REALITY. Would be a GREAT WAY to meet the new superintendent WHAT DO YOU THINK??

STILL LOOKING FOR THE MURAL ON MLK! THIS N THAT hears there is some movement to get the MURAL done on Martin Luther King, Blvd. Hope this is true as summer is about over and our kids will be going back to school Hope everything will work out If THIS N THAT can help then advise

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "IF WE ALL pull together then we can accomplish anything we will attempt to accomplish in EAST LUBBOCK"



Ask A.G.

Open Government

by John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

Q: I am trying to obtain some records from the local municipal court. How do I make a proper request for this information?

A: One of my priorities as not agree with our ruling. Attorney General is to enable Filing a complaint citizens to have access to their If a governmental body does not government. I have always felt that respond to your written request, citizens should not have to have attorney to know what their government is doing

There is no special form required to request information under Public Information Act, but the request does need to be in writing. Some governmental bodies may your original request and any provide citizens with a standard form, but they cannot require you to use it.

When making a request, you should be as specific as possible about the information you need. Include your address and phone number in case the person handling the request needs to contact you.

Once the governmental body receives your request it has four options: promptly produce the requested information; contact you with a request for clarification or a reason for needing more time to respond; request a ruling from this office; or withhold the information based on a prior attorney general ruling.

If the governmental body chooses to release the information,

the Act states only that it must be done in a "reasonable" amount of time, but it does not specify what constitutes reasonable.

Change in the law

Often, governmental bodies would file ruling requests with the Office of the Attorney General as a delaying tactic to withhold public information. The 76th Legislature helped put an end to these tactics by revising the Public Information Act. Now, governmental bodies have 15 days to request a ruling, and our office must generally issue a ruling within 45 days.

In addition, the revised Act prohibits requests for reconsideration on withholding information when the governmental body does not agree with your ruling.

Filing a complaint

If a governmental body does not respond to your written request, you can submit a complaint to: Open Records Division, Office of the Attorney General, PO Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711. Your complaint letter should include a brief summary of your attempts to obtain the information, a copy of your original request and any correspondence you received in response.

Q: I think our commissioners court is in violation of the Open Meetings Act. Can you please enforce the law?

A: While the Office of the Attorney General enforces the Public Information Act it does not

have the authority to enforce the Open Meetings Act. The local county or district attorney has jurisdiction to prosecute alleged violations of the Act. The county or district attorney has complete discretion in determining with allegations will be prosecuted.

Requirements

Governmental bodies are subject to the Open Meetings Act when a quorum of members meets for the purpose of discussing public business. A quorum is generally considered to be a majority of the members, but some city charters may define it as more than a majority.

The Act requires the governmental body to post meeting notices in a place that are convenient and accessible to the public. The posted notice must contain the time, date and place of the meeting, in addition to a description of the subjects to be discussed.

For more information

More detailed information on both the Public Information Act and the Open Meetings Act is available on the Office of the Attorney General Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us in the "Open Government" section. This office also publishes handbooks on both Acts that are available on the Web site. To request a hard copy of either, call (512) 475-4428.

The Office of the Attorney General also maintains an Open Government Hotline to assist citizens. You can reach the Hotline at (877) OPEN-TEX.

George Bush, Serial Pragmatist

Several analysts said public support for the death penalty was strong enough for Mr. Bush to rest assured that he was on the right side of the issue. Mr. Gore also supports the death penalty and has been reticent to challenge Mr. Bush on the brisk rate of executions in Texas.

New York Times, Friday, June 23, 2000

The "issue" referenced above is the execution of Gary Graham The "right side" referenced is not moral, not even political--as in having a political conviction about something. No, George Bush's decision, backed up by some whiz-bang interpretations of Texas law that rival judicial disputes over the meaning of the word "is", was purely pragmatic. For Mr. Bush (and the "reticent" Al Gore) Gary Graham's life was just something to carve out a position on, one that optimally helped--but minimally did not hurt--his campaign for the presidency.

