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Breaking East Lubbock's Cycle "One Life At A Time"

Quote Of The Week: "A person who makes no mistakes, does not normally make anything."
Psalms 37:24 (God + Jesus Christ = True Freedom)



Mary Rodein
Mary Rodein is such an asset to Bozeman Elementary School. She makes sure our building is clean, in order, and ready for every school day. Whenever a problem arises, she is always willing to jump in and get the job done. We are so lucky to have her as a member of this staff!

Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm - Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue Q
- Dumbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 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, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St.
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTE Market Alumni Center
- Dumbar/Midhatten 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 Twentieth 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 pm.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Catalinae & Cherry-Briant 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:
Community Meetings
C/O Southwest Digest
P.O. Box 2553
Lubbock, Texas 79408

or bring it by our offices:
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Bethel AME Church set to host Northwest Texas Annual Conference

Delegates from sixty-seven churches in the Northwest Texas Conference of the Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will convene in Lubbock October 25 thru October 30, 2004. The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be WHMS host church. Rev. Danny Poe, host pastor.

The Rev. Gregory G. M. Ingram is Presiding Bishop, and his wife, Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram is Episcopal Supervisor of Missions.

Opening session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference will be held at Bethel AME Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, and VS business sessions will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers, 801 Avenue Q.

Prior to the opening session, the Young People Department (YPD'ers) will convene on Saturday, October 23, 2004, at Bethel AME Church.

The Ma Jones Missionary Society will host at "Welcome Soiree" for Presiding Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram and Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram on Saturday evening, October 23, 2004, at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, from 6:00 p. m. until 7:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend and meet Bishop and Mrs. Ingram.

Monday, October 25, 2004, the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) Convention will meet at 9:00 a. m. Rev. Dr. Ingram will preside. On Tuesday, October 26, 2004, "The Gathering of Women" will begin at 8:30 a. m. Rev. Dr. Ingram will be ministering at 9:00 a. m.

The Board of Examiners and Presiding Elders will meet at 10:00 a. m. on Tuesday morning, October 26, 2004. Bishop Ingram will be in private consultations with Pastors by request at 2:00 p.m. The opening worship service will be held at 7:10 p. m. with the Annual Sermon and Official Opening. Rev. Phillip Randall, pastor of Johnson Chapel AME Church of Amarillo, Texas, will deliver the sermon.

Various business meetings will take place on Wednesday, October 27, 2004. The speaker for the evening will be the Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, who will be speaking during "The Master Men's Service."

During the remainder of the conference, emphasis will be placed on the teaching and learning of the AME Church's business. Also, much emphasis will be given to Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas.

The Episcopal Sermon will be delivered by Bishop Ingram on Saturday morning, October

30, 2004, beginning at 10:10 a. m. Announcements of Appointments will be the order of the day as well as commissioning service and certificates of ministries.

Bishop Ingram was elected the 118th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 2000. Prior to his election to the Episcopacy, Bishop Ingram served for 13 years as the Senior Minister of Oak Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church in Detroit, Michigan. Under his leadership, 2,400 members joined Oak Grove and more than 1,420 became titheers. Additionally, a \$2.3 million dollar building-and-expansion project was paid off in five years. At his departure, Bishop Ingram made sure Oak Grove was on sound financial footing by leaving more than \$1 million in the church treasury.

Before being assigned to Oak Grove, Bishop Ingram served as pastor of A. M. E. churches in Chicago, Springfield and Altan, Illinois. He also served two years on the religious staff at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville Campus.

His first appointment as Bishop was to the Fifteenth Episcopal District, which comprises Angola, Namibia and most of South Africa.

Bishop Ingram holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wilberforce University, a Master of Arts degree in Teaching from Antioch College, a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary and a Doctor of

Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary. His civic, community, professional and social affiliations, past and present, include the Ecumenical Center for Stewardship Studies in North America (executive board member), the Christian Communication Council (board member), and the National Association for the ADVANCEMENT OF Colored People (NAACP) life member.

He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and is a Thirty-Third Degree Mason-Prince Hall Affiliate.

Rev. Dr. Ingram served as the Supervisor of Missions for the Fifteenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church from July 2000 until July 2004. Prior to then, Dr. Ingram served for 13 years as assistant Pastor of Oak Grove AME Church in Detroit, Michigan.

In addition to her work in the local church, Dr. Ingram has served as an Adjunct Professor at Ashland Theological Seminary. She also taught classes on Women in Ministry, Spiritual Formation and Ministerial Ethics. In 1992, Dr. Ingram founded the L.I.F.T. Women's Resource Center in Detroit to address the needs of women who are recovering from physical, mental and substance abuse. More than 4,000 women have been aided by L.I.F.T. since the inception.

Beginning in 1997, Dr. Ingram convened four consecutive convocations that drew women to Detroit from the United States, Canada, Africa

and the Caribbean.

In 2003, she sponsored an International Women's Convocation in Cape Town, Republic of South Africa. More than 1,900 women from the United States, Africa and the Caribbean attended.

Dr. Ingram spearheaded construction of the Balm in Gilead Centre: The Healing Place for Women. The Centre is located in an impoverished area near Cape Town where people live in shanties that have no electricity, running water or UK toilets. The Centre will provide a wide array of services, including diagnostic testing for high blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes and HIV/AIDS. It will also offer parenting skills, computer classes and job training.

Dr. Ingram earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Special Education from the University of Missouri, a Master of Arts degree in Guidance and Counseling from St. Louis University, a Master of Religious Education from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary and a Doctorate of Divinity in Ministry from United Theological Seminary.

She was the first African-American in the country to be trained in Spiritual Direction at the MBR Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Dr. Ingram has been married to Bishop Gregory Gerald McKinley Ingram for 27 years. They are proud parents of a young adult daughter, Jennifer Eman Keanne.

