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Local News

Parkway Neighborhood Center Accepts Children

Guadalupe-Parkway Neighborhood Center, 405 N. MLK Jr. PLVD., is registering students for its Little People's PlayGroup throughout September.

The Little People's PlayGroup is designed to serve children ages 3 and 4 year olds. It meets from 7:30-2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (September-May). The program focuses on helping children develop language, fine motor/gross motor skills and social skills help them prepare for entry into kindergarten or other preschool program.

Please call Shameca Wilson (Little People's PlayGroup Director) at 763-3963 for more information and cost.

Guadalupe/Parkway Neighborhood Centers Needs Volunteers

Guadalupe/Parkway Neighborhood Center is accepting applications for 2003-2004 school year for volunteers. We have two centers: Parkway Neighborhood Center located at 405 N. MLK Jr. Blvd. and Guadalupe Neighborhood Center located 102 Ave. P. If you enjoy working with children and want to engage children in positive activities and away from negative ones, such as alcohol and drug abuse, gangs, violence and crime. The Neighborhood centers provide an after school and summer recreation in a safe and nurturing environment where young people can learn, develop self-esteem, and realize their full potential as individual and members of the community. Please call Rachel Dark at 763-3963 for an application and more information on becoming a volunteer at the centers.

Community Meetings

• Lubbock Area Client Council: Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center • Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 1709 Avenue G • Dunbar Alumni Association, 2nd Saturday 4pm • Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 • Forgotten West Riders, First & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library • East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St. • Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, T.J. Market Center • Dunbar Methodist Ladies Neighborhood Association, 1st Friday, 7:00 pm, 1303 East 24th Street (outreach center party house) • West Texas Native American Association for Lunch, Supper and an afternoon meeting prior to meeting, meetings held on second Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm • Educational presentations at various locations • Texas Association of Cultural & Historical Communities Lubbock Affiliate Meets at TI Patterson Branch Library, 3rd Thursday 7 p.m. • West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday with its job at Central Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 • West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center • The Parkway, Guadalupe & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

We would like to publish your monthly meetings. If you would like for an announcement to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing by mailing it to: Community Meetings C/O: Southwest Digest P.O. Box 2553 Lubbock, Texas 79408 or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at 902 East 23rd Street

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If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

EEOC Settles Sexual Harassment Suit Against Ron-Bar, Inc.

EEOC Claims Female Employee Subjected to Full Body Strip Search and Forced to Quit

EL PASO, Texas - The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"), today announced that it settled an employment discrimination lawsuit it had filed against Ron-Bar, Inc. ("Ron-Bar") a corporation which owns a Burger King franchise in Odessa, Texas. The EEOC's suit, filed under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, asserts unlawful employment practices on the basis of gender, and seeks to provide relief to a female charging party, who alleges that she was subjected to a hostile work environment, and constructively discharged, in violation of Title VII, because of her gender.

More specifically, the EEOC alleges in its lawsuit, that the female charging party was sexually harassed and forced to quit when she was required to submit to a full body strip search at work.

Defendant denies all allegations of wrongdoing as alleged by the EEOC and female charging party.

Under the terms of the Consent Decree, Ron-Bar will pay charging party the sum total of \$35,563.00. Additionally, Ron-Bar has agreed, among other things, not to discriminate against its female employees, because of their gender and to provide a workplace which is free of gender discrimination.

"The sexual harassment to which the female charging party claims she was subjected, in this case, was egregious. The EEOC is hopeful that, as a result of this lawsuit, no other female employee will have such an experience in the future," said Leticia Dominguez, Trial Attorney at the EEOC.

The EEOC filed suit after exhausting its conciliation efforts to reach a voluntary pre-litigation settlement. The lawsuit, Civil Action No. MO-02-CA-157, was

filed on August 8, 2002, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, El Paso Division, and then transferred to the Midland-Odessa Division.

The EEOC enforces Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Equal Pay Act, Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits employment discrimination against people with disabilities in the private sector and states and local governments; Rehabilitation Act of 1973's prohibitions against discrimination against "individuals with disabilities" in federal government; and section 504 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991. Further information about the EEOC is available on its web site at www.eeoc.gov.

Contributor to Southwest Digest: D.C. Kinner, Succumbs Here

The man who wrote thoughts of wisdom to the Southwest Digest for more than fifteen years, D. C. Kinner, was funeralized at the New Hope Baptist Church last Wednesday, August 6, 2003, with Rev. J. C. Clark, pastor of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church officiating. Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, presided.

Mr. Kinner contributed to the Southwest Digest with the theme: "D.C. Kinner, The Barber says, 'Here are some of his thoughts: Nothing ... in the world ... will beat a little ... KINDNESS.' 'DON'T ... let tomorrow's ... worries ... kill today's ... joy.' Also: 'By seeking ways to ... serve others ... we diminish our worries.' 'Tax loopholes ... remind us of ... parking spaces ... by the time you get there ... they've ... disappeared.' He was born October 7, 1925



to the late Tobie and Mattie Kinner. He was reared in Valley Mills, Texas, and educated in the public schools there. D. C. was inducted into the United States Navy in 1943, and was a veteran of World War II. Upon his discharge from the military, he attended Tyler Barber College. He moved to Lubbock in 1947, where he and his brother established their barber careers. He successfully pursued his career for more than 50 years.

D. C. married Dorothy Collins, and to this union two daughters were born, Brenda and Denise, were born. He was a member of Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, and served on the Board of Trustees and the Chancel Choir. As a good citizen and neighbor, D. C. was highly respected. He was known to give haircuts to the sick and shut-in. He planned and supervised the Boy Scout program and served as a liaison between the Scouts and their sponsoring organization, New Hope Baptist Church.

D. C. was a member of the Booker T. Washington Post 808 of the American Legion. He was a 32nd Degree Mason out of the Rio Grande Consistory #24, El Paso, Texas. In 1977, the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. named him "Man of the Year" for his many outstanding community services.