Okay, you say, you knew all that. But did you also know that Bush is not a "first offender" on these matters? He's actually a serial pragmatist with a long record. Here's some of his rap sheet. Crime rates dropped in the state of Texas in 1992 and 1993. George W. Bush, Jr. was planning his first run for governor. In spite of those statistics, he decided to make crime the issue in his 1994 race against Democrat Ann Richards.

Richards was no "root cause" liberal when it came to crime. She supported the death penalty, restricted parole for violent offenders and oversaw one of the most extensive waves of prison construction in state

history. Governor Richards welcomed the aggressive Wall Street traded private "prison-industrial complex" turning building, staffing, equipping and filling prisons into a growth sector of the Texas economy.

But in spite Richards' "tough on crime" record, George W. believed he could turn the issue to his advantage. In the tradition of his father's infamous Willie Horton ad campaign in the 1988 presidential race, Junior created a TV spot in which a man (an actor) abducts a woman (also an actor) from a parking garage at gunpoint. The next sequence showed a police officer pulling a blanket over a corpse. The grim conclusion revealed that under Richards' administration, more than 7,000 offenders had been granted early release. Some exit polls showed that the ad campaign had put Bush over the top.

George W. had established--not just that he was tough on crime, but more importantly-- that he was tougher than the newly minted tough-on-crime Democrats. That was key for anyone with national political aspirations, which Georgie Boy and Dad knew only too well. Bill Clinton "left" the campaign trail in 1992 to preside over the execution of a mentally retarded Black man, Rickie Ray Rector. Eleven months later Clinton was in the White House. Unfortunately (for him), George (the Elder) was President--not Governor--during the campaign, so he couldn't put a Black man to death. At least not in the electric chair. He managed to kill some anyway--together with some whites--when he sent our boys off to war in the Persian Gulf to make the world safe for Kuwait.

But it turned out being "tough on Saddam" didn't play that well.

Bush, Jr. knew this history like the back of his hand. He made sure the prison industry continued to thrive in Texas, fed by a constant stream of convicts--mainly non-violent offenders. A survey done in Texas in 1996--halfway into W.'s first-term showed 77% of prison admissions in Texas were non-violent offenders. But stuffing the privately managed jail cells wasn't enough for George. After all, the Democrats were doing that, too. He needed to spill some blood. So he presided over the execution of 134 prisoners--more than 60% of the 222 put to death since capital punishment had been restored in Texas in 1982. Mr. Graham was number 135.

The Bush (and Gore and Clinton and...) fixation on criminal justice issues is not without a social basis. America's criminal justice policy, which placed greater emphasis on rehabilitation than on incarceration and punishment in the 1960's and 1970's, was discredited in the 1980's and 1990's. Many criminologists and the National Criminal Justice Commission have argued that the so-called crime wave of the late 70's and early 80's which evoked public outcry was hugely exaggerated by a sensationalistic media competing for audience share and by Republican politicians looking to stomp on liberal Democrats.

But while the crime wave may have been exaggerated, the failure of the liberal Democratic Party to eradicate one of its root causes--poverty--was not. Grasping for solu-

tions to rising social and economic antagonisms in poor and working class communities, the public-- egged on by policy makers--turned to mandatory sentencing. "three strikes you're out," and the death penalty as solutions.

These approaches have failed as well. Far from acting as a deterrent, violence in the society has grown. The conditions in the prisons themselves are nothing short of disastrous, as Mike Wallace recently documented for the television series "21st Century." These conditions-- which no politician will dare to discuss--include shocking rates of homicides and violence inside the prisons and growing corrections between incarcerated felons and crime organizations on the outside. Television and tabloid coverage of violent crime attract huge ratings, but at the same time make the public more aware that the "get tough" approach may get some people elected, but have not resolved or even contained the spread of anti-social behavior.

When Republican Illinois Governor George Ryan called for a state moratorium on executions because he did not have confidence in the judicial process and worried that innocent prisoners might be put to death, it unleashed a wave of public opposition to the death penalty from across the political spectrum. "Tough on Crime" is now suspect. The judicial system is no longer wholly trustworthy. The fact that America is the only developed country that permits capital punishment is a source of shame. And the highly charged environment which fueled and was fueled by opportunistic

This Way For Black Empowerment

By Dr. Lenora Fulani



politicians is being called into question.

