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Local News

Cast Your Vote for a Healthy Heart

Lubbock - The Student Nursing Association of Covenant School of Nursing will host the "Cast Your Vote for a Healthy Heart" health fair on Saturday, October 2 from 8:30-noon at Covenant School of Nursing, 2002 Miami. The health fair will feature free bone density, body mass index, blood pressure, oxygen level and healthy feet (neuropathy) screenings.

Beginning at 10am, medical experts will speak on healthy heart, osteoporosis and nutrition. School board members Karen Slay and Vernita Woods-Holmes, and City Council member Linda DeLeon are honorary co-chairpersons for the event.

The health fair is free and open to the public. Reservations are required to 1-866-6WCMSNS.

Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm - Mac Simmons Community Center
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 608 meets every 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mac Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St.
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, T.T. Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Mahattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm, 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center
- The Parkway Grandlupé & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing. You can mail it to:

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Theodore Phea Boys & Girls Club reunion banquet Saturday

For several weeks, the Southwest Digest has been announcing the upcoming Boys & Girls Club Reunion at the Theodore Phea Boys & Girls Club. You still have a chance to buy tickets for this event to be held on September 25, 2004 at 6:30pm at 1801 East 24th Street.

We welcome all former members of the club to join us in this celebration and to pay tribute to a fallen civic leader who helped to shape the lives of thousands of youth from the Lubbock community.

Tickets for the event may be purchased from the following planning committee members.

- Quincy White
806-777-1001
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Ticket prices are as follows: Children ages 6 to 11 - \$10; Individuals ages 12 and up - \$15; Couples (any two persons) - \$25

Come and join us for an evening of reminiscence, fun and entertainment.

Discounted hotel arrangements are available for our out-of-town guests. Please contact Oscar Jones for help with these arrangements at the number listed here.

We hope to see you there! It will be a great opportunity to see old friends and celebrate the legacy of this proud organization.

Powell and Rice cannot detract from Bush's civil rights record

by Hazel Trice Edney

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - The Bush Administration's top Blacks - Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice - will cast long shadows over the Republican National Convention in New York this week - but not long enough to win Black votes, predicts the last Black Republican to serve in the United States Senate.

"I applaud Rice and Powell's appointments and I think most African-Americans applaud them as well. But when you're talking bread-and-butter issues, when you're talking jobs and health care, you have to balance that. What are they doing for the millions of African-Americans who are suffering?" asks former Massachusetts Sen. Ed Brooke, the first Black elected to the U.S. Senate in the 20th Century.

"From the tax programs, the war, and the disproportionate number of African-Americans going to war, when you look at it that way, they can't expect to receive African-American votes just because of a few Black appointments."

Brooke, who remains loyal to the Republican Party, says he will not attend the convention because he is not a delegate and is no longer involved in Massachusetts politics. He says his decision not to attend the convention is not a protest. Yet, his disappointment is evident.

"The Republican Party has not done what it should have done to attract African-Americans," he says. "The party of Lincoln is not the party of Lincoln today. Unfortunately, African-Americans still view the Republican Party as opposed to the issues that are most important to African-Americans."

Brooke, who served in the Senate from 1967 to 1979, comes from an era when progressive Republicans maintained a strong influence over the direction of the party, not just in obtaining Black appointments.

Blacks were registered Republicans. As late as the early 1960s, it was not unusual for Republican candidates to get 30 percent of the Black vote, particularly moderate Republicans such as New York City Mayor John V. Lindsay and Connecticut Sen. Lowell Weicker.

A major turning point for the party and its relationship with African-Americans came when Republicans chose Sen. Barry Goldwater, an arch-conservative from Arizona, as its presidential candidate in 1964.

Goldwater ran on a states' right platform, an overt attempt to court Southern segregationists. Only 6 percent of Blacks voted for Goldwater.

By contrast, 94 percent of African-Americans supported incumbent Democratic President Lyndon B. Johnson, who was elected in a landslide.

Since that time, Republicans have never received more than 15 percent of the Black vote. The more the GOP has shifted to the right, the less support it receives from African-Americans.

"How sad it is that there no longer is that social justice wing of the Republican Party," says Ralph Nease, president of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. "The fact that Colin Powell and Condoleezza were selected doesn't matter."

"When you see President Bush arguing against affirmative action with the Supreme Court on Martin Luther King's birthday, symbolically, that sends a message to African-Americans about their outreach to the Black community," says Desiree Pedescheus, associate professor of political science at Spelman College in Atlanta. "It will take careful planning. It will take years of work."

Politics is more than about winning an election, explains Nease. "It would certainly be good for the country if they would be more inclusive and there are always going to be areas where you do want a variety of views," he says. "This is what this election is all about, which way we're going to go as a country."



Winners of this year's 2004 Juneteenth Celebration Parade competition is The African American Unified Umbrella Corp./The Way, a 501c3 local Non-Profit Charity organization.

Pictured here are the Group I fundraisers: Shawn Merissa, Crystal Sherriqua, Micah, Candace, Rayshaun, Patrea and Tai. (Not pictured are Devin, Dante, Dotrice, Adrianna, Amoeha, Shakoria, Deanna)

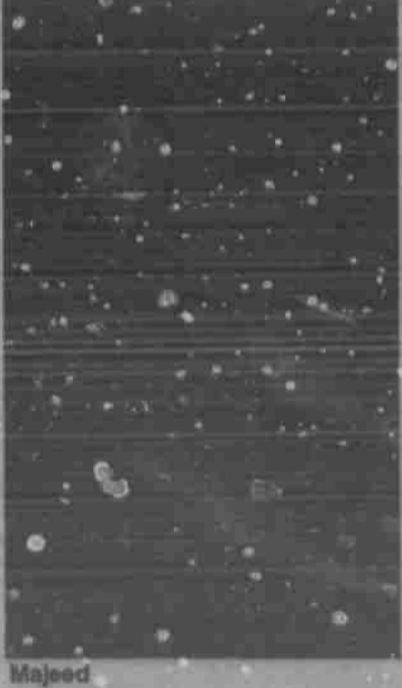
The Youth Division Fundraisers raised funds to build the celebrated float display which received a \$100 check for their winning prize.

The African American Unified Umbrella Corp., would like to thank the communities throughout the Lubbock area for their support in helping our youth fundraisers. If you would like to send a donation by check, please mail to: The AAUUC, 235 Indiana Ave, F217, Lubbock, TX 79415

For further information on how you can help, call us at (806) 744-6005.