He passed away on Friday, August 1, 2003.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Kitty of 51 years; two daughters, Brenda Kinner-Sandles and Denise Kinner, both of Houston, Texas; a brother, Earl Kinner of Dallas, Texas; six nephews: Wellington Sadler of Bowie, Texas, Lial and Frank Collins of Dallas, Texas and Gary Collins of Seattle, Washington; four nieces: Earlene Graham of Dallas, Texas, Shirley Bennett of Austin, Texas, Rita Kinner Davis of Cleveland, Texas; LaJuana Bryant of Atlanta, Georgia; and several generations of other family members and many friends.

Upward Bound Students Teach Blind Adults to Build Computers

Students enrolled in the Texas Tech Upward Bound CLEAR Scholars Visions class have been providing instruction to blind and low vision individuals related to building computers and the usage of accessibility software. As the close of the class the blind participants will receive the computers they've learn to build.

As part of the five-week course, Upward Bound students attended sensitivity workshops led by the South Plains Council of the Blind, the Life Run Independent Living Center and the Virginia Sowell Center for the Visually Impaired. These workshops helped the Upward Bounders to become more aware of various concepts related to working with visually impaired individuals. In addition, the students in the class had to eventually demonstrate their ability to assemble a computer blindfolded and to operate the accessibility software by keystroke and with the monitors turned off. The accessibility software installed on the computers came with voice synthesizers that read emails and web pages out loud.

According to Dr. Dean Fontenot, Managing Director of the SBC CLEAR Project, the TTU College of Engineering Program that joined with the Lubbock Area Foundation in funding the course said "We typically do not think of high school students from backgrounds similar to those represented in Upward Bound as being able to teach others to build computers; no, do we think of blind individuals as being able to build their own computers or even knowing how to use a computer. This class will go a long way in dispelling these two antiquated myths."

Jim Gatteys, the course's instructor and himself a blind individual, explained, "For a blind person a computer mouse might as well be a paperweight. The blindfold and the fact that the monitors were turned off helped students to understand this. These computers and the software they've installed will allow the blind participants to enter the computer age and experience the cyber world for the first time"

George Olivas, one of the class' blind participants said, "Before I took this class I had never even touched a computer, let alone turned one on. Today, I'm learning to type an email to my grand kids."

The Jobs Access with Speech software or JAWS that was installed with the computers is manufactured by the Freedom Scientific Company. The company donated one

GOOD JOB, CHRIS!

Chris Hobdy, age 16 and an athlete at Monterey High School, is a junior this year. He plays baseball and football at the Varsity level. Chris was a member of the Monterey High School District Championship team with a 8-2 record with a 3-1 record during play-offs.

One of the teams he pitched against was South Lake Carroll High School, and was the winning pitcher. Monterey made it to the Quarter-Finals before losing their quest for State.

Chris was invited by a South Lake team, called the "Texas Stars," to go with them on July 19th to the National Super Series in Phoenix, Arizona as a pitcher for the team. During his participation, he won a game, saved a game, and was also pitched in the championship game. He was 6 for 8 at the plate.

The South Lake team won the "National Super Series Championship," which consisted of 16-year-olds age group and there were a total of 18 teams from across the nation who qualified for the tournament. Each member of the team received their tournament uniform, a medal, a watch, and will receive a diamond ring in six-weeks, for being the National Champions.

Chris is a member of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, and was a player in the MLK Little League until age 11.

On August 5, 2003, Chris traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to play in another tournament with the "Columbia Angels" from Pearland, Texas where he was also asked to pitch.

Chris's parents are Linda Pendgraft and Charles Hobdy. Good luck, Chris, on your future. May God continue to bless you!



Children in Extreme Poverty Need Nation's Attention

By Akilah Monifa

Child poverty is a shameful, epidemic levels in the United States, especially for black and Latino kids.

The Children's Defense Fund recently released a study that revealed that the number of black children under 18 in extreme poverty was at a record high. The organization, using current U.S. Census figures, found that the number is the highest it has been in the 23 years since the statistics have been kept.

"Extreme poverty" is defined as a family whose after-tax income is less than half of what the federal government defines as the poverty line. In this study, the "extreme poverty" line for a family of three was a mere \$7,064 of disposable income.

Although the study also showed that overall poverty is down in this country, that is not the case for extreme poverty of black, Latino and white children. There were nearly 932,000 black children in extreme poverty in 2001, the latest year the statistics are available. That is up 50 percent from 622,000 in 1999. Latino children in extreme poverty numbered at 733,000, an increase of 13 percent from 1999. And white children in the same group numbered at 1.8 million, up 2 percent since 1999.

We may like to think that

poverty is something that exists only in some so-called Third World country. But these statistics should force us to focus on extreme poverty right here in the United States. Too many of us are ignorant of, or indifferent to, the plight of poor and minority kids.

As Congress debates proposed tax cuts and whether to renew the 1996 welfare legislation — including cuts of Head Start programs and child health programs — policy-makers should consider the study carefully before enacting laws that could have detrimental consequences on the well-being of millions of children.

The startling figures should force us all to take action. We can no longer afford to sit idly by as large tax cuts for the wealthy few supersede the day-to-day needs of those in extreme poverty.

Congress should increase the childcare supplements and the welfare reauthorization bill should specifically direct more money to job training. Additionally, states should offer wage supplements to women in minimum-wage jobs. Filling these holes in the "welfare-to-work safety net" would benefit parents as well as to their children. In the richest nation in the world, we should not measure our success in economic wealth, but in the social condition of our downtrodden — especially our children.

A demonstration of the class project will be presented to the American Council of the Blind in the spring.

The Upward Bound students and the visually impaired adults all



Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

Guess Jeans... Doing it Big in Pink

Pink is a color that looks great on everyone, regardless of age. This summer pink is gracefully displaying its color power, and you should take advantage of it.

Ladies check out the pink GUESS JEANS, you will be pleasantly surprised.

Have fun, and of course have your pick..... low waist, high rise, pockets, pocket less, tight fitting, loose fitting, baggy, slim, straight leg



or flare. You can also get the curvy stretch jeans in pink.....