Will the sickening execution of Mr. Graham impact on the outcome of the presidential race in November? Probably not. Bush and Gore's positions on the case are virtually indistinguishable. And they will

remain so, unless somebody has a pollster who can persuade one or the other that they can eke out a 1-1/2 point net advantage by "regretting" or "criticizing" the decision. That's how public policy is made now a days. That's who makes it. Our lives are in their hands.

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

Animal Services offers ASK Bite Prevention Education

Bite prevention education has been a focus of the City of Lubbock Animal Services Department for years. Known as ASK - Animal Safety for Kids - bite prevention services include programs presented by Animal Services officers, information on the department's web site and public event appearances.

Following the recent death of a Lubbock child who was mauled by two large dogs, Animal Services Manager Nancy Hickman said, "It's important that we reach as many people as possible with our education programs. Lives are at stake."

Animal Services has a variety of material from the Humane Society of the United States, State Farm Insurance and The American Veterinary Medical Association that they pass out at public events and during program presentations. "We will go and talk with kids at day care centers, schools, churches or anywhere else we're invited," Hickman said. "We have age-appropriate materials for children, and we also have an educational program for adults. We do prevention training with businesses like Lubbock Power & Light and Energas that have employees who encounter dogs

in their daily work."

In September, Animal Services will expand its operations when it takes over the building and grounds that currently house the Fire Training Academy. "When we move in September," Hickman explained, "we will provide on-site educational programs in animal safety and responsible pet ownership. We will be the first municipal animal control department in the nation to offer this kind of training at the shelter facility."

Once Animal Services settles into its new accommodations, the Lubbock Kennel Club will begin holding its regular

meetings at the facility. "They will offer two public programs a year to citizens," Hickman said. "One of them will be a workshop on 'Bite Proofing Your Dog' for pet owners."

Information on bite prevention will be available on July 29 at the child safety day sponsored by Project Impact at the Science Spectrum. Bite prevention information also will be distributed to neighborhood associations prior to the August 1 National Night Out, a nationwide event to promote police and community partnerships and neighborhood unity.

The Animal Services

web site at www.ark4pets.com features an interactive quiz for kids that teaches them about bite prevention. "It's all about education," Hickman said. "We have to understand animals and know how they will react. I'm not saying that we can prevent all dog bites, but with proper education, we can cut the number way down."

The American Veterinary Medical Association estimates that as many as one million people require medical attention annually due to dog bites. Approximately 12 people per year die from dog attacks, and children account for 60 percent

of all victims. In Lubbock, approximately 415 dog bites are reported each year to Animal Services.

"It's horrifying to think that Lubbock is one of the 12 places in the nation where a dog attack resulted in a fatality," Hickman said. "We have to realize that it can and does happen right here in our home town."

Any group that wants to schedule an Animal Services officer for a program on bite prevention can call Nancy Hickman at 775-2037. "We'll be happy to come out and talk with you," she said. "We can help save lives."

TDH offers Advice for Staying Healthy in Hot Weather

The oven that is fired by summer heats up quickly. With several days of record-setting temperatures already recorded in Texas this spring, the long weeks ahead can pose serious health problems.

Heat danger spans many months in the state, according to the Texas Department of Health (TDH). The department's Bureau of Vital Statistics recorded 98 deaths from heat-related causes in 1998, the last year for which complete figures are available. Most often, the elderly, the very young, people with other illnesses or those without access to air conditioning are the victims of intense, prolonged heat.

The body normally cools itself by sweating, but the combination of high temperatures and

high humidity can cause this natural cooling system to work overtime. Dehydration and heat illness can result if a person does not replace fluids and salts lost during perspiration. Also, when humidity is high, sweat does not evaporate efficiently, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. This heating of the body to dangerous levels may result in a heat illness.

Symptoms of a heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People with these symptoms should find shade and ventilation and drink water.

If fluids are not replaced quickly, heat stroke can follow causing extremely high body

temperature, red and dry skin, rapid pulse, confusion, brain damage, loss of consciousness and, eventually, death. For severe symptoms, get the victim into shade, call for emergency medical services and start cooling the person immediately with cool water or by fanning.

Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most efficient way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, pull the shades over the windows and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms. In areas of high temperatures and high humidity, however, turn off the fans or aim them through a window to blow the hot air out. A cool shower or bath also is an

effective way to cool off. Limit the use of a stove and oven to keep temperatures lower in the home.

Children especially can quickly become dehydrated. They need to drink fluids frequently, especially water, and wear light, loose clothes. Avoid drinks that are heavily sweetened or contain caffeine. Check on children often, especially if they are playing outside in high temperatures.

Other heat precautions include:

- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle during hot weather.
- Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Start drinking fluids before going out into the heat.
- Plan strenuous outdoor activity

for early morning or in the evening when the temperature goes down.

- Take frequent breaks when working outside.
- Wear sun block, hats and light, loose-fitting clothes.
- Stay indoors and in air conditioning as much as possible.
- Eat more frequently but be sure meals are well balanced and light.
- Avoid dressing infants in heavy clothing or wrapping them in warm blankets.
- Check frequently on people who are elderly, ill or may need help.
- Check with a doctor about the effects of the sun and heat exposure when taking prescription drugs, especially diuretic or antihistamine.

At first signs of heat illness—dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps—move to a cooler place, rest a few minutes, then slowly drink a cool beverage. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

Pay attention to pets. Be sure they have plenty of water and do not leave them closed up in parked cars or hot buildings.

The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention. Staying cool, drinking plenty of fluids, wearing cool clothing and monitoring outdoor activities all are key to staying healthy in hot weather.

(For more information contact Emily Palmer, Office of Communications, at 512-458-7400.)



Ask A.G.

Gift-giving Clubs

by John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

Q: I have been approached by several friends about joining "gift-giving" or "dinner" clubs. They have told me that their clubs are legal because the money is a "gift" and that the return on my investment will be tremendous. It sounds too good to be true. Is it?

A: Simply put, yes, these clubs are too good to be true and usually are illegal pyramid schemes.

The Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General has received an increasing number of inquiries about these clubs and their legality. While I have not issued a legal opinion on them at this point, I would like to offer some general warnings.

Pyramids by a different name

In Texas, pyramid schemes are illegal under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act. The difference between a pyramid scheme and a legitimate multi-level marketing plan is the source of the income for participants.

In a multi-level marketing plan, members earn money through the sale of products or services by members they have recruited.

In a pyramid scheme, however, participants give money for the opportunity to receive money that is derived from recruiting new members into the scheme.

How the gift clubs work

The majority of the clubs that we have heard about use names for the various levels such as "appetizer" for the entry level where a \$5,000 "gift" is required; "salad" or "entree" when the participant recruits additional members; and "dessert" or "birthday" when the participant reaches the top and receives the big payoff.

Mathematically, these organizations are destined to run out of appetizer. In a pyramid with eight appetizer, for each of those eight to reach the dessert level, a total of 64 new participants must join. For each of those 64 participants to receive their payoff, an additional 516 participants must join, and for each of the 516 participants to reach the payoff level, 4,096 persons must join.

Only the members at the very top of the pyramid profit. Those on the bottom levels usually lose their investments.

Warning Flags

We have heard reports that club members are telling prospective members that the Attorney General has approved the club or that the organization is legal. This is absolutely untrue! The Office of the Attorney General cannot, by law, attest to the legitimacy of ANY business or organization. My office has not stated anywhere that any of these clubs are legal.

Some of the groups advise

new members to only bring cash and to deposit their big "gifts" in small amounts over a period of time to avoid notice by the bank and the IRS. You should avoid any organization that tells you how to hide your profits.

Enforcement

Any person can be found in violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act for establishing and operating an illegal pyramid scheme and for advertising or promoting one. Violations of the illegal pyramid section are classified as state jail felonies that can result in jail time. Members also can be sued and ordered to pay civil penalties and to return participants' money. Several police departments have already begun to crack down on gift-giving clubs as illegal pyramid schemes.

