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National News

Study Finds Percentage Plans Do Not Improve Diversity At Premier Public Universities

By Danielle L. Lewis

A draft staff report released by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights concludes that percentage plans developed to replace affirmative action programs have failed to improve diversity at premier public universities in three states. The plans, which guarantee top ranking high school graduates admission into the public university system in their state, were analyzed by commissioner staff looking at criteria used at public universities in California, Texas, and Michigan.

"If percentage plans grow in popularity, it is inevitable that the number of minority students attending the most prestigious public universities will decrease," stated Dr. Mary Frances Berry, the Commission's Chairperson. "Simply guaranteeing admission to a certain percentage of students is not enough; the plans must be supplemented with proactive recruitment, financial aid, outreach and academic support programs."

The 1996 passage of California's Proposition 209 barred the use of race in university admissions. To maintain diversity, the state instituted a program to admit the top four percent of graduates from each high school which is used in conjunction with a long-standing program guaranteeing admission to the top 12.5 percent of high school graduates statewide.

Since the race ban, the admission chances of African American, Hispanic and Native American students have dropped at the most elite public universities in California—UC Los Angeles and UC Berkeley. Expanded outreach efforts and a comprehensive review process for applicants have created only small increases in the presence of under-represented minority groups.

Texas instituted its ten percent plan in 1998 after the Hopwood v. State of Texas decision that ended affirmative action in education in the state. After a sharp decline following the Hopwood decision, minority enrollment began to increase at UT-Austin, the state's premier university.

Minority enrollment peaked in 2000, however, and the number of enrolled black and Hispanic students sharply declined in 2001. The reasons for this decline are unclear, but the report suggests that a dearth of recruitment efforts, financial aid, and academic support may be key factors.

Following a 1999 Executive Order banning affirmative action in admissions at Florida's 11 universities, the state initiated a 20 percent plan. Florida has also created a program to improve public education and equalize the opportunities for students at low-performing schools.

Despite these efforts, minority students, particularly African Americans continue to be under-represented among students admitted through the 20 percent plan at Florida's flagship school, The University of Florida.

The Supreme Court is now considering whether to hear two cases on affirmative action at the University of Michigan, the State's elite university. NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund attorneys intervening on behalf of minority students have argued that minority student enrollment would dramatically decrease without affirmative action.

The draft staff report from the Commission supports that view.

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Merry Christmas



Newly Installed Smoke Detectors Save Lives in House Fire

At approximately 3:30 a.m. today, seven occupants of a Lubbock home woke up to the shrill sound of a smoke detector alarm when a fire started in one of the bedrooms. Because they were awakened by the alarm, all seven were able to get out safely. The Lubbock Fire Department (LFD) extinguished the blaze that caused an estimated \$17,500 in damages.

A teenage occupant of the house said, "everyone in the house was asleep and the (smoke) detector in the southwest bedroom went off first. If that detector hadn't been there, I don't think we all could have gotten out. It wasn't two minutes and the whole house was full of smoke."

Four young children between the ages of 10 months and 9 years live in the home. One of the children was on dialysis treatment while sleeping at the time of the fire and had to be detached from the dialysis machine before being rescued.

The fire started when a defective cord attached to an operating electric space heater overreached and ignited surrounding materials, including the curtain. The electrical cord is a continuous source of heat energy, which contributed to initial rapid fire spread. Early notification to the fire played a critical factor in

preventing injuries and limiting fire-related damage.

The smoke detectors in this residence were installed on November 21, when firefighters from the LFD put in the detectors as part of a detector awareness and public safety project. The Fire Department obtained smoke and carbon monoxide detectors through a grant, solicited applicants on a first-come first-serve basis from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) eligible neighborhoods, and had firefighters install them without any cost to the recipient. In addition, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has assisted with the administration of the project.

Captain Marlin Hamilton advises that a well functioning smoke detector is a fundamental element in residential fire safety. The detectors in this project were installed as per new construction residential code requirements for location—in all sleeping rooms and the space outside the room (corridor, etc.). More detectors mean earlier fire notification. It is self-evident that in this incident early notification of the fire prevented injuries and further property damage.

Fire statistics both nationally and locally support that having at least one well-functioning detector

significantly reduces the number of injuries including death. Locally there has not been a fire-related death with at least one well-functioning smoke detector in a residential occupancy.

Members of truck one located at 18th & Avenue K fought this fire and were the ones that had installed the detectors on that Thursday, just prior to the occupant leaving out of town for the Thanksgiving holiday. Personnel who installed the detectors include: Captain Thomas Cox, Firefighters Kevin Batten, Scott Nesbitt and Chad Ford. Their comments while on the fire scene, "This is a home that we only recently installed detectors and these detectors we installed helped prevent injuries."

The space heater cord was frayed, worn and tepid. The frayed location is a weak spot in the cord and is a fire hazard. Space heaters should not be left unattended and are not intended to be used beyond manufacturer's recommendation for use.

The Lubbock Fire Department has concluded the detector application process and is currently installing detectors, but has no plans at this time for another detector project in the near future.

Zairreus DeShann Patterson Will Graduate from Texas A&M on Friday

A 1983 graduate of Estacado High School in Lubbock, Zairreus DeShann Patterson will graduate from Texas A&M University's College of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Distribution on Friday, December 20, 2002. While a student in Lubbock, he was very active in the Youth Department of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

During the Spring 2002 semester, Zairreus was named as a

"Distinguished Engineer Student."