Experience Works salutes Anesha Majeed

"National Older Worker Week" is September 19-25, and what could possibly be a better way to celebrate the value of today's senior workforce than a success story of an Experience Works participant!



Majeed

Experience Works is Department of Labor Employment & Training Program. The purpose is to help persons 55 years of age and older gain the skills and experience needed for today's job market. In order to qualify for the Experience Works program, an applicant must be 55 years of age - or older - unemployed and have income which does not exceed the Department of Labor's Low Income Guidelines.

Once enrolled in the Experience Works Program, participants are assigned to state, fed-

eral, local government agencies as well as 501c3 non-profit organizations-known as "Community Service Training Sites". Participants work 20 hours per week for \$5.15 per hour which is paid by Experience Works. The Community Service Training Site provides day-to-day supervision and training for the participant. Once the participant is job ready, Experience Works begins job development to move the participant off the program into unsubsidized employment within the community. If necessary, Experience Works can negotiate an on the job training with an employer.

Sometimes if a participant performs so well at the Community Service Training Site, they are hired by the Training Site taking the participant off Experience Works Program on their payroll as regular staff. Anesha Majeed of Lubbock was one such participant. In April 2004, Anesha was assigned to a training position with Life Run of Lubbock - a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide services to assist disabled individuals to live independently in the local community. Anesha very quickly proved herself to be a valuable asset to Life Run with her excellent customer service skills, professional manner, and her genuine interest to help others. She was the ideal person to be added to their staff. Life Run hired Anesha September 1, 2004, as an Advocacy Specialist - another Experience Works Success Story!!!!

If you find mistakes in this publication, please remind yourself that we are all human. We publish something for everyone and we don't always get it right. Some people are always looking for mistakes instead of looking at their own lives.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Clarissa Jay

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will be hosting the Annual Conference of the Northwest Texas Conference from October 25 thru 30, 2004. Rev. Danny Poe is host pastor. Various committees are meeting each Monday evening AK at the church to make things ready.

The Missionary Society of the Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church, 423 MLK Blvd., will be sponsoring a 'Spaghetti Dinner' this evening, Thursday, September 23, 2004, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:15 p.m.

The public is invited to join them for supper, prayer and healing service.

Services were very inspirational last Sunday morning, September 19, 2004, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue. New Hope is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. B.R. Moton is pastor.

Services begun with Meditation and Prayer. After the inspirational presentation by the Praise Team, the morning scripture was read by Rev. Cheryl Martin. Rev. Mercelle

McCutcheon offered the morning prayer. The New Hope Choir sang several selections.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Moton. His subject was "An Awesome God." His scripture text was Psalms 139:1-4.

After an invitation to discipleship was extended, the morning announcements were read by Sister Florinza Stokley, Sister Lottie F. Barrow welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list in our community. Word was received at this time that one of our longtime residents, Sister Ora Jean Keys, was taken to Covenant Hospital. Your prayers will be appreciated.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Among them include Ray Davis who was funeralized last Friday morning, September 17, 2004.

The Annual Men and Women Day program was held last Sunday afternoon, September 19, 2004, at New Hope Baptist Church. Brother Martin and Sister Ervin were Co-Chairpersons. It was reported to

be a positive program.

The Deacons Ordination Service of New Hope Baptist Church will be held on Sunday evening, September 26, 2004, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

When you are unable to attend church services because of illness or you are shut-in, tune in to KJAK 92.7 FM on Sunday morning, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and hear the New Hope Morning Service.

If you have some news regarding your family, church or an organization, let us report it in this column. You may send it to: The Chatman Hill Corner, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Let us hear from you.

If you want to subscribe to the Southwest Digest, you may do so by filling out the coupon on Page 7 of this issue. It is only \$20.00 a year, or you may save \$5.00 by sending \$35.00 for two years.

Minister Gary Bunton delivered a powerful sermon at Bethel African-Methodist Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday morning. Keep on preaching, Minister Bunton. People are listening to the word!

South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock hosts AKC Dog Agility Trials

The South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock will be hosting three days of American Kennel Club All Breed Dog Agility Trials. The event will be held at the Texas Tech University Horse Center, October 15th thru 17th. Trial hours will start at 8:00 a.m. and end approximately 5:00 p.m. each day. Approximately 150 pure bred dogs from surrounding states will be judged at this event, many of which are the top agility trained dogs in the country.

Agility is one of the newest AKC events and is open to every breed. Dogs must be at least one year old to compete. In an Agility Trial a dog demonstrates its ability to negotiate a complex course that will include a walk over a bridge, jumping through objects, going through tunnels, weaving through a line of poles and pausing on command. There are different height categories so each dog is tested fairly on the course. Each exhibitor and dog team will be judged at one of 3 different levels of competition: Novice, Open or Excellent. The dogs competing in these classes are working toward AKC Agility titles.

There will be free canine educational material available at these trials. No admission fee will be charged for this fun filled and educational event. Agility is a fast paced sport that is exciting for the dog, handlers and spectators. Don't miss it! For more information call 794-1256 or email at spot@compuserve.com.

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Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:38
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How do we obey him?
Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
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FASHION FUN

By Shirley Roberson
Leather

The feel and look of leather is fantastic, and one of the many great things about leather is that it never really goes out of style. It's classic, beautiful, durable and warm, what more could you possibly ask for?

Unlike other material leather breathes and is often called your second skin. On the fashion scene it is well respected and appreciated. A wide selection of leather goods are always at your fingertips, luxurious soft Black Italian Lamb is more popular here in West Texas because the leather is relaxed, unstrained and natural with a silky appearance and feel. Italian Lamb look dressy, yet it can be worn both dressy and casual.

The best thing about leather now is that it too comes in so many of the latest colors, cuts and designs. Leather blazers are once again on the fashion list, nothing looks more powerful than a pair of designer jeans and a blazer. Leather blazers also look great with ankle length skirts, and mini skirts, a complete leather suit would certainly be a bit difficult to ignore, you will be noticed.

A gorgeous smile and some leather couldn't hurt any situation, so ladies this fall think full length coats, short fitted jackets, shoes, boots, gloves, hats, belts, etc. consider it wise to think of these items in beautiful breath taking leather. A lady who wears



Leather is often defined as a lady with good taste.

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

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In Remembrance

CURTIS RAY DAVIS

Funeral services for Curtis Ray Davis were held last Friday morning, September 17, 2004, at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ with Mr. Gerald Jackson officiating.