Local Covenant Health Care clinics to offer flu vaccinations

LUBBOCK - Covenant Medical Group and Covenant Health System have obtained their orders for influenza vaccine in its entirety. Because many facilities in Lubbock and the surrounding area have no access to the vaccine, all Covenant Health System clinics will follow the CDC guidelines for priority groups for influenza administration:

- all children ages 6-23 months;
- adults ages 65 years and older;
- persons ages 2-64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions;
- all women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;
- children ages six months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;

- health care workers involved in direct patient care; and
- out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children less than six months old.

Any person who fits into the CDC guidelines for a priority group may obtain a flu shot at one of the following Covenant Health System clinics:

Covenant Health System clinics will ask those patients that are not in this group to forego or defer their vaccination. Covenant will reassess the vaccine guidelines and as the season progresses. All Covenant Health System employees may obtain a free flu vaccination through Employee Health Services beginning today.

LOCATIONS

- Covenant Health Plus, 7601 Quaker Ave., (806) 725-9444
- Covenant Southwest Clinic, 6502 Slide Rd., (806) 725-9900
- Covenant West Clinic, 416 Frankford Ave., (806) 725-5480

Arent Fox expands government relations practice with the addition of Weldon J. Rougeau

WASHINGTON - Arent Fox PLLC is pleased to announce that Weldon J. Rougeau will join the firm's government relations practice as Counsel, effective December 1, 2004. Rougeau is currently President of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., a non-partisan foundation focused on research, leadership and economic and public policy development. Rougeau has more than 30 years of experience in governmental affairs and compliance issues.

Rougeau has an extensive background in law, government, financial services, higher education, civil rights and health care. At Arent Fox, he will work closely with the firm's clients seeking to navigate the legislative and policy arena, as well as counsel the firm on overall strategic initiatives.

"Weldon is a terrific addition to what is already considered to be one of the top governmental affairs practices in Washington," said Marc Fleischaker, Arent Fox's Chairman. "His experience in the non-profit and corporate world, as well as in several branches of government, will be invaluable to us as we continue to develop and implement sophisticated public policy management strategies for our clients."

At the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., Rougeau interacted with members of the Congressional Black Caucus, state legislators, other elected officials, business leaders, foreign governments, leaders of minority-focused organizations and organized labor. Prior to that, he was a senior executive at Loyola



seid Rougeau. "Arent Fox has a great reputation both as a place to work and for its client service. That reputation made my choice to join the firm an easy one."

Rougeau received a B.S. in sociology from Loyola University of Chicago in 1967 and a J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1972. He has received many awards in recognition of his work, including a 1988 Task Force of the Decade Award from the U.S. Department of Labor.

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Historic photographs identified

Congratulations to Fulton Berry for correctly identifying the photographs on the front page of the September 30 issue of Southwest Digest. The event was the FIRST Juneteenth celebration held in Lubbock. He has won a two year subscription to Southwest Digest. Congratulations, Mr. Berry!



Former State Representative Curtis Graves



Pictured here are the late Charles Brown and Jackie Clark



Lubbock citizen, Kathy Richardson

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

This weekend, beginning on Saturday, October 23, 2004, the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will host the Annual Conference of the Northwest Texas Conference, Tenth Episcopal District, and will continue through Saturday, October 30, 2004. Presiding Bishop is The Right Rev. Gregory G.M. Ingram. Rev. Danny Poe is host pastor. The Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram is Episcopal Supervisor of Missions.

The Young People Department (YPD) will be in session at Bethel on Saturday morning. The Women's Missionary Society (WMS) Convention will convene at the Holiday Inn on Monday and Tuesday. The Annual Conference will open Wednesday morning, October 27, 2004, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

There will be representatives from 67 churches in the Tenth Episcopal District attending the Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lubbock. Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is host church.

The Ma Jones Missionary Society of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will sponsor a 'Welcome

Soiree' on Saturday evening, October 23, 2004, for Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram and Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram at the Bobbie Gean and T. J. Patterson Library, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The 15th Appreciation Service for Pastor B. R. Moton and family will be held Sunday, November 7, 2004, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens of our community. There are many among us who are ill at this report. Among them is Sister Ota Jean Keys, a long-time resident of the community who worked hard for many years.

Don't forget those who have lost loved ones. God is able.

Services begun last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, with Meditation and Prayer at 10:50 a.m. The Praise Team continue with praise to God. The morning prayer was offered by Rev. Merelle McCutcheon. Rev. Charles Wilson read the morning scripture.

After the singing of several selections by the New Hope Choir, the Rev. Cheryl Martin delivered the morning sermon. Her subject was "Angel-

Turn, Into This Life." Her scripture text was James 3:1-12.

After an invitation to discipleship, Sister Winnie Jackson read the morning announcements. Sister Joan Y. Evin welcomed all visitors.

Our greatest duty as citizens is exercising our right to vote. But there are too many of us who don't make use of the right to vote as many fought and died so we may have this right. That is why the Sisters of the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is encouraging everyone to vote in the upcoming election. Remember: Vote, and the choice is yours. Don't vote and the choice is theirs. Absentee Voting begun on October 26, 2004. Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2004. If you need additional information about voting regulations, contact the Lubbock County Office of Elections, 1308 Avenue G or call 775-1339. Or you may contact the League of Women Voters, 1706 23rd Street, 774-0023.

Again, if you are unable to attend church services on a Sunday morning, you may tune into the New Hope Broadcast over Radio Station KJAK, 92.7 FM, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Southwest Airlines to send senior citizens "Home for the Holiday."