He served as President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Pi Omicron Chapter. He also served as President of the Voices of Praise, 2001-2002. He is a member of St. Matthews Baptist Church in College Station, Texas.

Commencement ceremonies will be held at Reed Arena on the campus of Texas A&M University.



Meet Dr. Ibi O. Ukegbu of Lubbock Clinic of Amarillo VA

If you are a veteran, here is a young lady you should know. She is Dr. Ibi O. Ukegbu who was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in June, 2001.

She is employed by the Amarillo VA Health Care System in the Lubbock Clinic where she provides ambulatory patient care in Outpatient Clinic; run flexible sigmoidoscopy clinic; supervise residents in urgent care clinic and supervises nurse practitioner.

She has also worked for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock where she provided in-patient as well as ambulatory patient care; team leader for internal medicine groups taking care of in-patients; participated often as presenter in academic conferences and didactic lectures, and rotated through various Medical sub specialties.

Dr. Ukegbu is a member and Community Services Director for the Lubbock First Seventh Day Adventist. She is also chief hostess and sponsors Youth Bible Study Group for Lubbock First Seventh Day Adventist.

"Pancho Cloc" is Coming to Town

Pancho Cloc will be arriving at the Maggie Trejo Supercenter, 3200 Amberst, December 22, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. escorted by the Lubbock Fire Department. He will be giving out bags of fruit and candy to the children from the Lubbock area.

This will be the 31st annual "Pancho Cloc" project. The project originated in Lubbock, but is now celebrated in other parts of the state.

This event is sponsored by Lubbock Power and Light, the American GI Forum, City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation and the Lubbock Fire Department.

one can log on to www.theking-center.org or call 866-4-A-Dream and find a community service opportunity by zip code in their own communities.

"At The King Center, we encourage people to serve their communities and nation by serving one another and making service a way of life—not just on the King Holiday, but every day. The Denny's Re-ignite The Dream campaign will help us spread this

message," concluded Mrs. King. Denny's is America's largest full-service family restaurant chain, operating directly and through franchises over 1,700 Denny's restaurants in the United States, Canada, Costa Rica, Guam, Mexico, New Zealand and Puerto Rico. For further information on the Company, including news releases, links to SEC filings and other financial information, please visit the Denny's web site at www.denny.com.

Workshop Helps Parents Learn New Craft

by Angel Wolfe

Parents at Martin Early Child Hood had the chance to learn how to create photo albums this past week. Sally Martinez, family support specialist, hosted the event for parents to learn a quick and easy gift idea.

This is just one way that Martinez helps to get the parents involved in the school day. This helps the children because they know their parents are at school with them, even though they are not in the room with them.

"Just being involved in their child's life is so important. If parents can get away even for thirty minutes, to volunteer, you gain so

much and really get a better understanding of what is going on in their lives," Martinez said.

The supplies for creating the photo album were provided, all the parents had to do was show up. Jobena Zamora believes it is important to be involved with her five children. This, she said, is why she volunteers at Martin every chance she gets. "My son knows I am here. He gets excited when he knows I'm here. It's real important to the other kids as well for them to see me," she said.

Martin Early Child Hood sponsors several other activities including He & Me; She & Me; Family Book Night; and more for parents to get involved.



Denny's to Raise \$1 Million for the King Center

SPARTANBURG, S.C. Dec. 4, 2002 - Denny's restaurants, Fortune magazine's "Best Company in America for Minorities," announced that it will raise \$1 million for The King Center in Atlanta during 2003. The announcement took place recently during the Tom Joyner Morning Show's popular "Sky-Show" at the Atlanta Civic Center.

Beginning January 2003, Denny's will donate 20 cents from the sale of each All-American Slam entree as part of the "Re-ignite The Dream" campaign to The King Center, which was established in 1968 by Coretta Scott King to advance Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. This will be the second year of Denny's national multi-year fundraising initiative dedicated to promoting human and civil rights.

"The campaign, which is focused on promoting community service, is a crucial step towards fulfilling The King Center's mission of building the Beloved Community that Dr. King envi-

sioned," said Denny's Chief Diversity Officer Rachelle Hood-Phillips. "Many of us do not know Dr. King's teachings on serving one another. It is our hope to rekindle his thinking and his words in the minds of the American people so that we make serving one another, serving our neighborhoods and communities a way of life. We hope this campaign will re-ignite these values among the American people." The King Center will use the grant to build operational capacity in order to introduce next-generation programs that advance Dr. King's

core philosophies and legacy. "I want people to know that Martin lived a life dedicated to serving God and his fellow human beings. In his own words, he said that he wanted to be remembered as one who gave his life loving and serving humanity" said King Center Founder Mrs. Coretta Scott King. "As a result of The King Center's partnership with Youth Service America, people of all ages throughout the nation will have access to Servenet, a nationwide database of community service opportunities on The King Center's web site," to January, any-



Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

Christmas Attire

Christmas is absolutely the most spiritual and emotional holiday of the year.

Christmas symbolize everything that is good and wholesome... GOD, PEACE, LOVE, FAMILY, FRIENDS, SHARING AND GIVING.