HOW GREAT IS THAT! some things you don't! have to GUESS about

JUST FOR THE PINK OF IT Tip... Always wear a smile



CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

Yout Sunday was held at the New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning. Services began with meditation and prayer. The praise Team was in charge of the morning devotion period.

During the mornign services. Rev. Mercelle McCutcheon offered the morning scripture and Rev. Charles Wilson delivered the morning prayer. Selections were sung by the New Hope Youth Choir.

Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "An Encounter With Jesus." His scripture text was St. John 4:50-54. It was a wonderful sermon.

Announcements for the morning were read by Sister Brenda Gipson. Sister Anna Chatman welcomed all visitors.

Let us not forget those who are sick and shut-in throughout our community as well as those who live in other parts of the country. Among them who are ill this week include Sister Rosie Reddic, Sister Joan Ervin,

Gene Hartley, and Shoan Todrick Curtis.

Others who are ill include Sister Cleo Stubblefield, Sister Ruby Donaldson, Sister Bernadette Barber, Sister Bobbie Brown, Sister, Camille Cole-Carl and Sister Norma Davis.

Of course, there are others. Let us continue to remember each of those who are shut in. Let them know that God is able,

This column received word this week of the death of Herman Jones, the husband of Sister Mary Ann Jones. He was funeralized in Dallas, Texas last Saturday. Our prayers go out to her family.

The New Hope Baptist Church, Sunday morning services are broadcast each Sunday morning over radio station KJAK, 92.7 FM, beginning at 11:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m.

Thought of the Week: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6. Taken from the weekly bulletin of the New Hope Baptist Church,

The young people of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church are attending a Sunday School Convention in Happy, Texas this week. Seventeen young people from the church are in attendance. Three adults and pastor. Rev. Danny Poe, also attended the camp.

Don't forget the 78th March Against Drugs, Gangs and Violence on Thursday evening, August 14, 2003, beginning at 6:30 p. m. at the corner of East Bates Avenue and Zenith Avenue. This is also a "Back To School March" as school will begin on Monday, August 18th.

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Back to School & 78th March Against Drugs, Gangs and Violence

Thursday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Councilman T.J. Patterson & the Estacado Band at the Corner of Zenith & E. Bates

Come March For Our Youth!

Supported by the Parkway/Cherry Point Neighborhood Association

Revival Set for MLK Seventh Day Adventist

A Summer Revival will be held at the MLK Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1517 East 25th Street, August 24 through August 30, 2003. Pastor Bernard Penn of Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church of Springfield, Mass., will be the speaker.

Services will begin at 7:00 p. m. nightly, Sunday through Friday, and on Saturday morning, August 30th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. which is closing day of the revival.

A Health Fair will be held

on Saturday, August 30, 2003 at the MLK Seventh Day Adventist. This affair will be sponsored by the Women's Ministry.

Among the health areas will be blood pressure. Diabetes checked by a Registered Nurse and/or Doctor.

Dinner will be served immediately after the mornign worshipservices. For more information, call (806) 765-6170.

James Roberts is pastor.

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- 1) No purchase necessary. Nomination forms will appear periodically throughout the year in the Avalanche-Journal and in Make Kids Count sponsor businesses around town. Forms also are available at The A-J Information Center, 710 Avenue J.
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 - 4) Only one Spotlight On Kids nominee will appear in the A-J each day.
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ISAIAH 58:1. THE LORD SAID, CRYALOOD; SPARE NOT. LIFT UP YOUR VOICE LIKE A TRUMPET, AND SHOW MY PEOPLE THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS

REVELATION 2:7a. JESUS SAID, HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAID UNTO THE CHURCHES WE KNOW WE ARE LIVING IN THE LAST OF THE EVIL WICKET DAYS, GOD WOULD THAT WE BE ABOUT HIS BUSINESS; SOULS BEING SAVED.

REVELATION 2:4,5,8. JESUS SAID, I HAVE SOMETHING AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE YOU HAVE LEFT YOUR FIRST LOVE, REMEMBER FROM WHEN YOU HAVE FALLEN, AND REPENT, AND DO THE FIRST WORKS.

THE PREACHER WAS SENT TO PREACH, AND TO DRAW MEN, AND SAVE SOULS, BUT LOOK AT THE PREACHERS NOW; THEY WANT THE PEOPLE'S GOLD!!!

MATTHEW 23:16,17. JESUS SAID, WOE(CURSED) UNTO YOU, YOU BLIND GUIDES; WHICH SAY, WHOSOEVER SHALL SWEAR BY THE TEMPLE, IT IS NOTHING; BUT WHOSOEVER SHALL SWEAR BY THE GOLD OF THE TEMPLE, HE IS A DEBTOR, YOU FOOLS AND BLIND; FOR WHETHER IS GREATER, THE GOLD, OR THE TEMPLE THAT SANCTIFIETH THE GOLD?

NOW THE PREACHER WANTS MEMBERS; SO THE MONEY CAN COME IN, HE DON'T CARE IF THEIR LIGHT SHINES; HE DON'T CARE IF THEY LIVING IN SIN!!!

1 PETER 4:17. FOR THE TIME IS COME THAT JUDGMENT MUST BEGIN IN THE HOUSE OF GOD; AND IF IT FIRST BEGIN AT US, WHAT SHALL THE END BE OF THEM THAT OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF GOD.

(AND OLD TIME FRIEND OF MINE, REV. WILLIE LEE GRIFFIN; WE WAS TALKING, AND HE SAID; THERE WAS MANY MEN IN HALE CENTER, TX, WERE HE IS THE PASTOR, HE SAID, THEY WAS SITTING UNDER THE DRINKING TREE, AND WON'T COME INTO THE CHURCH; HE WENT ON TO SAY, HOW MUCH UNGODLYNESS IS IN THE CHURCHES; AND THE PREACHERS ARE LETTING IT IN!!! AND I TOLD HIM THAT IS WHY THE UNGODLY MEN WON'T COME IN; BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT SIN SHOULD NOT BE IN THE HOUSE OF GOD; THEY CAN LOOK IN AND SAY THAT IS WRONG IN THE CHURCH; AND SHOULD NOT BE THERE; AND THE PREACHERS AND THE MEMBERS KNOW IT TOO, SO THEY MIGHT AS WELL GO TO HELL, ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH; THAN COME IN AND PLAY CHURCH AND GO TO HELL.)