The holidays are a time for memories, for sharing the love and family and friends, and for spending time at "home." With this in mind, Southwest Airlines and the Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department today announced the kick off of the annual Home for the Holidays program that provides Lubbock senior citizens/with complimentary airline tickets to visit family and friends. For the past 25 years, "the airline with the big heart" has provided many local seniors with the opportunity to be reunited with family and friends during the holiday season.

Seniors wishing to participate must be age 65 or older and complete an application explaining their compelling economic needs and reasons why they wish to fly home for the holidays. Applications must be received no later than Monday, November 8, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Office at 1010 9th Street. For information call 767-2704. Applications are available on the Parks and Recreation website at www.playlubbock.com or at the following Senior Centers:

Lubbock Senior Center
2001 19th Street

Rawlings Community Center
213 40th Street

Homestead Senior Center
5401 56th Street

Mae Simmons Senior Center
East 23rd and Oak Avenue

Maggie Trejo Supercenter
3200 Amherst Avenue

The Home for the Holidays program provides each recipient with a complimentary roundtrip ticket to any published Southwest



Airlines destination to be used between December 1, 2004 and March 31, 2005. Recipients of the complimentary tickets will be invited to attend an awards presentation at the Maggie Trejo Supercenter on December 1, 2004.

Camille Keith, vice president of special marketing at Southwest Airlines, has nurtured the program through the years. "I have been proud to watch the Home for the Holidays program grow tremendously as Southwest Airlines has expanded," says Keith. "I am grateful for our loyal customers and hardworking employees who allow Southwest Airlines to continue to give back to the community."

For seniors who wish to purchase a ticket, Southwest Airlines offers a limited amount of discounted refundable Senior Fares to those 65 years and older on every Southwest flight. Southwest Airlines (NYSE:LUV) is the nation's largest domestic carrier in terms of scheduled domestic departures. The airline currently serves 60 airports in 59 cities in 31 states. Based in Dallas, Southwest currently operates more than 800 flights a day and has 53,000 employees system wide.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Rehrman

Embellished Suits

Just when we thought we had enough decoration on suits, the fashion industry exhibits even more embellishments. Actually, for the past several years, designers suits for women have changed very little if any at all.

This fall will be no different, except for one thing, there is more, so much more. Embellishments are pleasantly overwhelming and also empowering in a very distinctive way.

When shopping ladies, don't be shy, forget being bashful. This fall it's all about dressing classy, bold, bright and brassy. More is a good thing and there is more of everything, from clear and colored rhinestones, beaded beads of all shapes, sizes and colors to multicolored sequences. Anything and everything goes, embellished suits are plentiful, what you wear, how you wear it and the amount of decoration on it, is entirely up to you.

Remember, when you think you have on a little too much, it's probably just enough.

HOW GREAT IS THAT!

FASHION TIP: Always wear a little FASHION - Just for the fun of it!

Upcoming Library Events

Fall Festival for Children at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, will be holding its second annual "Fall Festival" from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 23. Children from preschool through elementary school are invited for games, crafts, and treats. For more information, call 792-6566. Diabetes Awareness Program at Patterson Branch Library. The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will be hosting a special program on diabetes awareness on Monday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker Gloria Onoh, Health Education Specialist at UMC, will discuss the complications associated with diabetes. For more information, please call the library at 767-3300.

Mother/Daughter Bookworms Discussion at the Godeke Branch Library

The Mother/Daughter Bookworms group will meet at the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, on Monday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *The Charwoman's Shadow* by Lord Dunsany. Girls aged 10-15 and their moms, grandmas or older sisters are welcome. For more information, call 792-6566.

Movie at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, will be showing a film on Tuesday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. We can't publicize the title, but it's about an FBI agent who goes undercover as a beauty pageant contestant to catch a terrorist. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 792-6566.

Fall Festival at the Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a Fall Festival for kids on Thursday, October 28, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Activities will include face painting, game booths, pumpkin bowling, gummy worm crafts and more. There will also be a pumpkin decorating contest - bring your already decorated pumpkin and you could win a prize! Call 707-3733 for more information.

Make a Candy Catcher at Patterson Branch Library

Kids, are you expecting to get

a lot of candy sometime soon? Well, you'll need someplace to put that candy! Come to the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, on Thursday, October 28, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and make and decorate your own candy catcher. We will even give you some candy to start filling it! For more information, contact the Patterson Branch Library at 767-3300.

Muesli Monday at the Godeke Branch Library. Harry Potter fans in middle school and up are invited to the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, for "Muggle Monday" on Monday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to discuss Harry Potter books, movies, and websites with other fans. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 792-6560.

Book Discussion at Groves Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the book *Bastard Out of Carolina* by Dorothy Allison at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 4. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book are available

for checkout at all Lubbock Public Libraries. This program is made possible by the Friends of the Library. For more information, please call 767-3733.

Paws for Reading at the Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19111 Street, presents "Paws for Reading" from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 4. Therapy dogs from the South Plains Obedience Club will be available as reading buddies to budding readers. Children of any age may sign up for a 15-minute time slot to spend reading to one of the dogs. Come practice your reading skills on Rover! To register, call the library at 767-3734.

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Pastor William H. Watson, III, Sister Stacy Watson and the A.C. Family would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to come and worship with us.

Weekly order of Services:
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am
Sunday Evening YPWW - 5:00 pm
Tuesday Young Adult Study - 7:00 pm
Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Thursday Praise Team & Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm

Bus ministry available. For college students, a meal will be provided.

May the God of hope fill you with a joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13

Guadalupe/Parkway Neighborhood Centers Fall Festival

Free Door Prizes
Free Pumpkin Carving Contest
Who: PreK-6th grade
What: Fun, food, games and more
When: Sunday October 24 (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
Where: Parkway Neighborhood Center
405 N. MLK Jr. BLVD. Lubbock Tx. 79403
Refreshments will be sold
Friendly Costume Contest
Drawing for TV & DVD Player Tickets 2.00 per ticket

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After School Tutoring Programs

READING WRITING MATH

Assistance will be available every Monday and Tuesday from 3 to 7pm at Mt. Gilead B.C., located at 2510 Fir Ave. For questions, call 767-9401.