It's the season to be jolly, and of course to dress accordingly.

You should let your self go and have loads and loads of fun, let the child inside of you emerge.

Remember that Santa Claus is coming to town.

Get into the Christmas Spirit, pull out that beautiful sweater designed with multi colored jingle bells.

There are so many heart-felt ways to silently say MERRY CHRISTMAS to



everyone you come in contact with, by simply wearing Christmas attire.....Christmas tree socks, Santa's hats, sparkling star jewelry, gorgeous hand painted winter snow design jeans, jingle bells tasseled shoes, Christmas colored ribboned belts, anything and everything that represents this special holiday.

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The Ambassadors are Here!!!

67 from the Lone Star State of Texas

The Office of Admissions and Recruitment under the auspices of the Office of the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Academic Services at Grambling State University announces the admission of over three hundred (300) Ambassador Resident Students. They are students from out of state that have been awarded out-of-state fee waivers for Fall 2002 (67 from the state of Texas). These students are among the best and the brightest from various states around the country. Students selected were awarded the Ambassador

ship based on having met certain criteria: 2.5 cumulative high school grade point average and 17 ACT (SAT 810) or 2.3 cumulative high school grade point average and 18 ACT (SAT 860) or 2.0 cumulative high school grade point average and 19 ACT (SAT 900).

The Ambassador scholarship totals \$21,000.00 over the next four (4) years. However, to maintain this award the student must earn a 2.0 grade point average for the semester and cumulative, enroll and complete at

least twelve (12) hours per semester, a total of at least twenty-four (24) credit hours for the academic year and complete service hours as required by the Office of the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Academic Services.

The Ambassador program provides to be an exciting program for recruitment, scholarship and retention. If you know someone who may be interested in the program for Spring 2003 and Fall 2003 and meet the qualifications, let them know about this fantastic opportunity. For additional information contact the Office of Admissions and Recruitment, P.O. Box 864 Grambling State University, Grambling, LA 71245 Attn: C. Collier.

Texas Tech Museum Marks Century of Huggable Wildlife

The Museum of Texas Tech University invites you to come in for a hug.

You need to know, of course, that "hug" is the proper term for a collection of teddy bears—just as "pride" refers to a party of lions and "gaggle" to a gathering of geese.

The Museum is holding its annual Teddy Bear Picnic and Reunion, a display coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the creation of Teddy Bears and showcasing 135 bears belonging to notable people

here in Lubbock. Texas Tech President David Schmidly, for example, His dates back to his first Christmas in 1943.

The "hug" is on display now through January 5, but the official opening is planned for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, December 15. Visitors will be treated to seasonal crafts, stories, music, and free planetarium shows.

For more information or special assistance, telephone the Museum's education office at 742-2432 or email to museum.education.ttu.edu or visit <http://www.ttu.edu/museum>.

(As for that 100th anniversary, it was in 1902 that a New York toymaker made the first Teddy Bear, in response to a newspaper cartoon depicting President Theodore Roosevelt refusing to take a shot during a bear hunt. The toymaker's creation became a sales sensation.)



JAY'S CORNER

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the membership is blessed to have as their pastor, Rev. Billy R. Moton. If you are looking for a church home, then come by any Sunday morning and worship with the membership.

As you may know, Ruby Jay is deceased, but this writer, Chrissa Jay, will continue as she would have done so. We learned so much from Sister Jay, until we want to keep this column running each week. As Sister Ruby Jay would say: "God is able!"

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 a.m., with all teachers at their post of duty. After thirty minutes of instruction, teachers and students marched to the main auditorium. High points of the morning lesson were reviewed. Prayer was given.

Brother and Sister Hardin Barrow led the morning devotional period at 10:45 a.m. They were assisted by the Praise Team.

The New Hope Baptist Choir marched in the morning procession. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Wilson. After the singing of a selection by the Senior Choir, scripture was read by Sister Joan Y. Ertel. Sister Margaret Moton gave the morning prayer. There was another selection sung by the Senior Choir. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother Michael Brock. The morning hymn was "I'll Fly Away." Pastor Moton gave his weekly pastoral observation. He always has something positive to say each week. We thank God for this "Man of God."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "God Keeps On Proving Himself To Me." His scripture text was Judges 6:17-20 and 37-38. What a marvelous message.

After the invitation discipleship was extended, announcements were read by Sister Brenda Gipson. Brother R. J. Givens welcomed all visitors who were in attendance.

This week's special prayer requests are from Sister Rosie Reddic, Brother Raymond Stovall, who was released from the hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas. He is the father of Sister Dorothy Stovall, Sister Shashidy Harris, niece of Minister McCutcheon, is also ill.

The Fifth Sunday Mission program will be held Sunday afternoon, December 29, 2002, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Let us support Sister Peaty when she calls on you. We hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas.

Special New Year's Eve Services will be held at St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street. Services will be in at 10:00 p.m. The message of the our will be delivered by Rev. Wilbur Tanner, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church. Let us make plans to attend this worship service.

Remember, Jesus is the reason for the Season. So lets not get wrapped up in presents and forget why we celebrate Christmas.

The last meeting of the Federation of Choirs met last Sunday afternoon at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Several church choirs were absent. Why not make a better effort to attend these monthly meetings. Next month, the Federation of Choir will meet at St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street. Rev. Solomon Fields is host pastor.