Use caution

Before investing any amount of money in an organization, you should consult with a reputable attorney or financial planner. If you are asked to join a dinner or gift-giving club remember, it is probably illegal, most members lose their investments and promoting or advertising the club could result in criminal and civil penalties.

For further information on pyramid schemes and multi-level marketing plans, visit the Consumer Protection section of the Office of the Attorney General Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.



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WE MUST PREACH THE TRUTH OF JESUS; AS STEPHEN WAS AND BE STONED; WHEN WORKING FOR JESUS IN THIS WORLD'S VINEYARD; WE CAN'T GO WRONG.

ACTS 7:59, THEY (THE CHURCH FOLKS) STONED STEPHEN, CALLING UPON GOD, AND SAYING, LORD JESUS, RECEIVE MY SPIRIT.

IN YEAR 2000, DON'T TICKLE MEN & WOMAN EARS; WITH WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR; SPEAK THE TRUTH FOR THE LORD; WITH HIM: HAVE NO FEAR !!!

LUKE 12:5, JESUS SAID, I WILL FOREWARN YOU WHOM YE SHALL FEAR: FEAR HIM, WHICH AFTER HE HATH KILLED HATH POWER TO CAST INTO HELL; YEA, I SAY UNTO YOU, FEAR HIM.

IT'S LONG OVER DUE: WE MUST SPEAK THE TRUTH FOR JESUS CHRIST; EVEN WHEN YOU SPEAK THE TRUTH: THE DEVIL WANT TO TAKE YOUR LIFE.

MARK 8:34b,35, JESUS SAID, WHOEVER WILL COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME. FOR WHOEVER WILL SAVE HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT; BUT WHOEVER SHALL LOSE HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE AND THE GOSPEL'S THE SAME SHALL SAVE IT.

TIME OUT FOR PLAYING CHURCH; AND THE WORLD DYING AROUND YOU; THEY TRIED THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS; AND FOUND OUT ITS NOT TRUE !!!

REVELATION 2:4,5a, JESUS SAID, NEVERTHELESS I HAVE SOMEWHAT AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE THOU HAST LEFT THY FIRST LOVE. REMEMBER THEREFORE FROM WHENCE THOU ARE FALLEN, AND REPENT, AND DO THE FIRST WORKS.

*****WILL THE CHURCH ROB GOD???

STOP TRYING TO MAKE MANKIND HAPPY; WHEN YOU SEE THE WORLD'S NEEDS; ITS TIME TO PREACH THE TRUTH OF JESUS; AND GOD WILL BE PLEASED.

PHILIPPIANS 4:9, THOSE THINGS, WHICH YE HAVE BOTH LEARNED, AND RECEIVED, AND HEARD, AND SEEN IN ME, DO: AND THE GOD OF PEACE SHALL BE WITH YOU.

*****ARE YOU ROBBING GOD???

LET'S PREACH HOW GOD LOVE, AND FORGAVE SINNERS LIKE YOU AND ME; LET'S PREACH THE WORD OF GOD; AND JESUS DEATH ON CALVARY.

JOHN 3:17, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON (JESUS) INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD' ROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.

*****DID JESUS ROB GOD???

THE WORLD TRIED LIVING AND MARRYING THE OTHER RACE; AND THERE IS NO JOY; THEY TRIED THE STYLES, THE GOLD, THE NEW CARS; AND YET LIVE IN THE DARK.

PSALM 1:1,2, BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT WALKETH NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY. NOR STANDETH IN THE WAY OF SINNERS, NOR STETTETH IN THE SEAT OF THE SCORNFUL. BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD; AND IN HIS LAW DOETH HE MEDITATE DAY AND NIGHT.

THERE IS ONLY WAY: MANKIND HAVE RIGHTS; AND ONE WAY TO BE FREE; WE ALL HAVE A RIGHT: TO COME TO JESUS' CROSS, HE DIED ON CALVARY!!!

MATTHEW 11:28-30, JESUS SAID COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR (WEARY) AND ARE HEAVY LADEN (OPPRESSED), AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE (THE BIBLE) UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART; AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE (THE BIBLE) IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN (SERVICE) IS LIGHT.