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I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

A Wake-Up Call

The buzz has been continuous since three LISD elementary schools - Alderson Academy, Arnett Elementary and Bean Elementary - earned academically unacceptable ratings due to unfathomable passing rates in science.

The TAKS scores passing percentage for students were 18 percent of Alderson Academy, 16 percent of Bean Elementary and 15 percent Arnett Elementary. This is below the state required rate of 25 percent to earn the academically acceptable label.

We agree with Dr. Erik Medina who represents District 1 when he said "I know those kids are capable." Yes, the young people of District 1 & 2 are capable of going above the average.

What happened with the test scores should be a wake-up call not only to the parents but also to all adults in Districts 1 and 2. We must take responsibility for the growth and development of the lives of our young. If our children are labeled as misfits in life total spectrum, then it is not hard to acknowledge that apples do not fall far from the tree. Remember the author of the

"Bell Curve?" It was implied that people of color and especially blacks, were not intellectual as bright as white people. Blacks were supposed to be genetically inferior. Are we going to sit back and let our children fuel this truth?

Allow me to quote a portion of October 18 Newsweek issue on "Master of the Digital Age." Lee Jong Jin, 51, is no couch potato, but lounging in his apartment overlooking the mountains of Seoul, the international trader has little reason to leave his sofa. As he watches an interactive game show, he uses the remote to send in answers. In a corner of the 5C-inch plasma screen, he can link to his online bank, or control his air conditioner and cooker. Lee is one of thousands of consumers involved in trial runs of Samsung Electronics' so-called Home Network, which allows digital products to talk to each other. If Samsung has its way, millions around the world will be running their homes from the comfort of their couches - within a few years.

When I read the former, my mind reflected on the black soldiers who had died and was injured for the freedom from

Communism for the South Koreans and the failure of our children in District 1 and 2 in science. How does the two connect? One, the parents of the present black generation are taking life for granted and blaming white America for their children failure. Because of this moronic thinking, their children are becoming misfits in a world society. The Koreans parents have gotten their act together and the Korean company mention is the second most profitable technology company after Microsoft and declared in Las Vegas that "the Koreans are going to rule the earth." The second connection is the Koreans come together from the Ph.D.s to the lowly in brainstorming session to figure out how they can rule the world while we watch DVD's and let people coming from south of the border pimp and prostitute us and our children through illegal drugs for monetary gains.

Let us not blame the federal government or the state for our failure. Let what has been brought to light be a wake-up call toward a journey to academic and moral excellence for our posterity and us.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Speaking On: "AUTHORITY To Authority"

When Satan has taken over, many times it has been because the people who knew better did nothing!

If you did not have government, you would have chaos. There would be no way you could run an orderly society without government. All of it really is for our benefit. What would a city be without police? There may be crooked people who get elected into office. God did not ordain that. I'm persuaded there are more good people in every place of authority and government than there are bad people. There are good policemen, firemen, marshals and judges. If it were not for them you and I would not have a chance in a city today. Look what happens in spite of policemen, the narcotic squad, and the ones (ft driving around the streets night and day. Can you imagine what it would be like without

them? How many of you did not vote in the 1st election? Now multiply that number by all the people who live either in the city or the United States of America, and you will see a lot of folks who did not take their rightful responsibility. Voting is a privilege.

When Satan has taken over, many times it's because the people who knew better did nothing, which opened the door for the enemy to come in like a flood and take over. God is telling us to be subject unto the higher powers. In other words, obey authority when it's right. Aren't you glad we live in a country where we have religious freedom? God did not ordain a government that is detrimental to the good of its people.

We have to pray so that the conditions around us will remain peaceful. In the midst of peace, we will have the opportunity to praise the Lord, worship the Lord, and share the word with others. You don't have to run for office, but we can pray for those who are in office. God can still

touch the hearts of the non-Christian and have him working on behalf of the Kingdom of God. Pray that the wisdom of God will work through the elected officials, and they will be saved and enact laws that will benefit the body of Christ, so our children can go to school without having to be guarded and without fear of snipers. He did not say there would be peace all over the world, but he says we may lead a quiet and peaceable life. Praise God for the authority Romans 13:1 and 1 Timothy 2:1-2.

Pray that gang members not entering our sanctuaries demonstrating their colors. Let them recognize Jesus Christ as Lord. And every knee will bow and confess that He is Lord.

Christ is the answer to all of you who are hurting. Believe the word. St. Mark 11:22-26; Chronicles 7:14.

Thanks for reading. Precious People.

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

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, October 17, 2004, services begun at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, with Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.

Superintendent Sister Luella Harris was in charge. The morning lesson, "Create A New Covenant," was taught and reviewed by Pastor Edward Canady. He brought forth some very inspirational points of the lesson which can be used daily. "We need to place our covenant on our hearts," said Pastor Canady.

The morning devotion was led

by Deacon Edward Williams. The spirit was felt during the moment of praise.

The Senior Choir again sung out of their souls. The spirit was very high as each choir member dedicated their effort to God. What a time all had in singing God's praises.

The morning message was delivered by Minister Monta Smith. His subject was "Show Me The Way To Calvary." His scripture text was Isaiah 53:3-6.

All members fellowshiped

with Pastor Canady immediately after the morning services as it was in honor of Pastoral Month. We had a wonderful time.

The Ushers of St. Matthew Baptist Church will present the Wind Sparks on Saturday evening, October 23, 2004, at the church, 2020 East 14th Street, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Thought For The Week: "When telling others what Jesus can do for them, tell them what He has done for you."