*****ARE CHURCHES ROBBING GOD?*****

WHEN THE UNGODLY HOLDS A POSITION; THAT IS HOLY IN THE CHURCH; THE PREACHER KNOW THIS IS NOT RIGHT; NOW GOD'S CHURCH IS HURT.

MATTHEW 23:25. JESUS SAID, WOE(CURSED) UNTO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YE MAKE CLEAN THE OUTSIDE OF THE CUP AND PLATTER, BUT WITHIN THEY ARE FULL OF EXTORTION AND EXCESS.

CHOIR MEMBERS SHACKING; AND SATURDAY NIGHTS, DO ROCK AND ROLL, THEN SUNDAY MORNING, THEY PUTS ON THAT HOLY CHOIR ROBE.

AMOS 5:21,23. THE LORD SAID, I HATE, I DESPISE YOUR FEAST DAYS, AND I WILL NOT SMELL IN YOUR SOLEMN ASSEMBLIES, TAKE AWAY FROM ME THE NOISE OF YOUR SONGS; FOR I WILL NOT HEAR THE MELODY OF THY VIOLS.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B. MORRISON
O, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST
JESUS ALWAYS



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith A Texan Political Game

Armstrong Williams' column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate. Williams' column appeared regularly in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. Williams' writings often hinge between fanatical conservatism and ultraconservatism. If Williams' picture was not placed with his column, one would be hard pressed to say he was an African-American. In fact, one of my associates of the majority group has reasoned his thinking as to being "Uncle Tom-ish," akin to the thinking of neo-Nazi and simply anti-Black.

The tone of Williams' Column in Sunday's Avalanche-Journal

(Commentary A1) causes me to take a hard look at and review whether he was reporting the views of House Majority Leader Tom DeLay or was he being cynical about the Speaker.

The columnists sat across the table and supposedly had a "heart to heart" talk with Tom DeLay about the "mysteries of skin color in this country and what it would take for America to huddle together as a more equitable society," Williams wrote "Throughout the conversation, one key phrase kept repeating-'equal opportunity.' This is the embryo of the Republican outreach agenda. For DeLay, equal opportunity doesn't mean embracing racial quotas or other policies that link victim status with skin color, that's why DeLay supported reforms to the welfare system that

increases work requirements and tunneled federal resources into state-run programs geared toward strengthening family values."

If Williams believes what Tom DeLay says, a Black Texan would say he is hinging on the border of being moronic. Daffy Duck is more believable! However, even in his ultraconservative personal manner, I do not really believe Williams agreed in total with the logic of the Speaker Tom DeLay. One simply has to live in Texas and see what this man is doing through the process of redistricting that has divided Texans. A baby can see he is spreading a political herbarius crop to surrogate his political ambitions.

I have to agree with Williams when he wrote: "Unless the entire Republican Party (White House

and Congress) does a better job of telling their story, a few minorities will bother to listen. There are many blacks who are conservative and whose views are for the common good. However, these modern day Blacks will not be dictated to by one "white man" liken to Tom DeLay (Yes, racism does exist) and his stooges. These same Blacks are not going to be fooled by the smoothed lines of the Democratic Party. These blacks are going to vote for the person who will work for the common good of all Americans. These Blacks who will not be sugar-coated, teamed with the learned Hispanics, and smart middle class whites, will be the deciding factor in tomorrow's politics.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the home of Sister Mittie Wallace at 9:00 a.m. The morning devotion period was led by Sister Christene Burleson and Sister Dorothy Nash.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Rosiana Henderson, an anointed lady in the word. Her subject was "Being Born Again."

Being Born Again

A lot of us may remember hearing our forefathers and mothers singing, "I'm satisfied with Jesus, satisfied with Jesus, He said He would be my comfort He said He would be my guide. I looked at my hands and they looked new, I looked at my feet and they did too, and every since that wonderful day, my soul's been satisfied".

We as children did not understand what they meant, but they were in Bible country for Jesus described what they were singing in John 3:3-9 when he informed the ruler of the Jews Nicodemus that came to Him by night to inquire of Him who He was. Instead of the answer Nicodemus was expecting Jesus' reply was cryptic and abrupt. He informed Nicodemus that no man could even see the kingdom of God without a spiritual rebirth.

Birth is our mode of entrance into the world and brings with it the potential equipment for adjustment to the world. To be

born again, or "born from above," means a transformation of a person so that he is able to enter another world and adapt to its condition. Plainly put, "To belong to the heavenly kingdom, one must be born. The question posed by Nicodemus next in verse 4 shows his interest and ignorance in the matter, for he wanted to know "How is this possible? Can a man enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" Jesus replied with a verily, verily (meant to really get his attention) except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom. Jesus' ministry coming shortly after the ministry of John the Baptist leads us to believe that the "water" spoken of here would relate to water baptism which signifies "repentance" and the coming messenger of God who would endow men with the Holy Spirit. (John 1:31-33) The new birth is conditioned on the repentance and confession of the individual in response to the appeal of God and by the Transformation of life by the gift of the Holy Spirit, which we received and were sealed with after we believed (Ephesians 1:13)

vv. 6-8 explains that The Holy Spirit is responsible for our "New Birth" simply because it requires an "inner changed" It cannot be achieved by outward conformity. Our good looks, pretty clothes, intellect or our family name will not get us entrance into the Kingdom of

God. It is given only by the direct act of God. The origin of the wind is unknown to the one who feels it and acknowledges its reality. Just so, the new life of one born of the Spirit is unexplainable by ordinary reasoning, and its outcome is unpredictable, though we cannot deny its existence. Jesus words are paralleled with the promise in Ezekiel 36: 25-28, "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a new heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. The spiritual principle of these verses accords with that of the new birth that Jesus taught.