If you unable to attend church services, you have an option to hear the New Hope Baptist Church weekly broadcast on Sunday mornings over KJAK, 92.7 FM, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

It's The A-J's Make Kids Count

\$10,000 Scholarship Giveaway

For Ages Newborn - 3-Year-Olds

In 2003, The Avalanche-Journal and its Make Kids Count partners will again hold four - one each quarter - \$10,000 scholarship giveaways! Children of all ages will be able to participate during the course of the year. The first giveaway is open to newborns to 3-year-olds.

Enter using the coupon below. Follow all the rules and get your entry to us by Jan. 3, 2003. This contest is open to children born between Jan. 1, 2000 and Jan. 2, 2003.

Give your child a chance to win a \$10,000 savings bond for college!

SCHOLARSHIP GIVEAWAY RULES

- 1) The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, as part of its Make Kids Count project, will provide a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond to the winning child who meets all eligibility requirements as listed below.
- 2) The contest is open to all children born between January 1, 2000, and January 2, 2003, to parents (or parent) who are U.S. citizens and residents of the Avalanche-Journal's home newspaper delivery area, which includes 36 counties in West Texas and the counties in Eastern New Mexico.
- 3) Employees of The A-J and Media Communications Corporation and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.
- 4) No purchase is necessary.
- 5) Official entry forms will appear regularly in The Avalanche-Journal through Jan. 1, 2003, or can be obtained at The A-J Information Center, 710 Ave. L, Lubbock, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- 6) A copy of a legal birth certificate and a reproducible photograph of the child must accompany each entry form. Also, entry forms must be completed in their entirety. Only one entry per baby will be accepted.
- 7) Deadline for entry is 2 p.m. Friday, January 3. Entries received after January 3 will not be accepted. Entries can be mailed to MAKE KIDS COUNT, SCHOLARSHIP GIVEAWAY, P.O. Box 491, Lubbock 79408, or dropped off at The A-J Information Center.
- 8) All contestants agree to allow their names, pertinent birth information and photographs to be published in The Avalanche-Journal without further compensation.
- 9) The Avalanche-Journal is not responsible for submitted entries that are forwarded, via fax, misdirected, damaged, illegible, incomplete or postage due.
- 10) Contest winner will be determined through a series of random drawings from the total number of entries. All names will be drawn as finalists. These 64 names will be drawn (12, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1) weekly until the winner is announced on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003.
- 11) In addition to the \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond awarded to the winner, The A-J will present a \$5,000 Savings Bond to the runner-up; \$1,000 Savings Bonds to the other two quarterfinalists; \$500 Savings Bonds to the other four entries who make the round of eight; and \$100 Savings Bonds to the other eight entries who make the round of 16. All Savings Bonds will be awarded in the names of the winning children after conclusion of the contest.
- 12) The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal may adopt or amend rules and regulations governing the procedures for drawing, displaying and awarding the awards.
- 13) By entering, each contestant or their representative acknowledges acceptance of the rules and agrees to be bound to them.
- 14) Decisions of the contest organizers are final.

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MARK 7:6 JESUS SAID, WELL HATH ESAIAH PROPHETIZED OF YOU HYPOCRITES AS IT IS WRITTEN, THIS PEOPLE HONORETH ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME.

JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES, GO INTO THE WORLD, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE, BUT NOW THE UN-GODLY NOW CALLS CHRISTMAS, BY LEADING THE BLIND.

ROMANS 21:22, BECAUSE THAT, WHEN THEY (THE CHRISTIANS) KNEW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; BUT BECAME VAN IDOLATROUS IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED, PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS.

THE CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S BIRTH HAS LOST THE MEANING OF ITS INTENT THERE IS NO SPEAKING OF JESUS, ONLY WHERE YOUR MONEY IS TO BE SPENT.

MATTHEW 4:10, JESUS SAID, GET THEE HENCE, SATAN, FOR IT IS WRITTEN, THOU SHALT WORSHIP THE LORD THY GOD, AND HIM ONLY SHALT THOU SERVE.

THE WORLD CELEBRATES X-MAS, WITH SANTA, TREE LIGHTS, PARTIES AND DRINKING, THEY ARE MISSING THE BIRTH OF GOD'S SON, WITHOUT EVEN THE KIND.

ISAIAH 63:7, BE NOT DECEIVED, GOOD IS NOT SWEET, FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP.

YOUR CHRISTMAS KEEBING GOD??

JESUS WAS BORN INTO THE WORLD; GOD GAVE HIM FOR ONE REASON, NOT TO GIVE GIFTS, SHOW LIGHTS, BUT TO DIE FOR OURS SINS, IN DUE SEASON.

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

THE WORLD PICKED UP X-MAS, ADDED SANTA CLAUS WITH RAINDROPS IN THE SKY, TELLING CHILDREN OF THE GIFTS, THAT HE IS GOING TO GIVE, THAT'S ALL.

1 JOHN 2:15, LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD, IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM.

LUKE 1:26, AND IN THE SIXTH MONTH THE ANGEL GABRIEL WAS SENT FROM GOD INTO A CITY OF GALILEE, NAMED NAZARETH.

DECEMBER 25th KEEBING GOD??