We Thank God for Jesus Tricks or the Truth

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

GALATIANS 3:16, WHO HAVE BEWITCHED YOU, THAT YOU SHOULD NOT OBEY THE TRUTH WHEN JESUS SAID, GO AND PREACH THE GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS); TO A DYING WORLD, IT WAS TO SAVE SOULS; AND NOT GIVE OUT RIGHTS; TO MEN, WOMAN, BOYS AND GIRLS.

ISAIAH 1:4a, AH SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVIL DOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTED; THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD.

NOW THE CHRISTIANS WANT TO TELL MAN, ON WHO THEY ARE TO VOTE ON, THEIR MISSION IS WRONG ONCE AGAIN; LIKE HARD HEADED GOATS, THEY ARE WRONG!!!

MAIACHI 1:6, A SON HONORETH HIS FATHER, AND A SERVANT HIS MASTER; IF THEN I BE A FATHER, WHERE IS MINE HONOR? AND IF I BE A MASTER, WHERE IS MY FEAR? SAID THE LORD OF HOSTS UNTO YOU, O PRIESTS, THAT DESPISE MY NAME, AND YOU SAY, WHEREIN HAVE WE DESPISED YOUR NAME.

YES THE PREACHER DO ROB GOD!!!!
EVEN WHEN THEY GO MARCH ON THE ABORTION CLINICS, SAYING, KILLING IS WRONG, BUT THE KILLING THAT IS GOING ON

OVERSEAS; THAT, THEY HAVE NOT SPOKEN ON!!!

MARK 7:6,7, JESUS SAID, WELL HAVE I SAPAS PROPHESED OF YOU HYPOCRITES, AS IT IS WRITTEN, THIS PEOPLE HONORETH ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME, HOW BE IT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING THE DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.

(THE DEVIL TELLS THE CHRISTIAN, THE BIBLE SAID, THOU SHALL NOT KILL, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THOU MEANS; THOU MEANS YOU; IT MEANS YOU SHALL NOT KILL "PERSONALLY")

THE DEVIL TRICKED THEM; AS HE DID EYE IN THE GARDEN, NOT TRUSTING IN THE GOD, SOULS ARE GOING TO HELL DAILY, WHILE THE THE CHURCH THINK THEIR SO SMART!!!

PROVERB 3:5,6, TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND LEAN NOT UNTO YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM (GOD), AND HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR PATH. ***IF YOUR WAYS AND GOD'S ARE NOT THE SAME, YOU ARE OFF TRACK***

IF GOD IS YOUR MASTER, IN WHO YOU SHOULD OBEY, ARE YOU HEARING WHAT GOD SAY? THEN WHY IS THE DEVIL IN SO MANY CHURCHES; PLAY-

ING HOLY THIS VERY DAY? ISAIAH 55:8,9, FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAID THE LORD. FOR AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH, SO ARE MY WAYS HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS, AND MY THOUGHTS THAN YOUR THOUGHTS.

CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE PREACHING JESUS, AND NOT MARCHES ON AGAINST DRUG DEALERS, THEY WON'T MARCH ON THEIR FAVORITE LIQUOR STORE; HE TOO IS A DRUG DEALER!!!

IF YOUR WAYS AND GOD'S ARE NOT THE SAME, YOU ARE OFF TRACK

ISAIAH 56:10-12, THE LORD SAID, HIS WATCHMEN ARE BLIND; THEY ARE ALL IGNORANT, THEY ARE ALL DUMB DOGS, THEY CANNOT BARK; SLEEPING LYING DOWN, LOVING TO SLUMBER, YEA, THEY ARE GREEDY DOGS WHICH CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, AND THEY ARE SHEPHERDS THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND, THEY ALL LOOK TO THEIR OWN WAY, EVERY ONE FOR HIS GAIN, FROM HIS QUARTER (ANNIVERSARY - \$\$\$).

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Texas Tech students examine music and politics

LUBBOCK - From colonial-era folk songs and Reconstruction spirituals to 1960s singalongs and today's angry punk rock and country hits, one thing has tied them all together: politics. And a new course at Texas Tech University is examining just how music and political sentiment interact.

Christopher Smith, Ph.D., assistant professor of music history and literature and the director of Texas Tech's Vernacular Music Center, teaches "American Music and Radical Politics," which reaches all the way back to the middle of the 15th century for the origins of the political song.

"One of the interesting insights that is emerging from our work in this seminar is the way that music has been used in many eras of American history to argue for and against certain political positions, both on the liberal and conservative sides of the political spectrum," said Smith. "All the way from the first conquistadores who landed in Florida and Mexico and the first pilgrims in Massachusetts, music has been used to convey political messages. We should remember that the pilgrims themselves were religious radicals fleeing oppression in England and the continent, on what they believed to be a sacred mission to create 'God's

Holy Kingdom' in the new world. Native American people who were displaced by these colonizers themselves had a view of music as a very important sacred tool and a precious part of the natural world."

Smith said political music has included a wide variety of styles over the centuries, from patriotic marches to today's rap music.

"'Yankee Doodle' began as a satire of low-class Yankee farmers before the tune, with new words, was stolen by revolutionists," said Smith. 'Dixie' started out as a minstrel tune before it became a theme song of the Confederacy, while another minstrel tune, 'Old Dan Tucker,' was transformed by Abolitionists into 'Get off the Track!' Aaron Copland wrote songs under a pseudonym for 1930s proletarian songbooks. Songs were used to preach in favor of labor unions and by the Salvation Army to oppose them."

Smith said the popularity of music has always made it a powerful tool to use in conveying political ideas. Because music can be so memorable, it can help people remember and pass on political ideas.