Davis

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

Mr. Davis passed away Saturday, September 11, 2004.

He was born December 18, 1939 in Mt. Enterprise, Texas to the late Robert L. and Dessie Lee Davis. He continued his education

by becoming a licensed butcher for Western Sizzlin, Farm Pac, and Sewell Grocery. In later years, he operated Backho Services, and worked in the maintenance department at the Lubbock Children's Home prior to his medical disability.

Ray enjoyed fishing, gardening, and being known as "Mr. Fixer."

He is survived by his wife, Flossie; two sons, Ken of Garland, Texas and Rodney of Arlington, Texas; two brothers, Cecil, Sr. and Felton, both of Lubbock, Texas; three sisters: Bobbie and Shirley, both of Lubbock, Texas, and Bonnie of Las Vegas, Nevada; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

ANTHONY DESHAWN "PICC" HAWKINS

Funeral services for Anthony DeShawn "Picc" Hawkins were held last Friday afternoon,



Hawkins

September 17, 2004, at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Rev. J. J. Johnson is pastor.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary of Lubbock.

Mr. Hawkins graduated from Estacado High School in 2000. He was a wonderful son, brother, father, grandson, and friend, as well as a fiance.

Robust job market predicted for Lubbock

Lubbock area employers expect to hire at a brisk pace during the fourth quarter of 2004, according to the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey.

From October to December, 47% of the companies interviewed plan to hire more employees, while 10% intend to reduce their workforce, according to Manpower spokesperson Steven Clay. Another 36% expect to maintain their current staff levels and 7% are not certain of their hiring plans.

"The Lubbock area employment outlook is stronger than the third quarter forecast when 40% of the companies interviewed intended to take on more staff, while 13% planned to decrease headcount," said Clay. "A year ago at

this time, employers were also less confident about hiring when 40% of companies surveyed thought employment increases were likely and 7% intended to cut back."

For the coming quarter, job prospects appear best in Construction, Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing, Transportation/Public Utilities, Wholesale/Retail Trade, Education and Public Administration. Services employers voiced mixed hiring intentions. Employers in Mining are unsure of their staffing plans, and hiring in Durable Goods Manufacturing and Finance/Insurance/Real Estate is expected to remain unchanged.

National results of the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey show that

the hiring pace for the fourth quarter is expected to remain stable across the United States.

Of the 16,000 U.S. employers that were surveyed, 28% plan to add staff in the fourth quarter, while 7% expect to reduce their payrolls, creating a Net Employment Outlook of 21%. Sixty percent of employers surveyed anticipate no change in staff levels for the coming quarter, and 5% are unsure of their hiring plans. The seasonally adjusted employment outlook for the final months of 2004 is the same as it was in both the second and third quarters. Although the job forecast has not changed for three quarters, it is decidedly stronger than it was a year ago when the outlook was half as strong.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The Senseless Killing of a Church Deacon

Sunday, September 12, 2004. Deacon Robert Reynold has slipped on an apron after the 11 A.M. services at Trinity Community Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan to apply the finishing touch in making ready for a barbecue his church was to have after the service.

Deacon Reynold was excited because a sister church from Troy, Michigan was going to be present and join the festivities. He laughed with church members while grilling burgers and hot dogs. When the 72-year-old discovered, his body was suffering with fatigue he walked over to a large tree located on the side of the church where he had set a chair in the shade and regained his strength by sitting momentarily.

Somewhere around 4 P.M. Eastern Standard Time when another church member, Robert Johnson, 74, was helping Deacon Reynold clean up, put away chairs, and extinguished the grill, Reynold walks to the back of the building to retrieve an item from his vehicle.

While at his 1996 Chevrolet Caprice, Deacon Reynold was approached by two men, who demanded his car keys. The deacon gave them up, begged for his life, which was quickly taken away by a gun. Johnson was on the other side of the church, heard Reynolds plead for mercy, however the hoodlums shot him anyway.

Deacon Reynold was familiar with the criminal element. He had worked as a Wayne County proba-

tion officer for more than 30 years, before retiring, his daughter, Christine Hammond states in the Detroit Free Press.

The Georgia-born deacon was a diabetic, suffered with high blood pressure and angina. One of the church members said, he was compelled to go to church Monday, September 13, 2004. He shared hugs with others and question how the community can possibly feel safe at home when people cannot even feel safe at church. "The issue of violence has come to the doosteps of the church."

For the sake of those of you in the Lubbock community who say, "The Lord will handle the actions of such criminals" you are hereby informed this can happen in your neighborhood if you allow it to happen. His hands are your hands.

What trouble this writer is this senseless killing took place down the street from the church of my 90-year-old mother and my sister and her family. This is not a run-down neighborhood.

I want to applaud Councilpersons Linda DeLeon and Floyd Price for hearing the cries of the citizens of District 1 and 2. If we as a community allow thugs to drive down our streets at a 100 miles per hour, drinking alcohol in combination with drugs and destroy property, put the lives of children and senior citizens in danger, it's our fault. These misfits in a wholesome society need to be dealt with harshly by the criminal justice system. Who would have given a

thought, people would be afraid to go to church or hold night service because of the criminal element in our society, lest killing of a deacon and taking his vehicle.

The state of Michigan does not have a death penalty. However, the state of Texas does. Whether you agree with it or not and other stiff penalties for felonious behavior, it does not matter. The laws are on the book. If you do the crime in Texas and convicted you are going to do the time. The parents who uphold their children in dealing drugs and turn their head need to know that Texas has a "contaband law." This means that property of any nature, including real, personal, tangible, or intangible can be taken under the Penal Code for any felony.

Let me make it plain! Your wayward children or grandchildren can cause you to be outdoors and you cannot do anything about it because you are a partner to the crime if in your house or on your property. The law can have a yellow caterpillar track to your house and push it down and carry the rubble away in a dump truck. No, only this can happen, but you will not be able to get a loan to rebuild and if a partner to a crime, federal housing is virtually impossible. You are "up the creek, without a paddle," so to speak.

People of District 1 and 2, let us make our communities a place where anyone would want to live. No more killings! No more drugs! No more domestic violence!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

This writer continues this report from last week.

Neither give place the Devil. How can you give place to somebody that doesn't exist? Well, we need to understand that the reason we don't have what belongs to us, our inheritance that has been paid for with the blood of Jesus Christ is because Satan has been stealing from the body of Christ.