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

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



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from the Deck of Parson D.A. Smith Hail to the Supreme Court (Part 2)

"Do not be like the hypocrites" — Matthew 6:5
Continued from last week ...
"Constitutional Rights"

The Supreme Court voted in June 2000 in a 7 to 2 opinion to uphold Miranda Rights. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist (pro-police) written opinion ruled that the requirement that criminal suspects be read their "Miranda rights" is rooted in the Constitution and cannot be overturned by an act of Congress.

The court's two most conservative justices, Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia vote to the contrary. In a contemptuous opinion, Scalia called the Miranda decision "preposterous" and vowed to continue to apply the 1968 law invalidated by the vote to cases that reach the high court. (Federal lawmakers passed legislation seeking to undo the Miranda decision in 1968, two years after the ruling.)

Just what do the Miranda Rights say? Listed are paraphrased examples of the basic "Miranda Rights" statements, along with related excerpts from the Supreme Court's decision from United States Government Information Resources.

- 1. You have the right to remain silent.**
The Court: "At the outset, if a person in custody is to be subjected to interrogation, he must first be informed in clear and unequivocal terms that he has the right to remain silent."
- 2. Anything you say can be used against you in a court of law.**
The Court: "The warning of the right to remain silent must be accompanied by the explanation that anything said can and will be used against the individual in court."

3. **You have the right to have an attorney present now and during any future questioning.**
The Court: "... the right to have counsel present at the interrogation is indispensable to the protection of the Fifth Amendment privilege we delineate today.... [Accordingly] we hold that an individual held for interrogation must be clearly informed that he has the right to consult with a lawyer and to have the lawyer with him during interrogation under the system for protecting the privilege we delineate today."

4. **If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed to you free of charge if you wish.**
The Court: "In order fully to apprise a person interrogated of the extent of his rights under this system then, it is necessary to warn him not only that he has the right to consult with an attorney, but also that if he is indigent a lawyer will be appointed to represent him. Without this additional warning, the admonition of the right to consult with counsel would often be understood as meaning only that he can consult with a lawyer if he has one or has the funds to obtain."

The Court continues by declaring what the police must do if the person being interrogated indicates that he or she does want a lawyer...
"If the individual states that he wants an attorney, the interrogation must cease until an attorney is present. At that time, the individual must have an opportunity to confer with the attorney and to have him present during any subsequent questioning. If the individual can not obtain an attorney and he indicates that he wants one before speaking to police, they must respect his decision to remain silent."

Continued next week ... You can be arrested without being read your Miranda Rights

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast were enjoying a break last Saturday, but this writer was thinking of how many people are living in prison.

We're speaking of those who are prisoners in their own homes, behind bars on their doors and windows. This world system has created a monster which will destroy humanity, unless there's a turning point. People rebelling against the right all over the world. Some fighting to have a right to kill. Some are fighting to legalize drugs. Homosexuals are fighting for their rights. Evil king pins are demanding their rights.

Even gang members are demanding respect. The school systems are having problems that judges can't solve, even with the 6 to 3 vote. Peace officers can't solve it; prisons can't solve it. Gun control can't solve it. There are AIDS cases that doctors can't cure. Christians, when do we kick in with our God given powers. Prayer Warriors, let's get out of the barn yard and realize we're not chickens, but eagles in Jesus, our Saviour. He is our deliverer. He's the Prince of Peace. He's Alpha & Omega, the

beginning and ending. Every knee will bow, and recognize he's Lord. This generation is in trouble, so why not, Saints, just live right. We are going to need him to help us fight some battles. It will take power beyond that we have in the natural, but we pray. Lord, bless America.

We need somebody that's going to step out on water and cut off some ears. The word said you shall receive power after the Holy Ghost comes upon you. You will witness with power. We have to take back God's Kingdom by force. The enemy is under our feet. We have to read it.

Keep praying for this city and its people. Keep praying for this group, and all our churches, communities and leaders.

May God bless you. Just keep on reading. If you are hurting, read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26. Keep reading the word. It will change you!

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

Bethel A.M.E. Church Celebrates its 79th Church Anniversary

The members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will celebrate its 79th Church Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, July 16, 2000, at 3:00 p. m.