CHRISTIANS HAVE GONE ALONG WITH THE SANTA'S GAME, JUST AS A SNAKE TAKE THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN, AND PUT THEM IN SOME PARENT'S LAP.

ISAIAH 53:1, WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT, AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED? HE IS DESPISED AND REJECTED OF MEN, A MAN OF BOWROW, AND ACCOUNTED WITH GRIEF, AND WE HIDE AS IF WE WERE OLIVE BRANCHES FROM HIM, HE WAS DESPISED, AND WE ESTEEMED HIM NOT.

THE WORLD WANT X-MAS TO BE WITH DRINKING, DOPING, PARTIES AND LIGHTS, AND WILL GET MAD, WHEN YOU ASK THEM TO EXPECT JESUS CHRIST IN THEIR LIFE.

JOHN 15:19, JESUS SAID, IF YE WERE OF THE WORLD, THE WORLD WOULD LOVE HIS OWN; BUT BECAUSE YE ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU OUT OF THE WORLD, THEREFORE THE WORLD HATETH YOU.

THE WAY TO HELL IS NOT OF GOD; IF THE WORLD WANTS TO BE PART OF IT, THEY HATE GOD, AND DON'T WANT ANY PART OF HIM.

JESUS WAS NOT BORN ON 12-25, INTO THIS SINFUL WORLD, HIS BIRTHDAY IS NOW, WHEN HE COMES INTO THE HEART OF MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS.

GALATIANS 6:14, GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD GLORY, SAVE IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BY WHOM THE WORLD IS CRUCIFIED UNTO ME, AND I UNTO THE WORLD.

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



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "The Smell of Senator Trent Lott"

It's the holiday season, and the one person should be writing about Advent and the Birth of the Lord Jesus. However, fueling the air of the holidays is a rotten smell of an old perfume called "separation of races," especially Blacks and Whites (non Hispanic Whites).

At a 100th birthday party given for Strom Thurmond, Republican member of the United States Senate from South Carolina, Senator Trent Lott, Republican from Mississippi and Senate GOP Leader, said Mississippians were proud to have voted for Thurmond in 1948 when he headed the pro-segregationist Dixiecrat ticket. Lott went on to say that "if the rest of the country had followed our lead, we wouldn't have had all these problems over these years either."

In an apology by Lott, he expressed that his words were "the lighthearted celebration of the 100th birthday of legendary Senator Strom Thurmond. My comments were not an endorsement of his positions over 50 years ago, but of the man and his life."

History reveals that when the Democratic National Convention adopted a strong civil rights plank in its cam-

paign platform in 1948, Thurmond reacted by running for president of the United States on a separate "States' Rights Democratic" (a segregationist ticket) party ticket and won 39 electoral votes including the state of Mississippi. In 1957, Thurmond set a record by filibustering for more than 24 hours against a civil rights bill. This is the white segregationist that the third most powerful political figure in the United States was giving lighthearted praises.

Senator Lott has not always been caring for Blacks. Time Magazine reported that Lott vehemently opposed Blacks joining his fraternity when he was a student at the University of Mississippi in the 60's. He was one of the white males that was unbending about permitting no exceptions to the all-white policy that was in place. Lott also voted against the national Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

President Bush has denounced Lott's remarks and it is reported that the White House felt that such remarks could undermine the efforts to increase black support in the next election.

The ole parson sees the remarks of Senator Lott more than just a Lott issue. After listening to many multi media broadcasts, the racial issue is stealthily an underlining factor

in the problems that exist in America today. The aristocratic, blue bloody patrician white problems with blacks are different from the plebeians or common whites. The former, being politics and power and the latter being social and economic.

The issue of Race is detrimental to our nation. One young white male on Donahue's Show made it plain by quoting "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Another young white male said what Lott said brought to the forefront of what and how Northeastern whites treat Southern white males. He made it known they are treated with condescension because of remarks like Lott's and the history of the South toward Blacks.

Merriam-Webster describes a racist as one with a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race. A segregationist

is a person who believes in or practices segregation especially of races. While Senator Lott may or may not be a racist or segregationist, his remarks cast a dark shadow on America as we enter the 21st century. Lott and other who secretly holds such convictions needs to understand that Black Americans will not tolerate returning to the glory days of the "good old white boys."

White folks in general need to understand that Blacks or not any less human nor intellectual inferior than they and that God did not make any superior human race. We all are his children whether we are White, Black, or Yellow. I don't believe Lott or any other whites want to get Black Americans on their case in the 21st Century. The memory of the past could have a devastating influence on the present.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"Pray First"

There once was a man who had nothing for his family to eat. He had an old shotgun and three bullets. So he decided he would cut and kill something for dinner. As he went down the road, he saw a rabbit and he shot at the rabbit and missed it. Then he saw a squirrel and fired a shot at the squirrel and missed it. As he traveled further, he saw a wild turkey in the tree, and he only one bullet.

A voice came to him and said: "Pray first! Aim high and stay focused. However, at the same time, he saw a deer which was a better kill. He brought the gun down and aimed at the deer, but then he saw a rattlesnake between his legs about to bite him.