It's not up to God to stop him, it's up to you and I. But if we don't know that, then we'll think that God doesn't want us to have it. If you have the Faith that wars on Satan, it is going to strip you and steal everything you have. But if you'll learn how to reach out with Faith that takes, you and I can take what personally belongs to us.

We are and we have everything that the word of God says that we are and we have whether we are experiencing it or not. It's not enough for me to believe in my self to produce these things I cannot see. We have to believe what God says about us, and act on it before you're ever going to

experience it personally. If you are a Christian, you create the environment yourself, because that's where your Faith is operating. We need to find out what God says about us. We are whatever God says we are, whether or not you feel like that or not. Look like that or not, acting like that at this point in your Christian experience. Most people have been hung up in a bag full of feelings.

What do your feelings have to do with anything? This writer would rather believe that God's telling me the truth. It boils down to a personal relationship with God. Just you and God!

We're A Family! We're all one in Christ, but each one of us has to function as an individual within the body of Christ.

The Bible says that it's impossible for God to lie. Then the only things left is truth. If God says I'm a certain thing I must be, not because I feel like it, look like it or even understand it, I'm that because God said it. It's very important to get a right estimate of yourself. There are many people who are laboring under an

inferiority complex syndrome spiritually. If people keep telling you, you're inferior, you eventually get to believing it yourself, especially when the circumstances seem to indicate that it is true. When you keep going through experiences and the people keep telling you: the Lord put that sickness on you to test you in order to make a better person out of you, and when you come out of the fire, you'll be ready and God can use you. You will begin to develop that kind of mentality, and it has destroyed many people. Actually, too many people.

Continue Next Week. Read St. Mark 11:24. For all those super people having problems, lost loved ones, and seems like the storms of life just keep raging in your life. Remember to just try Jesus! Really try Him!

See you right here next week. As always, thanks for reading this report each week.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christiene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, September 19, 2004, the St. Matthew Baptist Church had another glorious time in the Lord. We are located at 2020 East 14th Street, and you are always invited to attend.

Services begun with Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Sister Luella Harris, superintendent, was in charge. All teachers were at their post of duty. The morning lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor

Edward Canady. It was another wonderful lesson, and was well received by all in attendance.

The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a. m. Deacon 79 Edward Williams was in charge of the morning devotions.

The Senior Choir provided the morning selections. The members, as usual, sung out of their hearts.

Rev. Monty Smith delivered the morning message. His subject was "In The Midst Of It All." His

scripture text was St. Mark 5:26 and St. Mark 6:45. It was another inspiring message.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. We had our sick list Minister Nina Davis, Sister Lethridge, Sister Henderson and Sister Isaac.

Thought For The Week: "God knows the end from the beginning, so we can trust Him with everything between."



We Thank God for Jesus

REPENT-REPENT-REPENT!

Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, III - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

MATTHEW 28:19, JESUS SAID, GO YOU THEREFORE, AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. JESUS SAID GO, AND PREACH THE GOOD NEWS TO THE WHOLE WORLD, THE CHURCH DIDN'T DO THAT, AND NOW LOOK AT THE MEN, WOMAN, BOYS AND GIRLS GALATIANS 6:7. BE NOT DECEIVED: GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP. THE CHURCH WENT OUT WITH THE DEVIL'S MESSAGE, PEOPLE NEED THEIR RIGHTS. JESUS WANTED THEM TO KNOW: I'M THE WAY AND THE TRUTH TO ETERNAL LIFE. THE CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH WAS A NEW BEGINNING OF DISOBEDIENCE IN THE LAND. NOW WE REAPING WHAT WAS SOWED: DISOBEDIENCE IS NOW OUT OF HAND!! ISAIAH 55:8,9, THE LORD SAID, FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS. FOR AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH, SO ARE MY WAYS HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS, AND MY THOUGHTS THAN YOUR THOUGHTS.

OUT OF CIVIL RIGHTS THING CAME, NO OPEN PRAYER IN THE SCHOOLS, NOW THE SCHOOLS HAVE DRUGS, GUNS, CONDOMS, KILLINGS, NOW WHO IS THE FOOL??? ROMANS 1:21,22, BECAUSE THAT, WHEN THEY (THE CHURCH) KNEW

GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL. BUT BECAME VAIN IN THERE IMAGINATIONS (DREAMERS), AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED. PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY (THE CHURCH) BECAME FOOLS. **** YES THE CHURCHES DID ROB GOD****

NOW THE WORLD WANTS THE RIGHTS TO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, DIAMONDS, CAKS AND CLOTHES. THEY WILL GET IT ANY WAY THEY CAN, NOT CARING FOR THE HUMAN SOUL!!!

THE DEVIL AND HIS RIGHTS: WOMAN RIGHTS, GAY RIGHTS, SPANKING RIGHTS, ABORTION RIGHTS, RUN AWAY RIGHTS WHITE RIGHTS, BLACK RIGHTS, ROAD RAGE RIGHTS, KILLING THE FAMILY RIGHTS, KKK RIGHTS, KILL THE ABORTION DOCTOR RIGHTS, CONDOMS IN KINDERGARTEN RIGHTS, NO PRAYER IN SCHOOLS RIGHTS, CHILD MOLESTATION RIGHTS, BOMB THE FEDERAL BUILDING RIGHTS, BLACKS SUICIDE RIGHTS, CLONING RIGHTS, SHACKING RIGHTS, DRIVE BY SHOOTING RIGHTS, SNAPPING RIGHTS, AND MANY MORE.

MATTHEW 11:28-30, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YOU THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST TAKE MY YOKE (THE BIBLE) UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM

MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART: AND YOU SHALL FIND REST UNTO SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT. **** I AM FREE AT LAST-FREE AT LAST!!****

DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR SEAT, WHILE RIDING ON THE CITY BUS, MY FREEDOM CAME FROM UP ABOVE; AND GOD SAID THAT WAS ENOUGH. 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.

DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GET NICKED AND HIT, WITH THE POLICE'S BILLY CLUB, MY FREEDOM CAME DOWN FROM UP ABOVE, IN THE FORM OF GOD'S OWN LOVE. JOHN 8:36, JESUS SAID, IF THE SON THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YOU SHALL BE FREE INDEED.

DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GET BIT, BY THE POLICE'S BAD BITING DOGS, MY FREEDOM CAME FROM JESUS' DYING OUT ON THAT OLD RUGGED CROSS!!! AND DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GET SPRAYED, BY THE FIRE-MAN'S HIGH PRESSURE HOSE, MY FREEDOM CAME ONE SUNDAY MORNING, WHEN JESUS CHRIST AROSE!!! JOHN 8:12,13, JESUS SAID, AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.