Speaker for the celebration will be their very own Brother Zairreus Patterson.

The public is invited to attend this joyous celebration.

These celebrations sponsored by the Lay Organization of Bethel. Rev. Elliott C. Lambert is pastor.

Chatman Hill Neighborhood Meeting Date Changed

All Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association members should be advised that the next meeting will be Thursday evening, July 20, 2000, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at E. T. at 512 East 23rd Street.

The Annual Neighborhood Picnic will be held Saturday evening, August 12, 2000, beginning at 6 p. m. and will conclude at 9:00 p. m. It will be held at Booker T. Washington Park, Cedar Avenue and Birch Avenue.

All neighbors are encouraged to attend out Annual Picnic in the park.

CYD Community Youth Development Program

The Community Youth Development Project in the 79415 zip code area is celebrating its success! Since its inception in the summer of 1998 the project has focused on reducing the juvenile crime rate in that zip code. In that time the project has served over 2100 young people. Currently there are seven programs in place that are free of charge to youth who live or go to school in the 79415 zip code area. A reception will be held at McWhorter Elementary Gym, 2711 1st Place. The event scheduled for 6:30 p.m. July 25th will bring the Project's third year to a close. This is an opportunity for the media to meet the Steering Committee that brought the program to Lubbock and the Service Providers that have made the Project such a huge success. Local officials will also be in attendance. For more information, please call Cowboy Fred Ortiz at 766-0227.

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Janitors Sweep up Union Victories

By Saul Sarabia



All across the country, janitors have been demanding better wages and working conditions. And, with the support of their communities, they are winning.

In Los Angeles, 8,500 janitors went out on strike for three weeks in April and earned a raise of 26 percent over three years.

In May, 350 janitors in Cleveland upgraded from part-time to full-time work. And their counterparts in San Diego, Chicago and Portland, Ore., have also gained pay increases and medical benefits for their families. Janitors are succeeding because their union has wisely coordinated a new national strategy and because they used old-fashioned community organizing to good effect.

The janitors' union is the Service Employees International Union. It realized that many big contracts were coming due this spring, and it brought pressure to bear on national employers.

The janitors' success provides a glimmer of hope for the rest of the country's workers who are not among the dot-com millionaires or the beneficiaries of the Dow Jones explosion. Their campaign for modest pay increases highlights the injustice of allowing entire families to live on below-poverty wages while individuals amass huge amounts of personal wealth.

As its primary battleground, it chose Los Angeles, home to the largest number of rich and

poor households in the country. The strike by L.A. janitors—many of whom earn less than \$15,000 a year—inspired broad community support, including active participation from grassroots community organizations and churches. Cardinal Mahoney, archbishop of Los Angeles, gave his support to the strikers and said a mass on their behalf.

There are several important lessons to learn from the janitors' campaign.

First, workers who clean expensive buildings—and the thousands who supported them in major cities across the United States—demonstrated courage and creativity in organizing against huge contrac-

tors. Some of these contractors are major multinational corporations with operations in faraway countries.

Second, the janitors have demonstrated that the plight of a largely immigrant workforce can appeal to universal themes of fairness and equality.

Third, by not relegating immigrants to the side, but by drawing on the leadership skills they bring from their home countries, movements for social justice can be revitalized.

Our nation's workforce is increasingly divided between undereducated, low wage service workers and highly educated and technologically privileged managers. Watching

some of this country's most vulnerable workers improve their lives has reassured millions of Americans who are uncertain about their place in the new economy.

As the janitors have demonstrated this spring, low-wage workers are going to demand their share. And those demands are getting a receptive hearing from many people who are unwilling to accept the economic disparities of the new economy.

The victory of the janitors is a sign of things to come.

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We Should allow free movement of labor from Mexico to U.S.

By Russell Contreras



This spring the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) announced that it is suspending crackdown on undocumented immigrants for the duration of the 2000 census.

But undocumented immigrants shouldn't take to the streets dancing *lávada loca* just yet. History tells us these good-neighbor attitudes change with the conditions of the economy.