"One of the analogies we've developed in our seminar is that, in many eras of American history, music has functioned with nearly

the same flexibility and ubiquity as her words' in the colonial Federalist' Antebellum, Civil War, Reconstruction and World War eras, a political idea carried by a melody-like a text message assigned to email—could be endlessly copied, downloaded, forwarded, sung and shared," said Smith. "And that made music a very powerful tool for passing along political ideas. The link between political groups like MoveOn.org and various musicians, for example, seems to be a modern version of the same connection."

Smith said he hopes his course, which has proven popular with students majoring in music performance, music history, mass communications and political science, can help explain some of the ways music has been an important and effective tool in politics.

"As historians, our first and most important job is to understand what actually happened and to try to understand why it happened," Smith said. "If, as I suspect there is an untold story here—a long tradition of American music interlinking with various forms of radical politics then that is a story which the field of music history seems to have neglected. If we are able to better understand and describe what happened and suggest reasons

why it happened, then I think we'll have done our job. And maybe, in a way we'll have made a valuable contribution to the nation's political discourse—because we'll be helping people understand why American history, politics and music are the way they are."

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Lubbock Master Development Plan

The Master Development Plan has been completed for North & East Lubbock. The plan was influenced by the community input received at the February 26, 2004 public meeting. A summary of the plan will be presented Thursday, October 28. The public is encouraged to attend.

TIME: 7:00pm
DATE: Thursday, October 28, 2004
PLACE: Cavazos Jr. High
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Africare program improves the lives of African women with peanut butter

Washington, D.C. (October 7, 2004) - Mrs. Mahubane and other women in her South African village had a dilemma. There were very few jobs available in their village, but they did not want to leave their children behind to journey to the big cities in search of work. Their solution was to start their own business in their own village, which would provide local jobs, as well as produce a food product in great demand: peanut butter.

Africare's assistance helped to make these women's dream a reality. Africare provided both manual and engine-powered grinding machines to the women's group, and trained the women in business planning, personnel management, record keeping, budgeting, marketing, and cash flow analysis. Today, Mrs. Mahubane's Chairperson of the Kuduana Peanut Butter Project, which produces nearly 900 pounds of peanut butter a month, is operating out of a new factory provided by Africare,

and will soon start growing its own nuts on land donated by the local chief. In neighboring Zimbabwe, Mrs. Chauke attended a demonstration by an Africare field worker of a peanut butter grinding mill. She realized immediately that this mill was definitely an improvement over the stone grinding method she had been using. Indeed, with the use of the new mill, her output increased from nine pounds of peanut butter a day to 22 pounds. Mrs. Chauke's children now eat foods fortified by the highly nutritious peanut butter, and Mrs. Chauke is able to earn income through selling the peanut butter directly or by charging others in the community to grind their nuts for them.

Mrs. Mahubane and Mrs. Chauke's experiences illustrate the simple interventions that help African women improve their own—and their families'—quality of life. Prior to Africare's introduction of the grinding mills, the women would either use the


labor-intensive stone grinding method or feed the nuts they grew into a long process that took the profits out of their hands. The women would sell the nuts to the village middleman, who would sell the nuts to the millers, who would sell peanut butter to the wholesalers, who would sell to the retailers, who would sell peanut butter back to the village women. Now, thanks to Africare, the women have the skills to grow, process, package, and market—and reap the profits—themselves.

In addition to the economic benefits of peanut butter production, the nutritional benefit of peanut butter has also proved useful in addressing Sub-Saharan Africa's enormous health crisis: HIV/AIDS. Peanut butter is rich in protein and oils, which are essential to improving the nutritional status of people living with AIDS. With improved nutrition, Africans who have HIV/AIDS can live longer and more productive lives.

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Five hot scams: Don't fall for them!



Greg Abbott
Attorney General of Texas

Raising public awareness is an important part of preventing consumer fraud. We issue consumer alerts about the latest scams as soon as we learn of their existence. Recently, my office has received numerous complaints about the following types of scams. You should familiarize yourself with them.

One scam involves telemarketers who pose as federal government officials offering grants or other financial assistance. Please be aware that this is not a valid offer by a federal agency. Real government agents do not call people in their homes and offer money. The dead giveaway to the scam is that you are asked for a fee up front.

In general, government assistance is only available after completing an application process. For example, assistance for educational expenses, such as college tuition, generally takes the form of student loans instead of grants. If you are in need of assistance, contact the appropriate federal or state agency directly.

Another way crooks take advantage of consumers involves telemarketers perpetrating an advance fee loan scam by using the name of the Better Business Bureau (BBB). The scammers call consumers with poor credit records and provide a fictitious BBB telephone number. The people who answer the phone falsely claim to work for the BBB and give a favorable report

on the business in question. "Phishing" is an Internet scam that uses e-mail to deceive consumers into disclosing their credit card numbers, bank account information, Social Security numbers, passwords, and other sensitive information. These e-mails appear to be from reputable companies, but they are not. Don't be fooled!

Legitimate companies work hard to provide security and privacy. They do NOT contact customers to solicit "updates" on their financial and personal information. If you receive a solicitation like this, contact the company yourself by telephone - do not use links or mailers provided in the e-mail you received. The real company will probably want you to forward the message you received to its security department.

The counterfeit cashier's check scam involves sales of major items by individuals, often over the Internet. The seller is approached by a buyer or a person claiming to represent a buyer. The seller is told that the buyer can only send a cashier's check for an amount greater than the value of the purchase. The seller is asked to send the difference to the buyer. Later, it turns out that the cashier's check is counterfeit.