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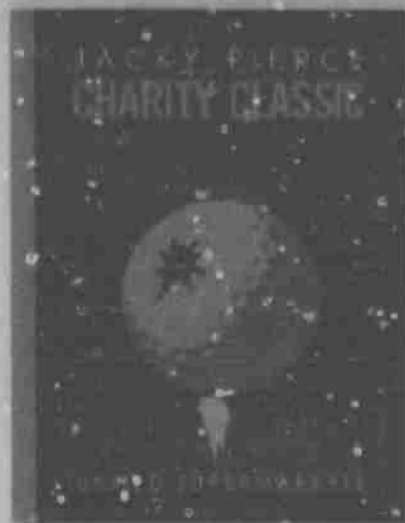
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United Supermarkets donates \$52,259 from the Jacky Pierce Charity Classic to Children's Advocacy Center

Connie Hindman accepted a check from Dan Sanders in the amount of \$52,259 representing the Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains share of the



proceeds from the United Supermarkets Jacky Pierce Charity Classic.

During special ceremonies at the event, a total of \$130,000 was presented to representatives from eight Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC's) of Texas, that

when combined provide services to the children of all 26 communities in which United operates. The event has raised more than \$1.5 million for charities since its inception and includes sponsors and players from many of United's vendors and suppliers.

CAC's serve to coordinate the activities of multiple agencies involved in child abuse cases. They operate on the fundamental belief that the best interests of the child victim should be protected as the case proceeds through the investigation and prosecution stages and beyond. CAC's offer a child-friendly environment where child victims can feel safe talking about what has happened to them. Additionally, CAC's ensure that the information and therapeutic services necessary to the healing process are readily accessible. More than 800 children are served by the Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains. It is for this reason that proceeds from the 2004 Jacky Pierce Golf

Classic will be used to support programming and operations of the Children's Advocacy Centers in Texas.

"Thanks to the generosity of our many vendors and suppliers, United was able to make a significant gift to the Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains," says Sanders. "Until the day comes when child abuse is no more, it will be our privilege and duty to support this agency, which serves and protects victimized children from further pain and ensure that justice is served."

United Supermarkets operates 47 stores throughout west and north central Texas under three names - United Supermarkets, Market Street and United Supermercado. The 83-year-old

family-owned company continues to operate on the principles established by founder H.D. Snell - quality products at competitive prices with an emphasis on superior customer service and community involvement. Last October, United Supermarkets was named the inaugural winner of the Supermarket New Community Service Award in recognition of its innovative UCrew Community Volunteer Teams.

In February, United Supermarkets pounced its role as the title sponsor of United Texas Tour, the largest multistage professional cycling race in the United States. The event will link together the 26 communities in which United Supermarkets operate.



Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during September 2004.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are the American Redbud, White Pine, Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, Red Maple, Birch, Silver Maple, Red Oak, and Colorado Blue Spruce.

"These trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bi-monthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 106 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 2004. Or join online at arborday.org.

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(New York, NY) September 2, 2004 - When John Thompson was appointed CEO of Symantec in 1999, the business was best known to consumers by its Norton AntiVirus software. At that point, Symantec was somewhat of a mid-cap conglomerate, a company that managed brands, not technology and channels or customer relationships. Thompson decided to change all that and focus on one technology category: security.

"The turnaround plan was simple yet effective," says BLACK ENTERPRISE Features Editor Alan Hughes. "Thompson would focus the company on a set of core technologies that targeted the general consumer while also appealing to corporate and government needs." Through a series of acquisition deals which followed, the 55-year-old

Silicon Valley executive transformed Symantec from a \$632 million consumer software company into a multinational market leader in enterprise security software with 5,600 employees and projected revenues of \$241 billion for fiscal 2005. In recognition of Symantec's explosive growth in the fast-paced and ever-changing world of network security, the September issue of BE profiles Thompson as its Corporate Executive of the Year.

"Philosophically, I believe that business is personal, that if you don't take it personally, you won't get anything out of it," says Thompson. Under this credo of leadership, the company's stock has risen more than 500% in fact, during the five years since he took over. Symantec's stock has not only outperformed the stock of its chief competitors, McAfee,

Computer Associates International, and RSA Security, but that of nearly every other major technology company as well, including such industry leaders as Microsoft, eBay, Dell, Cisco Systems, and Intel.

Each year, BE compiles a list of the top franchises for African Americans. The "10 Hottest Deals in Franchising" represents our editors' choice of the best prospects across a range of the hottest industries. The results are based on a national survey of more than 450 franchisors that are members of the International Franchise Association and include criteria such as the current number of African American units, startup costs, and revenue growth projections.

Recent reports of increased domestic product growth and lower unemployment rates have

been accompanied by higher prices, inflation, and an expected rise in the government's short-term interest rate. With the economy expected to remain volatile for the near future, BE offers the September feature "What to do as Interest Rates Rise."

All too often, investors act on their gut reaction to bad news reports about a company and end up selling a stock prematurely, sometimes taking an unnecessary loss. Selling a stock should be considered for one of two reasons: either to achieve desired asset allocation or because of a deterioration of a company's fundamentals. "A Time to Sell?" identifies the signs that a proactive investor should seek when considering a sale.

Though the job market is improving, the hunt for employment is more competitive than

ever. In "Extreme Makeover," BE illustrates how to produce a top-notch resume that effectively lands the big interview.

The September issue of BLACK ENTERPRISE is available on newsstands now. BLACK ENTERPRISE provides essential business information and advice for professionals, corporate executives, entrepreneurs, and decision makers. Monthly, the

publication provides more than 3.6 million readers with information about financial management, entrepreneurship, and careers. BLACK ENTERPRISE is the authority for business and trends and is the source of information for and about African American business markets and leaders. The magazine is published by Earl G. Graves Publishing Co. Log onto www.blackenterprise.com for more information.

A RECIPE FOR CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT (HARVEST WALNUT PIE)

INGREDIENTS

- LOVE 3 eggs slightly beaten
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- JOY 2 tbs. all purpose flour
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- PATIENCE 2 tbs. butter, melted
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Thanks to Deborah M. Hutchinson for submitting this recipe!