As a result of his encounter with Jesus Nicodemus became a believer in Jesus Christ, for we are told after Jesus declared that "It is finished" on the cross at Calvary, and after He hung his head and died that among the Jews that came to prepare Jesus' body for burial "there came also Nicodemus" John 19: 30-39. Make sure today you have had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 5:17 says "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold (look) all things are become new. If you have not had a personal encounter do it today.

Romans 10: 9-10, That if

thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in mine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For the heart (inner) man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession (repentance) is made unto salvation.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD, YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

Sister Henderson; you truly blessed us with the word. We were blessed with a solo by sister Annie Day. It was "By The Grace Of The Lord, I've Come A Long Ways."

We would like to thank our quest for worshipping with us. You are so special to us. Come again. You're always welcome.

Don't forget your drive by prayers as you drive in and out of your communities. Pray for our churches on your way to your church.

Pray for the sick and bereaved families. Pray for our Nation and our leaders. Read II Chronicles 7:14 and St. Mark 11: 22-26.

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Sister Dorothy Hoody president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

20th Annual Homecoming Celebration for Greater St. Luke Baptist Church

The members of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church will celebrate their 20th Annual Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, August 17, 2003. The theme is "Love the Last Word for Christian Family."

I Corinthians 13:13: Chairpersons are Sister Blanche Lowe and Brother Jeff White. Rev. J.H. Ford is pastor. The greater St. Luke Baptist Church is located at 306 East 26th Street.

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In Remembrance...



Alvin Ray Johnson, Sr.

A graduate of Dunbar High School, Alvin Ray Johnson, Sr., succumbed in Fort Worth, Texas on Tuesday, August 5, 2003.

A retired teacher and coach with the Fort Worth Independent School District, he was funeralized on Saturday afternoon, August 9, 2003, at Pilgrim Valley Missionary Baptist Church.

He was born April 14, 1934, in Waco, Texas. He graduated from high school in Lubbock, Texas. He received his bachelor degree from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas, and his masters degree from Prairie View A&M University.

He served as coach and teacher for six years in Floydada, Texas, prior to moving to Fort Worth. He served as coach and teacher for 25 years with the Fort Worth Independent School District. His last teaching position was at Polytechnic High School, where he was loved and respected by both staff and students.

He was a member of the Blackwood Posse Riding Club, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., a block captain for Glencrest Civic League, and he was instrumental in establishing the East Branch of the YMCA. He was a member of the Pilgrim Valley Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Farris Johnson, sons: Alvin Ray Johnson, Jr. and Carl Johnson (Sharmaine); his mother, Lottie Nelson; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Morris-Bates Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

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Strength for Today *by Gerald Jackson* hope for Tomorrow

Question: Why is the kind of clothing you wear important?

Answer: I have been threatening to write on this subject for some time. I understand the need to be fashionable, but it is more important to be dressed fashionably coupled with modesty than simply to wear the latest fashion. Permit me to make this statement as boldly as I can: everyone cannot wear the latest fashion and just because you have the body to wear the latest fashion doesn't mean that you should.

out in which direction the bill of the cap goes, ask somebody. (4) If you feel you have to expose your body to get a man or a woman you will find that the man or woman you get is the kind you really didn't need or want. (5) There is no law that requires you to wear spandex. Please do not feel compelled to do so especially if you can't breathe when you are wearing it. (6) If you are constantly adjusting your body to compensate for the lack of proper clothing then accept the fact that what you are wearing

ask this of you: do not be afraid to tell your loved ones that what they are wearing does look good on them. Don't let them go out in public and embarrass themselves.

What we wear says a lot about what we think of ourselves. Make sure that we think well of ourselves. Finally, consider Peter's admonition, "And let not your adornment be merely external; braiding the hair and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God." (1 Peter 3:3,4).

And let not your adornment be merely external; braiding the hair and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses...

is improper clothing. If you are making these adjustments before you leave home, it doesn't get any better when you are out in public.

To the people who wear this kind of clothing please accept this encouragement. What is more shocking to me than seeing some of the clothing that is being worn is the fact that people who say they love you would allow you to go out of the house looking the way you do. If someone tells you that what you are wearing does not compliment you then take it to heart and change your clothing.