The agency reported that arrests for the purpose of deportation have dropped to 8,600 last year from 22,000 two years prior. The INS has opted to pursue undocumented immigrants who have committed crimes and leave

alone those working in low-wage jobs because of a rapidly expanding economy and labor shortage.

The United States has a long history of welcoming immigrants when corporations need them, and booting them out when the economy shrinks.

During World War I and World War II, the U.S. government actively recruited Mexican "guest workers" to the country to combat an agricultural and industrial labor shortage. It sponsored such programs as the "Good Neighbor Policy" and the "Bracero Program" to get Mexican immigrants to the mines of Arizona, the fields of

California and the ranches of Texas. Both recruiting periods were during economic expansions.

In the recessions that followed those expansions, the immigrant workers were told to leave. There were massive deportation raids, and the U.S. government even sponsored an effort in the 1950s called "Operation Wetback" that was responsible for the forced deportation of nearly 4 million Mexican workers.

The United States is currently seeing its longest economic expansion in history and experiencing another labor shortage. After immigrants dodge bullets of

the militarized southern border and cross through deserts and rivers, they are welcomed by employers who are having a hard time finding enough workers.

But when the economy enters a recession, the mood is destined to change again, and immigrants will be sent packing once more.

This is an inhumane way to proceed. The United States should allow free movement of labor between here and Mexico. After all, we have free movement of capital and trade under NAFTA.

We should take a lesson from European nations that are

increasingly moving toward more open immigration policies within the European Union. We need to acknowledge this nation's historical reliance on labor from Latin America and the Caribbean and change our policies to end the unnecessary pattern of forced deportation.

Immigrants should be allowed to live without fear in a country that wants their labor. If not, we will only see the sad history of deportation repeating itself.

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George W. Bush: the Education President?

By Starita Smith



deciding a lawsuit filed by the NAACP and several other groups recently struck the plan down, saying the governor's idea contradicted a Florida state law that requires full support of public schools.

I dislike the Bush brothers' approach.

First of all many educators in Texas say our accountability system forces teachers to "teach to the test." It is disturbing to visit minority school after minority school, as I have, and see the whole population of students and teachers focused on getting good test scores, almost to the exclusion of anything else. With some exceptions on campuses with especially committed staffs, parents and corporate sponsors, students who come out of these schools still can't identify a piece of classical music, don't know art, have scant knowledge of computers and the Internet -- a must in today's world -- and see science as a mystery.

When I visit schools in better-off areas, the state skills tests are seen as important, but they are only one piece in the mosaic that makes up a good education for those kids.

The difference is too crucial to ignore. Education should be about wiping out such disparities rather than exacerbating them through punitive public policy.

Secondly, by taking away Title I funds, Bush would be undermining the goal of public education on a national level. And he could be chipping away at the wall between church and state if he promoted vouchers for parochial schools.

Unfortunately, Vice President Al Gore isn't offering much better proposals himself. I hope that in the process of the campaign, each candidate will come up with proposals that will substantively improve education. Our children deserve nothing less.

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Texas Gov. George W. Bush is trying a new tack for Republicans: He is claiming a deep commitment to the education of black and Latino young people.

Although his record here in Texas shows that he has worked hard on the complex and intractable issue of improving education for the state's children of color, I don't have faith that he will be a good education president.

Bush's main idea is "accountability," which basically means that if students don't make high enough test scores on the old-fashioned basics of readin' writin' and 'rithmetic, the school they attend gets penalized. The penalty usually comes in the form of branding the school as substandard, but sometimes a loss of funding is also imposed.

There is some evidence that accountability works. In Texas where roughly 70 percent of schoolchildren are Latino or African American—scores are going up, especially in some of the poorest schools.

Yet it is the way Bush proposes to implement accountability on the national level that raises my eyebrows.

Bush would use Title I, the federal program that provides badly needed aid to schools with large numbers of kids from poor families, as his enforcement stick. If student scores in these already imperiled schools don't improve satisfactorily, Bush would take some of the school's Title I money and use it for vouchers so students can leave to attend private schools.

His brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, has already tried the idea in Pensacola, but a judge

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