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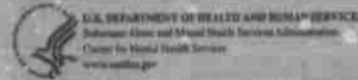
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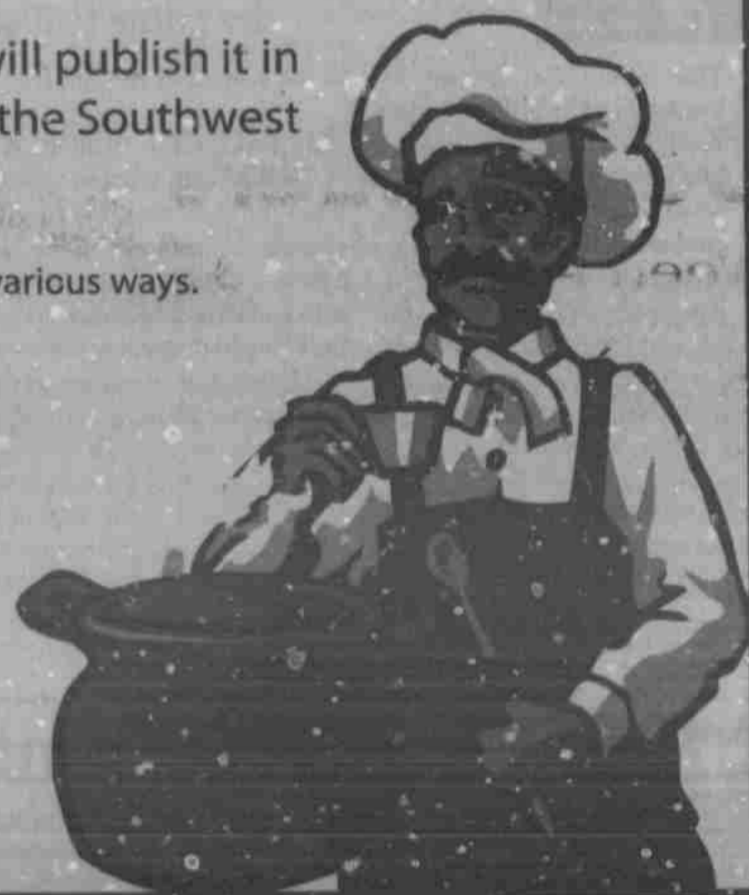
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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



With crime blatantly on the rise and neighborhoods making proposals on a daily basis to 'take back' their neighborhoods, it would appear that they would give some thought to 'taking back families.' The breakdown of the family is one of and perhaps the basis for so many of the things in our society today which is wrong, or going wrong. It is broke and it needs fixing.

In an attempt to 'fix' the family, we are very busy working on all of the symptoms. We spend our wheels on teenage pregnancy, lost morals, drug use and sales, low or lack of income, unemployment, inadequate educational systems, homosexuality, promiscuity, deadbeat dads and mothers, atheism, politics, taxes, inadequate health and insurance services, inequalities of all kinds, and the list goes on and on.

It would be very difficult to decide which of these factors should be worked on first to fix the family, but there has to be one that begins with a mother and a father. It is from these two variables that the child is added, making the couple become a family. A man and a woman without children, are a couple, not a family, whether they are legally married or not. If there is a child or children born of the couple, it is a family, legal or not.

Different societies have different ideas about what the goals of a marriage or family should be. These goals are based on what the local society considers how families should originate and how they should be organized. Matches are made by parents in some societies with the couple having no say in the choice. The choice must be made within certain groups in some societies and in the United States, most matches are based on love and less frequently others are based on financial independence and stability.

The love marriage is about the least stable of all marriages in the world. If the love is lost,

everything goes down the drain: home, children, possessions, companionship, security, social and economic status. Institutional families, the kind still predominantly found in Europe and other countries, possess all the characteristics that exist in the love marriage, but the family stays together. The love couple leaves the institutional family, or the extended family and lives alone. They want children for fulfillment, not to be a part of a working institution, but something to adore and love (Sociology, Paul H. Landis.) Because America is considered a 'land of plenty,' young couples venture out to get their share of the 'American pie.' Too often, there is not a healthy slice within their reach and love dies. Divorce enters and another family, has 'bit the dust!' It is time that we get 'in cinque' and pass a law to require 'couples in love' who are potential parents, to take and pass a course on Foundations of Love, Marriage and Family. It can lead to better choices in mates, more stable marriages and families. This could be a required high school class.



Think About It! The Fall of a Republic

by Eddie P. Richardson

This article was written by Alexander Tyler. He lived during the establishment of the original 13 colonies.

Most empires last 200 years, so America is the longest lasting empire in our recent history.

America was founded on moral and spiritual principles. That is the reason, in this writer's opinion, why it has lasted so long. Read this article and look at us today. We have gone through all the mentioned phases we are in the process of going through them. Enron, World Com and others, and black people are in the middle of the heap

at the bottom of the ladder.

THE FALL OF A REPUBLIC

When the thirteen colonies were still a part of England, Professor Alexander Tyler wrote about the fall of the Athenian republic over two thousand years previous to that time.

A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the public treasure. From that its moment on the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most money from the public trea-

sury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the great civilizations has been two hundred years. These nations have progressed through the following sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to great courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependency, from dependency back to bondage.

- Alexander Tyler

THIS 'N' THAT

GATEWAY FUNDS NEEDED FOR MLK BLVD. THIS N THAT read a report by the Lubbock City Council about the proposed development of MILWAUKEE AVENUE ... for residential and commercial... THIS N THAT believes this is a

VERY GOOD PROJECT! ... but since the usage of GATEWAY FUNDS will come into play to develop infrastructure ... let's not forget the usage of those GATEWAY FUNDS to construct a FLY-DY at South Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd ... which will enhance a smoother flow of traffic on this Blvd., as well as become a safer means of transporting our young children ... throughout the school district. There should be enough opportunity to do both projects since the funds will be coming from UTILITY COMPANIES in our area. This, like it was mentioned, is a win-win for everyone. That's true ... if all areas are in the mix. This will enhance the NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK PROJECT.

SPEAKING OF MLK BLVD! THIS N THAT has learned that in late OCTOBER 2004 another NEW BUSINESS will be opened in EAST LUBBOCK! It will be the CHISUM TRAVEL CENTER which will be located at 2611 EAST SLATON HIGHWAY. This will be a TRUCK STOP, and will be able to have all necessary for drivers. THIS N THAT remembers when this was just a concept,

and now it will soon become a reality. As we keep saying EAST LUBBOCK is still on the move. Just keep looking and you will continue to see some good things happening in EAST LUBBOCK!