To protect yourself, simply DO NOT accept a cashier's check for an amount in excess of purchase price. And be careful with any cashier's check: make sure your bank verifies the validity of the check before you deposit it, release the item or give a refund. Be aware that these counterfeits are very convincing. In some cases, the bank teller has been fooled, and the victim is responsible for the bogus deposit, in addition to losing the goods or refund.

Bogus lotteries and sweepstakes target senior Texans. The victim is told that he or she has won a fabulous prize. To collect the cash, the victim must send "fees" and "taxes." Unfortunately, there is no prize. This is theft, pure and simple. Anytime you have to pay up front to collect a prize, it is a scam.

Unfortunately, it is often not possible to find and prosecute these unscrupulous individuals and businesses. Even when they can be arrested, the stolen money is likely to be gone. That is why we make prevention such a high priority. You can help spread the word: don't fall for a common scam.

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Phishing
• Legitimate companies do not use the internet to ask you to "update" or "verify" your personal financial or account information.

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• Do not send money to anyone who pays more than the asking price by cashier's check.
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—Jerry Falwell, *The New York Times*, July 16, 2004

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—Pat Robertson, *AP/Fox News*, January 2, 2004

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Think About It! Your day is coming!

by Eddie P. Richardson

We have told you and warned you time and time again, the Southwest Digest were going to make a star out of you on the front page. We told you, you were going to make the front page. It did happen in last week's issue.

If you are an alleged drug dealer or pusher, you are in view being observed until the time is right, and you will make the wrong blunder especially in a school, church zone or in any place which has a public building, especially one which is used or frequented by children or young people.

Your number is in the hoop. You are not slick or smart. You are just stupid for thinking you are getting by. If you think you are getting by, just wait until the new Lubbock County Jail is complet-

ed. Your space is already reserved.

Think about it! All that money being spent on a new jail could be spent on education. Because you are so slick and smart, we have to build people a facility to be warehoused to put your slick behind in.

It would be an honorable and safe thing for you to change careers, get some training and prepare yourself for a decent future jail free life. You see if you keep doing what you are doing, you are doomed for destruction in more ways than one. History repeats itself. Think and look around as it is plain to see that the future is bleak. You can make a choice. The choice is yours. What will it be?

Vote as the choice is yours. Fail to vote and the choice is theirs. But remember if you vote, you have a choice, and if you fail to vote, shut the heck up as you have no right or reason to complain.

There is a lot of idiots driving in our school zones these days. Slow down and save a child. Just think of the trouble you could get yourself into which include heart-break and grief.

Something To Think About: Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave undone the wrong thing at the tempting moment." Benjamin Franklin

—Naf Sed! Why Not?

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



I was on the campus of a popular university a few days ago, and while standing on the sidewalk waiting for my ride to my next destination, I saw first-hand-



the silver strands among the dark brown, leaves it to no one's imagination that I am now a senior citizen of these United States.

There were two young men walking toward where I stood having a conversation with each other, and every other loud word spoken from their mouths was the "M... F" this and the "M... F" that, totally oblivious to my presence. While they spoke in utter profanity, two other young men were sitting on the trunk of a car talking to each other and as the profane speakers came close, they looked at each other and snickered softly, holding their heads down in an embarrassed manner.

The two young men sitting on the car gave a weak demonstration of knowing right from wrong and acknowledgment of the same by being embarrassed.

Bowing under peer pressure, they did not feel moved to caution the offensive young men that a senior citizen and a lady was in their midst.

I thought to myself, how in God's world, does an institution of higher learning keep a respectable profile with young adult students who may possibly have some effect on those attending who have had some social upbringing, especially if it was weak or diluted especially since public institutions do not push any religious affiliation or to have student attend the worst of their choice.

Clearly, the absence of moral teaching, or enforcement of

moral teachings appears to be absent from some college campuses. An academic degree which does not have any moral substance is a part of the dilemma of the American family today.

Aside from the rampant use of loud profanity on campuses, there are enough unwed expectant mothers present to warrant a delivery room and a nursery. Becoming pregnant while on a college campus also speaks to a lack of morality enforcement. It is time for colleges to get "in cinque" and realize that much of what happens to students in college is what they learn in college. Are they morally mature when then graduate?

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A scholarship recognition reception was held Tuesday, October 19, at the Red Raider Lounge in the Student Union at Texas Tech University. In addition, the reception also served as an official welcome to African-American students to Texas Tech and the City of Lubbock. Scholarship applications will be available for interested students.

The chapter's primary focus is toward building a scholarship endowment to support student recruitment and retention for African-American students attending Texas Tech University and increasing membership to support the

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With Iraq on the front burner, domestic policy is getting short shrift in the presidential campaign. Two issues - the tax system and Social Security - deserve much more attention. Notwithstanding recent tax cuts, our tax system places a huge burden on middle-class Americans, reducing not just their take-home pay, but also their incentives to work and save. And Social Security is a walking time bomb with no obvious means, apart from highly regressive payroll tax hikes, of covering two fifths of its future benefit commitments.

To his credit, the President addressed tax and Social Security reform, albeit briefly and separately, in recent weeks. He indicated that a national retail sales tax is worth exploring and suggested letting workers invest some of their Social