So he naturally brought the gun down further to shoot the rattlesnake. The still voice said again to him: "I said pray. Aim high and stay focused." So the man decided to listen to the voice. He prayed! Then aimed the gun high up in the tree and shot the wild turkey. The bullet bounced off the turkey and killed the deer. The handle of the gun fell off and hit the snake in the head and killed it. When the gun had gone off, it knocked him into a pond. When he stood to look around, he had a fish in all his pockets, a dead deer and a wild turkey to eat.

The snake (Satan) was dead, simply because the man listened to what God had to say.

"Bottom Line"

Pray first before you do anything. Aim and shoot high in your goals, and focused on God.

Pass this on in order that someone else might be blessed. Never let others discourage you concerning your past. The past is exactly that - "The Past." Live every day one day at a time, and remember that only God knows our future and He will not put you through any more than you can bear. Look to Jesus first! He can open doors that he has prepared in advance for you in your favor.

Wait! Be still. Patience! Keep God first, and everything will follow.

These words are from the pen of Sister R. Henderson. Jesus Christ is born. Is truth! Not a truth, or the truth.

"Prayer"

Keep praying, Saints. Stay a step ahead of Satan, and take our rightful place as people of God. Everywhere you go, pray, God can hear you!

Remember, all of you who are hurting people, God can help. Just call on Him right now. No matter what your condition may be, God cares! Have a Merry Christmas! Keep Christ in Christmas.

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

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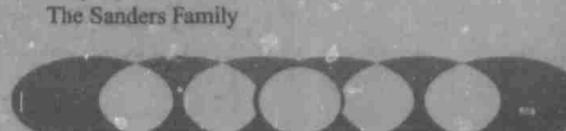
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The family of Annie Sanders acknowledges with grateful appreciations your kind expression of sympathy through your many cards, donations, gifts, flowers, and prayers. We want to thank the East Lubbock Community:

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We deeply appreciate your thoughtful expression of sympathy which was of the greatest comfort to us. May God continue to bless each and everyone.

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In Remembrance...



Billie Gary Birden

Funeral services for Billie Gary Birden last Tuesday morning, December 17, 2002, at Greater St. Mark Baptist Church with Rev. Leon Armstead, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Birden died Wednesday, December 11, 2002.

He was born July 25, 1919, in Marquez, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Birden; three sons: Moses Stubblefield, Jr., and William "Bill" Stubblefield, both of Lubbock, Texas, and Michael Stubblefield of Plano, Texas; three daughters: Regina Adams, Latressa Slaughter and Marion Rhodes, all of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Lenora Deere of Caldwell, Texas; fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Joe Roland, Sr.

Dallas, Texas — Funeral services were held for Joe Lewis Roland last Saturday morning, December 14, 2002, at Allen Chapel Baptist Church in Dallas with Wadell Harris and Rev. J.R. Allen and Rev. Bobby Rhone officiating.

Burial was held at St. John Colony Cemetery in Lockhart, Texas under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Mr. Roland died Saturday, December 7, 2002.

Mr. Roland was born February 3, 1940, in St. John Colony, Texas. He moved from Lockhart to San Antonio, Texas as a young adult. He was a chef most of his life at hotels, restaurants, and country clubs in Lubbock, Hereford, and Dallas. He worked at the Renaissance Hotel in North Dallas as a chef for eleven years.

He moved to Lubbock and was a member of Bethel AFRICAN Methodist Episcopal Church, serving on the usher board and was an officer with the Estacado High School Booster Club for many years. After moving back to Dallas, he became a member of Allen Chapel Baptist Church.

He is survived by three sons: Ronnie Lewis of Lubbock, Texas, Bradford Keith of Houston, Texas, and Joe Everett of Dallas, Texas; two daughters, Cassandra Lynn Henderson of Desoto, Texas and Porcha Grace Jones of Grand Prairie, Texas; three brothers: Lee Lewis and John Henry, both of Austin, Texas and Jimmy of Lockhart, Texas; three sisters: Lillian Williams of Detroit, Michigan, Lee Esther Roberts of Chicago, Illinois and Bernice Harris of San Antonio, Texas; thirteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a special friend, Charlotte Jamison of Lubbock, Texas.



A.W. Stiggers

Funeral services were held for A. W. Stiggers, Sr. last Friday morning, December 13, 2002, at Ossie Curry Funeral Chapel with Elder Willie Barber officiating.

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

Mr. Stiggers died Monday, December 9, 2002.

He was born November 4, 1935, in Tyler, Texas. He married Maggie Cues on February 14, 1978, in Lubbock. He moved to Lubbock 37 years ago from Tyler. He attended Tyler public schools. He was a Baptist and a retired truck driver.

He is survived by his step-mother, Johnnie Brown Stiggers of Lone Oak, Texas; six brothers: Elmo Stiggers and J. P. Merguson, both of Dallas, Texas, Don Stiggers of Culpepper, Va., Samael Stiggers of Rowlett, Texas, Gary Stiggers of Austin, Texas, and Paul Adkins of Wolfe City, Texas; six sisters: Elsie Mae Brown and Rosie Williams, both of Tyler, Texas, Yvonne Pannell and Jacqueline Trigg, both of Commerce, Texas, and Doris Crockett and Sonja Everett, both of Sherman, Texas; three daughters: Shirley Wilson of Lubbock, Texas, and Patricia Stiggers and Lynora Taylor, both of Tyler, Texas; twelve grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Question: Where did the church go?