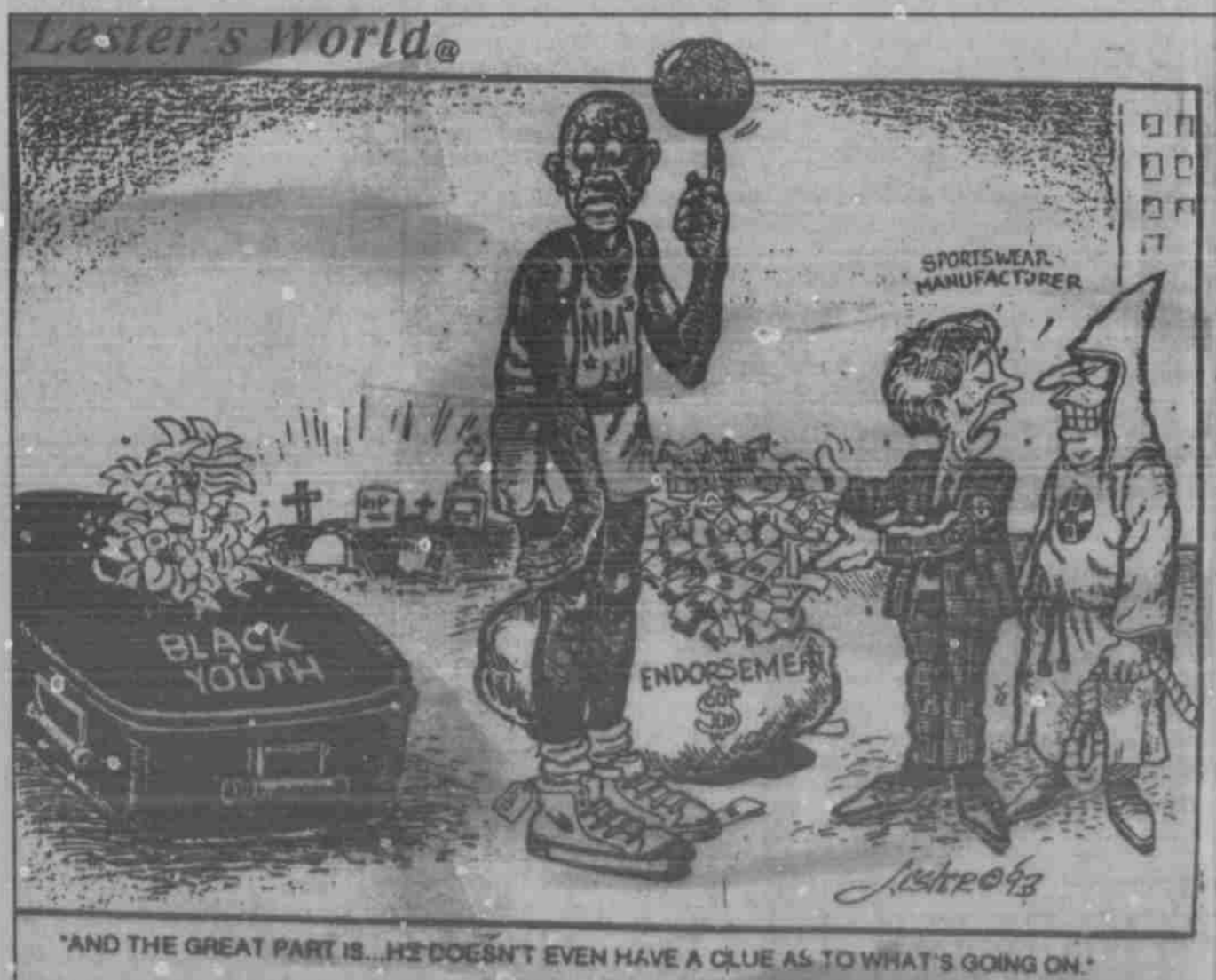
To those who have the good sense to recognize when people are wearing improper clothing I



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I have been amazed with the apparent disregard for decent clothing for young and old alike. I am finding more frequently that the latest fashions are presenting more for the eye to see and less for the imagination to ponder. Quite honestly some of the clothing being worn should not be worn by some of the people wearing it.

Let me offer you some guidelines for decent attire. (1) If the waistline on your pants fall beneath your buttocks then get some pants that fit. (2) If you have more layers of midriff exposed than you have covered child please get some more clothing. (3) If you can't figure



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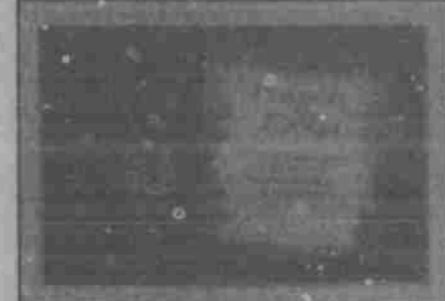
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5	21,540
6	24,680
7	27,820
8	30,960

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,140 for each additional member.

"Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Application forms and a letter to

parents or guardians are being sent to all homes. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the contractor. Additional copies are available at the contractor's office. The information provided on the application will be used to determine eligibility, it may be verified any time during the contract year by the contractor or other program officials. Households must provide the following information on the application: all household members' names, the Social Security number of the head of the household (or other responsible adult), and all household members' incomes by source, OR the household's food stamp or AFDC case number, if appropriate and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information is correct. Applications may be submitted any time during the year. According to the free and reduced-price policy, La Nelle Ethridge will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may discuss the decision with La Nelle Ethridge. Parents may request a formal appeal either orally or in writing by contacting:

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“The Games of Politics”

by Eddie P. Richardson

Just how long will our Governor go with the circus? Was he elected for the people of Texas to serve the people of Texas? Or was he elected by the people of Texas to serve U.S. Congressman from Sugarland, Texas (Tom “Hammer” DeLay)?

What ever happened to honesty, dedication, and services by politicians in all areas of politics?

Let's take a brief walk down political lane over the last few years at the circus. Florida Texas and now California where things have happened who brought in the wrestler Jesse, The Body, and now Arnold the Body Builder.

Let's focus our interest on our own state, Texas. The redistricting endeavor begs the question of how long will not our Governor

go? He is spending thousands of dollars on this partisan wasteful funds that Texas could use for more beneficial means. Things such as education, health, economic development, working our shortfalls in fiscal posture, service cut backs and other areas of importance. Wake up, Governor Perry, as you are working yourself into a lame duck status. Did you not see the 1992 demonstration against you and “The Hammer” at the State Capitol last weekend. These demonstrators were from all parts of Texas, all walks of life, and most important, and political areas. This should have told you something. Evidently, it didn't!

Let's hope Governor Perry did wake up and focus his attention and efforts on Texas and solving the needs of Texas, and not going along with “The Hammer's” plan to have a one party government which would be bad, no matter which party is in control. In this writer's

opinion, the two party system is what made America what it really is. “The Hammer has been around a mighty long time, but he has had his high position for only a couple of years, and he and he has made his voice since then. It has been reported around the Belt-Way that he was smoking a cigar in a no smoking Federal Building. When he was approached by a Federal employee, his response was “I am the Federal Government!”

Let's all hope and pray we can get off this circus circuit, and get on with political process by the people and for the people form of Government.

Nuf Sed! Why Not?

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Compiled and Edited by Dr. Michael Ward
August 10 - August 16

It Happened...