THIS N THAT has also been advised of another national eatery coming in the near future. When the train is on the track, it's hard to stop.

TREES HAVE BEEN CUT! THIS N THAT wants to thank the City of Lubbock for CUTTING THE TREES on the East 24th Street Overpass. As we've always said, this is a VERY GOOD CITY, but as a citizen, one has to ask for GOOD THINGS. Again ... THANKS for what you have done and what you will continue to do for all citizens.

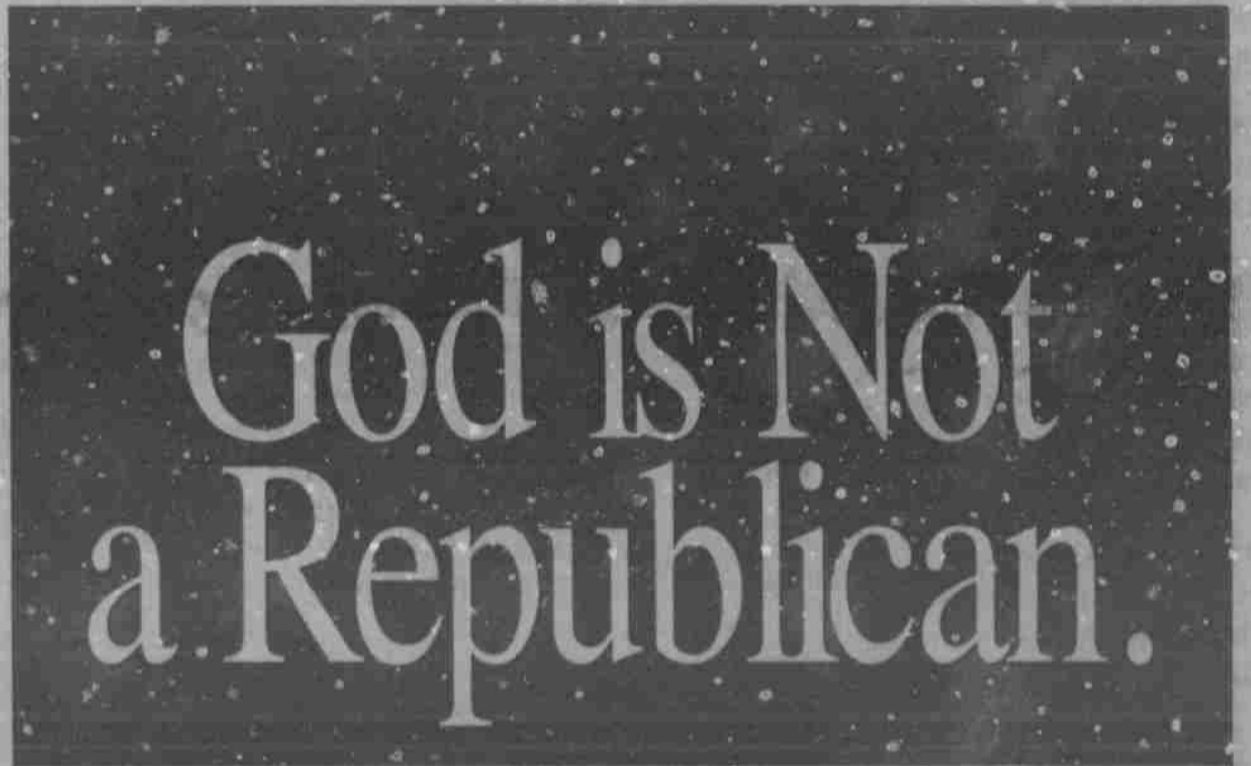
PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "Before discussing any BASIC NEEDS as a people, WE must clarify the process through which the need will be fulfilled."

ANOTHER WARNING! THIS N THAT wants to send another WARNING to those of you who are apparently participating in ALLEGED DRUG ACTIVITY and hope you will discontinue this kind of an activity. Some will probably ask why we continue to get into the ALLEGED DRUG ACTIVITY and we say we are just concerned about making our YOUNG PEOPLE aware of the bad things that may result in this activity.

Anyway, THIS N THAT will continue 'his crusade in apprising anyone who will listen. In the near future PHOTOS OF ALLEGED DRUG DEALERS will be appearing. Hopefully ... if you are indulging in this kind of activity ... YOU will stop. PARENTS & CONCERNED CITIZENS let's keep on talking to our young people ... because they really do not know why we really care as we do. Let them know that we really need them ... and we need each other.

HANG IN THERE, MATADORS! THIS N THAT wants those ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS to know that we have not given up on them. Just think ... last week you scored TWO TOUCHDOWNS and we know you are on your way to do BIG THINGS this year. Remember ... as a MATADOR ... each of you must keep a POSITIVE ATTITUDE and you will make a lot of good things happen for you. Keep listening to your COACHES ... and everything will be alright! Just continue to HANG IN THERE, MATADORS!

KEEP VISITING OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS! THIS N THAT is still encouraging as many as we can to CONTINUE TO VISIT our public schools. Why not join SISTER ANNIE DAY ... as she really believes in this method of support. So will you visit a PUBLIC SCHOOL ... this week? Hope so!



God is Not a Republican.

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It is the responsibility of every political conservative, every evangelical Christian, every pro-life Catholic, every traditional Jew... to get serious about re-electing President Bush.

- Jerry Falwell, The New York Times, July 16, 2004

"I think George Bush is going to win in a walk. I really believe I'm hearing from the Lord it's going to be like a blowout election in 2004. The Lord has just blessed him.... It doesn't make any difference what he does, good or bad...."

- Pat Robertson, AP/Fox News, January 2, 2004

These leaders of the Religious Right mistakenly claim that God has taken a side in this election, and that Christians should only vote for George W. Bush.

We believe that claims of divine appointment for the President, uncritical affirmation of his policies, and assertions that all Christians must vote for his re-election constitute bad theology and dangerous religion.

We believe that sincere Christians and other people of faith can choose to vote for President Bush or Senator Kerry—for reasons deeply rooted in their faith.

We believe all candidates should be examined by measuring their policies against the complete range of Christian ethics and values.

We will measure the candidates by whether they enhance human life, human dignity, and human rights; whether they strengthen family life and protect children; whether they promote racial reconciliation and support gender equality; whether they serve peace and social justice; and whether they advance the common good rather than only individual, national, and special interests.

We also admonish both parties and candidates to avoid the exploitation of religion or our congregations for partisan political purposes.