Answer: Just recently I had a conversation with a young brother who is a local rap artist. I'm sure that many of you know him. He goes by the name of Mr. Cozz. I was amazed at his insights into the nature of the church. In asking me this question it implied that he knew that the church must be visible in the community, but he went further still. The church must not only be visible, but active. Permit me to put it in his words. "When the church niet down by the river we could see the church. When the church met under a tree over there we know where the church was, but now ya'll meet behind those four walls, and we see you come in, and we see ya'll leave, but we don't know what ya'll do."

His insight implies that the church should be visible and effecting the good of the community. He's right. You know they oughta write that down somewhere; maybe Matthew 5:16 would be a good place to put it. Well the question remains, "Where has the church gone?" I believe that many churches have surrendered to the overwhelming forces of Satan. Those who have not been overwhelmed by the enemy's numbers, have sold out.

But there still remains the faithful.

I am reminded of the story of Gideon and how Jehovah delivered the Midianites into the hands of Gideon and three hundred warriors. When you are a soldier of

the cross of Jesus, you are never a minority. I wish some of our national self-proclaimed leaders understood this truth. Please pardon the digression. God took an army of 32,000 men and culled them down to 300 men. He then took these warriors and conquered the enemy. The enemy numbered some 135,000 men (Judges chapters 7 and 8). The ratio would be about 450 to one.

When you fully trust in the power of God you have no worry of being conquered. Remember Paul's words, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?" (Romans 8:31). He goes on to say, "But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:37).

When we look around and see the forces of Satan gathering in number, don't panic. When we see enemies like drug addiction, alcoholism, spouse battering, unemployment, broken homes, ignorance and injustice, don't worry.

Do not be afraid. When the enemies increase in number, just remember how powerful our God is. Let the church gather under the banner of Jesus and take on Satan and his forces without wavering. Our God is able to overwhelmingly conquer. Let it not be said that the church cannot be found in time of crisis. We fight for the King of Kings. Let's be the light of the world, the city on the hill, the salt of the earth. Let's show the community how the people of God fight the enemies of God by His power. It is from Him that we get our strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

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families and holidays.

Chef Ben Gordon, Lawry's featured chef for several years, will judge the recipe entries. Ben has successfully owned and operated three Baltimore restaurants, Restaurant 2119, Chez Charics, and Benny's Jazz Club. His establishments specialize in French, Creole, and Cajun cuisine. Ben has worked in some of the country's top restaurants, hotels and convention centers including Tavern: On the Green in New York and the Miami Convention Center.

He is currently working on a cookbook and is in the process of developing a gourmet food line that will feature his specialty dishes. In recent years, he started a consulting company, Gordon Foods, which trains hotels, restaurants and other businesses to be successful in the hospitality industry. Chef Ben Gordon states, "With all of the expenses of the holiday season, this contest is an easy, fun way to win groceries just by sharing your family's recipes with Lawry's."

If you would like to be one of the five lucky winners, then enter your holiday recipe in the

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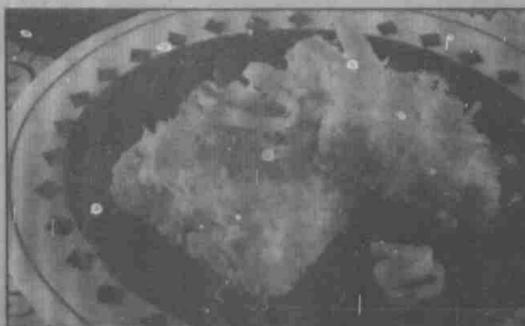
Buttermilk Biscuit and Baking Mix (divided)
1/2 cup plus 2 cups sugar (divided)

1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
2 cups shredded coconut (divided)

4 large eggs
Grate peel from lemons to equal 2 teaspoons; set aside. Squeeze juice from lemons to equal 1/2 cup; set aside. In mixer bowl, beat 2 1/2 cups biscuit mix, 1/2 cup sugar and butter until soft dough forms. Add 1 cup coconut, mix to combine. Press dough on bottom of 13x9x2-inch baking pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350° for 28 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned and set. Meanwhile, in mixer bowl, beat remaining 2 cups sugar, 1/4 cup biscuit mix, eggs, lemon juice and lemon peel until well combined. Pour over hot crust. Bake 20 minutes more or until set. Remove from oven, increase oven temperature to 400°. Sprinkle remaining 1 cup coconut over bars. Bake 8 to 10 minutes more or until coconut is light golden brown. Cool, cut into squares. Garnish with fresh lemon curls*, if desired. Makes 24 squares.

*Make a lemon curl garnish with a kitchen tool called a zester. Pull the zester around the lemon to make continuous strips of peel. Wrap the peel around a straw and place in ice water for a few minutes. Remove straw from the peel and place lemon curls over each serving.

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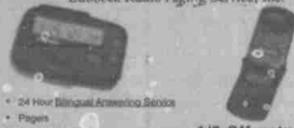
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Heart of the Man... Pure Pleasure... One Heart, One Love... My Book of Love... The titles of Phil Perry's four previous solo recordings from 1991 through 1999 say it all about the amazing commitment to romance that defines the singer and his music. When he says, "Love's the only thing

Downing and Gerald Albright) and Russ Freeman. The four Eastmond-produced tracks are the silky, mystical opening title track (which features an exotic Eastern flavor complementing the gentle mid tempo funk); the dreamy and whimsical "Spirit of Love," a tender story of forgiveness; the optimistic, gospel tinged "More of Your Sweet Love," on which Perry—fully employing his trademark falsetto—explores the joyful changes wrought by love; and the breezy Brazilian flavored delight "Perfect Island Night."