- Sunday, August 16, 1863 President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing American slaves. The proclamation had been originally issued in September 1862, and applied only to slaves in states in rebellion against the Union. It became effective on January 1, 1863. It was not until June 1865 that news of freedom reached slaves in Texas.
- Wednesday, August 14, 1935 The Social Security Act became law.
- Monday, August 12, 1985 The world's worst single aircraft disaster occurred when a Japan Airlines Boeing 747 crashed into Mount Osutaka, killing 520 of the 524 aboard.
- Monday, August 14, 1876 Historically-black Prairie View A & M University was established. It is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the state of Texas. Initially chartered as the Agricultural and Mechanical College for Colored Youth, the name was changed in 1947.
- Saturday, August 13, 1892 The black newspaper, “Afro-American” began publishing in Baltimore, MD. Founded by former slave John H. Murphy, Sr, it is the longest running family-owned African-American newspaper in the nation. The newspaper has over 120,000 regular readers.
- Sunday, August 15, 1824 Freed American slaves founded the country of Liberia.
- Wednesday, August 11, 1965 The infamous Watts Riots began, after racial tensions erupted following reports of the police-beating of a black driver. Six days later, the disturbance was quelled by 20,000 national guardsmen, following 34 deaths, 857 injuries, over 2200 arrests, and property damage estimated at \$200 million. The Watts rebellion was the worst

race riot in America up to that time.

- In Sports News: The first color baseball game was telecast on Saturday, August 11, 1951 (Dodgers vs Braves) from New York City. Baseball legend Babe (George Herman) Ruth became the first to hit 500 homeruns on Sunday, August 11, 1929, and famed black slugger Reggie Jackson hit his 400th homer on Monday, August 11, 1970. On Friday, August 13, 1948 legendary black Negro League baseball player Satchel Paige pitched his first major league complete game, at age 42. Carl Lewis duplicated Jesse Owens' 1936 feat, winning four gold medals in Olympic track and field events (Saturday, August 11, 1984) in Los Angeles.

Born...

- Thursday August 14, 1921 Alex Haley, famed black author of “The Autobiography of Malcolm X” and the fictionalized account of his family's Africa-to-America history, “Roots.” Published in 1976, the novel was translated into 37 languages, and the 1977 television miniseries “Roots” was watched by over 100 million people, the largest audience in history to that time. The author was born in Ithaca, NY and raised in Henning, TN. He died in 1992, at age 70.
- Napoleon Bonaparte, French general and emperor (Saturday, August 15, 1769); Fidel Castro, president and dictator of Cuba (Friday, August 13, 1926); black actress Angela Bassett (Saturday, August 16, 1953); Madonna (Saturday, August 16, 1958); and black L.A. basketball great Magic (Earvin) Johnson on August 14, 1959.

Died...

- Tuesday, August 16, 1977 Entertainer Elvis Presley, “The King,” died in the bathroom of his mansion at Graceland, in Memphis, TN. Causes of death included heart failure and drug

overuse. Elvis had recorded 25 golden records, and his death was mourned by legions of fans. He was 42 years old.

- Thursday, August 15, 1935 Will Rogers, humorist, was killed in a plane crash in Alaska at age 55.
- Baseball legends Babe Ruth (Monday, August 16, 1948) and Mickey Mantle (Sunday, August 13, 1995)

Sign of the Zodiac

• Leo (July 23 to August 23), the fifth sign of the zodiac, symbolized by a lion. The sun rules Leo, which is a fire sign. According to astrologers, Leos love to enjoy themselves and believe that life is only worth living if it is filled with some degree of elegance and class. Night life, games and parties appeal to the Leo sense of the show. Leos are said to believe they deserve the best, and often this belief attracts good things to them.

It's A Fact!

• The country of Liberia, officially the Republic of Liberia, was established in 1824 by black freed slaves from the United States. Today, descendants of the immigrants from the US who had been slaves make up about 2-5% of the population of approximately 3.3 million. Over 95% of the people in Liberia are from indigenous African tribes who have historically occupied the land in Western Africa bordering the North Atlantic Ocean, the Ivory Coast, and Sierra Leone. The capital city is Monrovia, named after US president James Monroe. Historical records show that Monroe's help in establishing Liberia was related in part to political concerns about possible slave and free-black uprisings in the US.

THIS N THAT

SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH! THIS N THAT..... wants to remind all of you of the OPENING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.....come this Monday an AUGUST 18, 2003... This means ... those of us who drive to and from the various public schools in our area of town and neighborhoods ... we need to be extremely careful while driving... Many of these young people will be a good frame of mind and are not looking where they are going... So let's beware of their actions.... This is a very good time of the year ... as things will begin to happen in the various schools... Let's hope this yearMOST OF US will visit our PUBLIC SCHOOLS.....Some of you did so last year ... so let's get busy this year doing it again.... Be careful while driving this upcoming week.... drive with care.

78TH MARCH AGAINST DRUGS TODAY! THIS N THAT would hope many of you will attend the 78TH MARCH AGAINST DRUGS, GANGS AND VIOLENCE on today THURSDAY EVENING- August 14th.... The march will be in the same area EAST BATES AND ZENITH AVENUES.... Some are asking why this area Let them know this is where we begun several weeks ago ... and will be moving to other areas in near future.... Hopefully THE ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADOR MARCHING BAND will lead us through the community this evening.... This is good ... as it will let our young people know we are with them and are most appreciative of their participation.... Several coaches fromTEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY ... and we will be looking to see them.... REPRESENTATIVES from the United States Army and Air Force have been invited to be with us.... WILL YOU BE WITH US? Hope So! THIS N THAT will be looking forward to seeing you on today so we can continue to help our young people.... Will you be with us? Hope so!

WILLIAMS CHICKEN ON WAY! THIS N THAT had an opportunity to visit with the gentleman who organized the WILLIAM'S CHICKEN CHAIN in Dallas last week... He is HIAWATHIA WILLIAMS and he is glad to see there will be a local business owner in the Lubbock community.... He tells ... THIS N THAT he will be visiting us in the near future to see what Lubbock is all about...

SONIC DRIVE INN LOOKING GOOD! THIS N THAT is glad to see the progress on the construction of the SONIC DRIVE INN at the corner of East 19th Street and Martin Luther King Blvd This is good to see ... and ... hopefully ... there will be many others in the near future Hopefully there are businesses and corporations who see THE WEALTH of citizens in East Lubbock.... Surely ... things will continue to happen....

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: -YOUNG PEOPLEwith school beginning next week PREPARE YOURSELVES so good things will happen in your LIVES!- DID JA KNOW! THIS N THAT wants you to know that in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA there are 22.4 MILLION SMALL BUSINESSES.... Of the total workforce in this country these small businesses EMPLOY 51 PERCENT OF THE WORKFORCE!