By signing this statement, we call Christians and other people of faith to a more thoughtful involvement in this election, rather than claiming God's endorsement of any candidate.

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We are not single-issue voters.

We believe that poverty—caring for the poor and vulnerable—is a religious issue. Do the candidates' budget and tax policies reward the rich or show compassion for poor families? Do their foreign policies include fair trade and debt cancellation for the poorest countries? (Matthew 25:35-40, Isaiah 10:1-2)

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Minter & Reed Reunion held in Lubbock on July 10-11, 2004

The Minter and Reed Families held their reunion July 10 & 11, 2004 in Lubbock. Their theme was "Only The Strong Survives."

The Reunion was held at the Lubbock Housing Authority's Center, 515 North Zenith Avenue. The Family motto was: "Grooving Again 2004." There were approximately 200 family members in attendance. They came from several cities in Texas, such as Cedar Hill, Paris, Dallas, Friona, San Antonio, Amarillo and Vernon, Texas. Also, they came from Shreveport, Louisiana, Spencer, Oklahoma and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Both parents of the Minter Family preceded their children in death. They were parents of six daughters and a son. Mother Rosie Lee Minter passed away October 26, 1983. Father Maxie Eugene Minter passed June 1, 1993. A daughter, Emma Jean Benson, passed February 23, 2001, who was the mother of Effie Nelson.

Our special guest for the reunion were: Jaunes and Evelyn Ridley, Willie McGee, Kierra McGee, Mary Ann Hamilton, Tiger Pratt, James Hinton, Jamil Pearson, Dajai Perlock, Katrina Authur, Rochelle Brooks, Alton Brooks, Lindsey Brooks, Darrell Brooks, Andrew Brooks, Bernice Nickerson, Charles Harris, Norman Thomas, and Gwen Stiggers.

This year's T-shirts were Red & Black. We give our blessing to Jehovah God for bringing our Family together for this happy occasion from 2003 to 2004.

We had the death of a' our Uncle Hulnd AUGUST Benson who's life was taken on December 4, 2003. Family members are praying one day we will know who was responsible for his death.

Family members missed the presence of Family members who were unable to attend this year. May God bless you to attend the 2005 reunion. We want Anthony Thomas to be assured that we missed him very much, and we still love him.

Our cooks for the reunion were Family members: Kenneth Gilbert, David Thomas, Patricia Minter, Velda Gilbert, Ricky Timmons, Richard Gilbert, Tammie Stewart, and Valrie Gilbert. A special thanks to all our cooks who made our appetites full and satisfied. The food was very delicious.

The 2004 Plaque was passed from Aunt Katherine Gilbert to Aunt Margallene Thomas for the year 2005 in honor of their sister, Emma Jean Gilbert.

Congratulations to Byron & Tanika Nelson for their son, Jeremiah Joseph Nelson, who is a new member. Grandparents are Franklin & Effie Nelson. We want to thank Family members for getting program together, music, ordering T-shirts, food, and everyone for keeping building clean inside and outside.

Family members honored all July birthday members. Ms. Bernice Nickerson was the oldest person in attendance this year. Our nats off to Cory Jamar Gilbert who graduated from Monterey High School May 29, 2004 at the United Spirit Arena. He has made plans to attend South Plains College. Congratulations to Chianti

Procter Gilbert, who is Kenneth Gilbert's daughter, became engaged last Valentine Day. Also, Kenneth Gilbert's son, Kenneth Rashard, was honored as an All American Baseball player for DeSoto High School as a first baseman on the Varsity team in DeSoto, Texas.

Thank you, Aunt Roberta Smith, Earnest & Doris Ridley and Family for attending this year's reunion. We missed you all last year, and are looking forward to seeing you all again July, 2005.

During our opening program, Kenneth Gilbert presided. Uncle Willie Minter offered prayer. A welcome was given by Patricia Minter. Effie Nelson gave remarks on her mother's death. Pam Minter gave instructions on voting. Everyone were in good spirit. We had plenty of laughs.

Pictures were taken of each generation. They were also purchased on the spot. Again this year, there were Family members who represented the Family in the Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant 2004. They were Miss Veronica Smith, Miss Candra Raven, and Miss Sasha Smith. Congratulations Veronica Smith for being chosen as "Miss Congeniality". Keep up the good work, Family members!

The Reunion got underway July 10, 2004. Food was served at 2:00 p.m. and continued until 5:00 p.m. Opening prayer was given by Uncle Joe Jackson. The menu consisted of following: Meats - Pans of Barbecue Briskets, Ribs, Barbecue Chicken, Pork Steaks, Fried Chicken, Hot Links, German Sausages, Weiners, Hamburger Patties, Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, Vegetables: Potato Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Chili Beans, Vegetable Tray, Salad Tray,

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The building was closed and cleaned at 6:00 p.m. Family members returned back at 10:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. with a Family gathering. We had a great time! We acknowledged our aunts and uncle, Thelma Joe Jackson, Willie L. Minter, Katherine Gilbert, Margallene Thomas, Earnestine Minter, Lorine Minter. Another year, we have gone by and we thank God for all.

This year our Talent for dancing was done by our very small generation — ages 3 thru 6; our teenage generation — 17 thru 30 years. They will be trained for becoming new officers this coming year for 2005. They are our future. The building was cleaned and closed. We want to thank the Lubbock Housing Authority for the use of the building.

Sunday, July 11, 2004: Breakfast was held at the Golden Corral. Prayer was offered. This was an opportunity to exchange addresses. Many of the family members departed before breakfast while others departed after breakfast. Again, we want to thank everyone for coming home this year, 2004. Some of the family members were also present for the May graduation. A special thanks to all of you.

Our motto this year was "Grooving Again 2004." But our theme was "Only The Strong Survives." Everyone came with hugs, love and smiles. Thanks to God we had a beau-

tiful time. We received word that all Family members and guests returned to their location safe and sound. Thank you, God!

It will be 365 days before our next Family Reunion. Family members, let's keep praying for each other. A Family that prays together, stays together. Keep our Prayer line opening, and stay connected with God. We have a Mighty God all the time! Prayer is power. God is smiling on our Family.

Here are names of our officers for 2004: President, Kenneth Gilbert; Vice President, Patricia Minter; Assistant-to-Vice President, Cynthia Pierce; Secretary, Effie Nelson, and Treasurers, Velda Gilbert, Valrie Gilbert, and Tammie L. Stewart.

Information will be sent out to Family members about the next Family Reunion in January, 2005. Remember, we will be voting in new officers.

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