Security taxes in private accounts. Senator Kerry objected. A sales tax, he said, would raise the tax burden on the middle class. And privatizing Social Security would leave the elderly's retirements subject to volatile financial returns. As a student of the tax and Social Security systems, I see where Senator Kerry is coming from. But I also see a way to combine both reforms to meet his concerns. The three-part plan, which has been endorsed by over 150 top U.S. academic economists, is entitled the Personal Security System (PSS). Part 1 replaces Social Security's payroll tax with a federal retail sales tax. Part 2 eliminates any further Social Security benefit accrual, paying (with the sales tax receipts) only the benefits now owed current retirees and current workers. Part 3 sets

up an individual account system, but one Democrats as well as Republicans can support. John Kerry should love part 1. The payroll tax is highly regressive. It taxes only wages, and only up to \$87,900. For Bill Gates, who makes \$27,900 in minutes, payroll taxes are a pittance. But with a retail sales tax, Gates would pay taxes on every dollar he earns, as well as on his entire \$61 billion in wealth, the minute he spends these funds. Mathematically speaking, a retail sales tax is equivalent to taxing all wages plus all wealth because both are ultimately spent on goods and services. Hence, replacing the payroll tax with a sales tax is the same as a) eliminating the payroll tax ceiling, b) taxing wealth at the payroll tax rate, and c) taking advantage of the expanded tax base to lower the payroll tax rate. What

more could a Democrat want? But what if Gates says his earnings and his wealth and spends it later? This delays, but doesn't reduce, his tax payments since the interest earned on this saving is also taxed when spent. What if Gates gives his money to his kids? Again, there's no tax avoidance, the kids pay the tax when they spend the gifts or inheritance. How about the elderly who live off Social Security? Won't they be hurt by having to pay higher sales taxes at the store? No, because their Social Security benefits are adjusted annually for price increases, including those arising from higher sales taxes. The same would hold for other transfer recipients: were their benefits adjusted for inflation, Congress could go even further and rebate all sales taxes up to the poverty level.

Part 2 phases out the existing Social Security system, which served us well for decades, but is well past its prime. Why keep in place a retirement system with 2,528 rules that no one understands, that discriminates against working women, that redistributes income capriciously, that is two-fifths underfunded, and that requires highly regressive payroll tax hikes to sustain? Part 3 replaces the current Social Security system with a fully funded modern alternative. Specifically, the contributions workers formerly made to Social Security are split 50-50 between spouses and invested in individual accounts. The government provides matching contributions for low earners. All account balances are invested in a single global market-weighted index fund, providing all workers the

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National survey shows African-Americans increasingly seeking massage therapy for pain and stress relief

EVANSTON, Ill., Oct. 18 /PRNewswire/ - A new consumer survey released today by the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) reveals that African-Americans, more than any other segment of the population, are increasingly using massage therapy to manage and relieve pain and reduce stress. While 21 percent of the overall adult population said they had received massage from a massage therapist during the last 12 months, more than one in four (26 percent) African-Americans surveyed indicated they'd visited a massage therapist at least once during the previous year, an increase of 12 percentage points since 2003. One reason more African-American consumers may be seeking out massage therapy is because of recommendations and encouragement from their doctors and healthcare providers. While clinical research has shown that massage is effective in caring for a broad range of ailments, physicians and healthcare providers have been particularly effective in communicating the health benefits of massage therapy to their African-American patients in the last year. Among African-American respondents who discussed massage therapy with their physicians or other healthcare providers, 83 percent said massage was strongly recommended or encouraged for them, compared to 47 percent in 2003 and 62 percent of the general population this year. Specifically, the percentage of physicians and physical therapists who recommended massage for their African-American patients has grown dramatically. The number of physicians recommending massage for their African-American patients has grown from 46 percent in 2003 to 59 percent in 2004, and among physical therapists that number jumped from 41 percent last year to 76 percent this year. With so many healthcare providers informing African-Americans that massage therapy may benefit them, it's no wonder that African-Americans turn to massage for medical reasons at a higher level than the overall population. While 36 percent of all adults who had a massage in the past five years indicated having a massage for medical reasons, 43 percent of African-American adults in that group did so. African-Americans are more likely to have

received a massage for injury recover or rehabilitation (23 percent) during the last five years than the general population (11 percent) and for stress relief and relaxation (22 percent compared to 18 percent of all respondents). While massage therapy continues to be popular among all adults, this year's survey findings demonstrate that African-American consumers and their healthcare providers are increasingly recognizing that massage therapy has real health benefits, including the ability to help manage and relieve pain," said Laurel J. Freeman, president of AMTA. "Studies have shown that massage is effective in caring for a broad range of ailments, and can be more effective for chronic back pain than other complementary therapies. It can help alleviate the perception of pain and anxiety in cancer patients, lessen pain in those who have undergone heart bypass surgery, and stimulate the brain to produce endorphins." Massage therapy also can help relieve stress and help reduce heart rate and blood pressure. Research has shown that massage can boost the body's immune system functioning and increase the body's nat-

ural "killer cells" activity. The annual consumer survey was conducted by Opinion Research Corporation International August 5-8, 2004, among a national probability sample of 1,009 adults (507 men and 502 women) ages 18 and older, living in private households in the continental United States. The survey has a confidence level of plus or minus 3 percent. Commissioned by AMTA, this is the eighth annual massage therapy survey of American consumers. AMTA is releasing this data in conjunction with its National Massage Therapy Awareness Week, a week dedicated to educating consumers on how massage effectively helps relieve pain and stress, and benefit overall health and wellness. The theme for NMTAW this year is "Manage Pain with Massage." In honor of National Massage Therapy Awareness Week, AMTA massage therapists across the country will host events and massage demonstrations in their communities during the week of October 24. AMTA spokespersons would be happy to participate in interviews about the benefits of massage during this important week. Detailed consumer survey findings and clinical research citations are available

in the "News Room" of AMTA's Web site, <http://www.amtamassage.org>, or contact Cligate Sard Verbiunen at 312/944-7398 to receive a copy of the findings via fax. AMTA provides consumers with information on what to expect during a massage and tips to help them find a qualified massage therapist. Consumers can find this information on AMTA's Web site, <http://www.amtamassage.org>. AMTA also offers a free service to help consumers find a qualified massage therapist in their area. Simply log on to AMTA's Web site and click on "Find a Massage Therapist," or call toll-free to 888-843-2682.

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