D. C. KINNER THE BARBER SAID: -YOU'VE got to do your ... OWN GROWING no matter how TALL ... your ... GRANDFATHER WAS! This appeared in the AUGUST 30, 1990 EDITION of the Southwest Digest...

BLACK COACH HONORED IN DALLAS! THIS N THAT learned of the award given to ROBERT HUGHES Dunbar Boys Basketball Coach ... in Fort Worth, Texas ... by the ... National Association of Black Journalists during their convention in Dallas... Me was one of SAM LACY PIONEER AWARD... HUGHES is the nation's winners high school coach... CONGRATS ... Coach Hughes!

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Fisher Book Signing

Here are some photos of those who were in attendance of the Book Signing of Betty Liby Fisher on Saturday afternoon, August, 2003, at Heavenly Treasures. Ms. Fisher is the author of "Wit, Will & Walls."

The event was sponsored by the African American Chamber of Commerce.



Calvin Davis, Small Business Administration Attorney, Betty Kilby Fisher, and City Councilman T.J. Patterson



Betty Fisher, author, and McLanie Robins, owner Heavenly Treasures



Betty Fisher, author, and Wanda Dent, owner Heavenly Treasures

Lubbock Listed by Business Publication as Prime Location for Bio-Technology

Someone once said the three big factors in business success are "Location, Location, Location." Even in this age of the Internet, place can still be a vital consideration. That especially applies to the biosciences, and Lubbock now finds itself in some really good company.

The publication called "Business Facilities, the Location Adviser" is out with a list of more than a dozen sites most favorable to biotechnology operations. The decision, it says, is all about research.

The locations are cities such as Lubbock; Memphis, Tennessee; Omaha, Nebraska; Charleston, South Carolina; Riverside, California; and Gahanna, Ohio; Fulton County, Georgia, which includes the city of Atlanta; and Chesterfield County, Virginia; The Roanoke Valley

of Virginia; and the Central Virginia area around Charlottesville; The Florida "High Tech Corridor", which includes Tampa and Orlando; And such states and provinces as Pennsylvania, Tennessee,

New Jersey, Manitoba in Canada, and the Saarland in Germany.

Mere's part of what the publication says about Lubbock: "If food biotechnology is your company's specialty, finding a thriving agricultural area, where top-notch ag research is being conducted, is key. So Lubbock may be just what you're looking for. Lubbock is not only one of the world's most productive agricultural regions, it's the home of Texas Tech University, where you'll find state-of-the-art bio-agritech research, medical services delivery and

clinical trials, and environmental toxicology research and remediation methods."

It concludes, "Clearly, opportunities for biotechnology development in Lubbock are strong; and the infrastructure and workforce to support the industry is in place. Market Lubbock, Inc., also offers a number of incentives to qualified businesses to encourage expansion and relocation."

Market Lubbock spokesman Dale Gannaway says the recognition of Lubbock is exciting because "The Lubbock Regional BioScience Initiative is already connecting the regional dots to leverage our tremendous regional bioscience resources. This will, in turn, generate new opportunities for regional economic growth and wealth creation."

Strayhorn Cails on Legislature and Governor to Address Health and Human Services Spending Needs with Available Money

Statement by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn

"As the Governor's staff is well aware, my staff has been working closely with the leadership's staff and we found a solution that grants authority for the Governor and Legislative Budget Board to spend the money under budget execution when the

Legislature has adjourned."

"Though I am pleased to hear that the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker have reached an agreement in principle to use 167 million dollars on health and human services spending, I am still urging the Governor to add this issue to the call to allow the Legislature to appropriate more than 700

million dollars made available since the regular session to stop the anxiety for our frail elderly, Texans with disabilities, and medically needy children now."

"I shared this information publicly on July 11, early in the first special session, so that the Legislature could act on it immediately."

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"Old Glory" Multiplied by 3,412: To Fly Over Lubbock in Honor of 9-11 Victims, First Responders

An American Tribute: hosted by American State Bank with the support of the City of Lubbock—but requiring the dedication of volunteers from throughout the community,

What will it involve? 3,412 flags: one in memory of each person who died at the hands of terrorists on 9-11—at the World Trade Center in New York, at the Pentagon Building in Washington, D.C. and in the crash of a hijacked

jetliner in a Pennsylvania farm field.

What other people will it honor? The First Responders of Texas—in keeping with a Governors Proclamation to recognize the men and women of law enforcement fire protection, and other public agencies sworn to protect us.

What special people will it benefit? Students to help ease the critical shortage of nurses, local and nationwide.

The flags will remain on view through Sunday, September 14, and then they will be sold to the public. Proceeds will go to nursing scholarships.

When will the flags be unfurled? On Wednesday, September 10, 2003, in preparation for a solemn observance on September 11, 2003—the anniversary of the day that changed this nation forever.

Where will the acres of stars and stripes wave? On

the turf of Kastman Park along south Loop 289 west of Indiana Avenue.

The event took shape in discussions of American State leaders, trying to find a way to continue their traditional support of nursing education, support which took the form last year of a visit by the nation's best-known "Nurse", Loreita Swit—who played the role of Margaret Houlahan on the long-running television series M*A*S*H*. Someone

brought in the idea of a spectacle such as the one in Sandy, Utah—a suburb of Salt Lake City—where a flag was planted in a grassy field as the name of each 9-11 victim was read aloud.

The planners quickly dedicated themselves to recreating the scene in Lubbock. A similar display has been scheduled in Florida at the urging of Governor Jeb Bush. The Lubbock event will be the first in Texas.

Back to the question of volunteers: it will take hundreds of people helping with assembly of the flags and poles and with various other aspects of the two-day spectacular. If you can join in—as an individual or as a member of a school, scout, civic, or church group, please call now. The volunteer coordinator's number is 789-3524 or you can call American State Bank's main number, 767-7000.

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME! GOOD LUCK TO ALL!