Davis produced three tracks—a hypnotic retro soul take on The Isley Brothers' warmly familiar "For the Love of You"; the elegant ballad "I Can't Wait ('Til Morning Comes)," with Perry ranging from a sexy whisper to his powerful falsetto; and the upbeat, highly percussive jazz-shuffle piece "You'll Never Know," Freeman's two songs are the romping Brazilian romance "Keep Reminding Me" (featuring Freeman taking masterful turns on electric and classical guitar) and the similarly exotic and intensely soulful "All of My Days," the story of an eternal love borne from a first, wayward glance. Ritenour's tracks include a moody cover of another Isley Brothers' tune called "Groove With You" and of course, the very spiritual, tear-inducing father-son ballad "In the Morning (A Father's Lullaby)."

"I've been fortunate to work with a variety of producers who bring their own flavors and sensibilities to the project," says Perry. "They all contribute something special, and I am grateful for the way all of them created a relaxed environment for me to get the performance over and do what I do best."

Perry's been "doing his best" since about age ten in his hometown of East St. Louis, when the nuns at his parochial school were blown away by a hymn he sang for Midnight Mass, he also learned gospel singing with his pianist mother at her Baptist church. He launched his professional career with 70's soul group The Montclairs, scoring hits like "Make Up For Lost Time" and "Dreamin' Out of Season" before cutting two albums for Capitol as part of the duo Perry & Gandliu. After the duo split, Perry established himself as a first call background vocalist and session singer in Los Angeles. His trademark has been versatility—singing at local clubs with Lee Ritenour, doing studio dates with James Ingram, Quincy Jones, famed composer Michel Colombier, Sergio Mendes, George Duke, Barbra Streisand and Patti LaBelle, singing the title theme from Arthur II, and touring in Japan, the Pacific Rim, Europe and Brazil with Ritenour and others.

When Capitol Records executives heard him sing at a Ritenour date at the Hollywood Bowl, they signed him again to the label for the acclaimed 1991 recording Heart of the Man, which spawned the #1 R&B hit "Call Me," a cover of a classic Artha Franklin tune. Performances with Dave Koz, recording dates with Fourplay (on "Between the Sheets") and a vocal on GRP's The



that stands the test of time," he's not simply explaining why his focus has always been love songs; his solo artistry is living testament to that truth. Perry's Peak Records debut, via the label's new association with Concord Records, Magic takes the flowing passion to new levels while showcasing more than ever his development as a songwriter. Long one of adult contemporary music's great vocal interpreters, Perry co-wrote nine of the eleven songs on Magic, collaborating with renowned composer/producers like Barry J. Eastmond, Peak Records co-owner Russ Freeman, Chris Davis, and Lee Ritenour.

"I've been singing love songs since the beginning of my career, writing on occasion while seeking out a few great tunes among hundreds that were submitted," says Perry. "Being so deeply involved in the compositional side of things this time out allows me to offer a unique perspective while continuing to do what I love. I always put all of myself into songs that were not my own, but singing songs I've written means that every emotion comes from within, from a pure place. I wrote about many kinds of love about the people and things that mean the most to me... my wife Lillian, our four children, my career. Love has many faces and stages, and the material here reflects that. Lee Ritenour wrote and produced 'In the Morning (A Father's Lullaby)' about my late father's assurance to me as a kid that if I prayed before I went to bed every night, everything would be fine in the morning."

Perry adds that while the collaborative process with each co-writer is somewhat unique, there are a few very important criteria he always follows: "If I can hear part of my life in the song, then I know I can truly give of myself. As a lyricist, I know I can't be too wordy, and I have to focus on the meter and how I'm telling the story. I usually begin with the chorus part and build from there."

All of the singer's projects have found him enjoying working with a strong lineup of producers. On Magic, longtime creative associates Barry J. Eastmond and Lee Ritenour are joined by Chris Davis (who first worked with Perry as musical director of the Rhythm of Love tour with Will

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Benoit/Freeman Project increased Perry's popularity in smooth jazz circles and led to a deal with GRP. The acclaimed Pure Pleasure (1994) featured the hit singles "If Only You Knew" and "Love Don't Love Nobody." One Heart, One Love (1998) was Perry's debut recording for Peak Records via their then distribution through Private Music/Windham Hill, he then released My Book of Love on Peak/Private in 2000. He's toured on and off with the Rhythm of Love Tour since 1997 and recently contributed several vocal tracks to the Ritenour-produced Twist of Marley.

"Whatever era of time we're talking about, people will always want to hear great love songs," he says. "I've always believed that good music makes things happen, and what could be more magical than singing about what you believe in? My goal is to share the passion, feelings and concerns of people without having to actually be in the room with them. It's about more than simply entertainment for me. I make music that I hope can become a part of someone's life. The new album Magic is another wonderful opportunity to do what I love to do."

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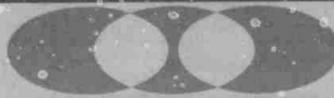
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