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Local News

Covenant Heart Institute to Hold Special Valentine's Day Program

Covenant Heart Institute will hold "Fall In Love With Your Heart", Saturday Feb. 14, from 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Knippling Education/Conference Center located at the West Parking Garage at 21st Street and Louisville Avenue.

This free event is a morning of heart-healthy living tips for couples including cooking and exercise demonstrations by the Covenant LifeStyle Centre.

The morning will begin with the "Breakfast Bake" buffet. Shelley Fillipp, R.U., dietitian at Covenant, will present cooking tips and Ryan Rives, M.S., aerobics and personal training supervisor at Covenant will present exercise tips. The morning will conclude with "What's Your Mind Saying to Your Heart?", a presentation by Michael Roiman, M.D.

Free heart-healthy cookbooks will be available for everyone who attends. Other door prize drawings include free women's heart screenings, one-year memberships at the Covenant LifeStyle Centre and free EBT screenings. The morning's grand prize is a drawing for a Valentine's Day dinner for two at Chez Suzette.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call the Covenant LifeStyle Centre at (806) 725-4386 to make reservations.

Community Meetings

• Lubbock Area Clean Council, Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center • Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00 pm, 1708 Avenue C • Lubbock Alumni Association, 2nd Saturday 4pm • Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 • forgotten West Riders, Fire & Wheel, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library • East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St. • Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 3:30 pm, 4111 Menard Center • Dallas/Metroplex Region Neighborhood Association Meeting, Every Third Thursday 6:30 pm, 1305 East 26th Street (at the corner of party house) • West Texas African American Association • The 1st Step in the alternate month prior to meeting, meetings held on second Saturday of each month at 1:00 pm. • Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission Lubbock Affiliate Meets at T.J. Patterson Branch Library 3rd Thursday 7pm • West Texas African American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Central Library, 5524 19th Street, 7:00 • West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm, at the Parkway Neighborhood Center • The Parkway Neighborhood & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm, at Parkway Neighborhood Center

We would like to publish your monthly meetings. If you would like for an announcement to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing by mailing it to:

Community Meetings CO: Southwest Digest
P.O. Box 2553
Lubbock, Texas 79408
or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at 902 East 23rd Street.

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Waxahachie's First Black Mayor, George Brown, Succumbs

George Brown, Waxahachie, Texas' first black city councilman and mayor -- a man who took special interest in youth of the community -- succumbed on Wednesday, January 14, 2004. He was 78.

He was born March 1, 1925, to the parentage of the late Roy Brown and the late Earnestine Hardeman Brown. He attended public schools in Waxahachie, graduating from Oak Lawn High School in 1943. He furthered his education at Tillotson College.

He was elected to Waxahachie City Council in 1970 and served until 2002. He was the first Black mayor serving in this capacity from 1980 until 1983. He also served as mayor-pro tem.

On June 30, 1998, the City of Waxahachie dedicated a plaza bearing George Brown's name. The plaza is located at 209 N. Jackson Street,

Waxahachie, Texas. He was chosen as Waxahachie's Citizen of the Year in 1999, becoming the first Black to be chosen for this honor.

Services for him were held Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at Greater New Mount Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Lee Turner officiating.

Active pallbearers were Robert Baber Courtney Crawford, Donnie Edwards, Jr., Alfred Mims, George Pinkston, and Thomas Sherman.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Waxahachie City Council: Ron Ansell, Jay Barksdale, Charles "Chuck" Beatty, Joe Jenkins, Broderick Sargent, and Bob Sokoll.

Interment was held in the Dallas-Fort

Worth National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas under direction of Community Funeral Home of Waxahachie.



Dr. M. Roy Wilson Will Speak at Mt. Vernon UMC on Sunday Morning

Dr. M. Roy Wilson, president of Texas Tech University Health Science Center, will be the featured speaker for a community-wide "Black Heritage Celebration" at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, 2304 Cedar Avenue during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, February 15, 2004.

A "soul-food cook-off" will follow the worship service.

THE public is invited. For more information, phone (806) 747-5646.

Honoring Teachers

The Community is invited to attend a special appreciation ceremony honoring all teach in the East Lubbock schools, Thursday, Feb. 19th, at 7:30 pm in the Estacado High School auditorium.

Mr. & Miss Estacado High School Named in 2004 Coronation Last Week

With the theme, "Dream The Impossible," the Estacado High School Coronation 2004 named the some outstanding young people as "Mr. and Miss Estacado High School." Out of the five contestants for "Mr. Estacado High School, Stefferon McNeal was the winner. In the effort for "Miss Estacado High School", where there were five candidates, Kendra Williams was named.

Other candidates for "Mr. Estacado High School were

Anthony Adame, son of Pauline Adame; Melvine Irving, son of Randy and Jennie Wilson; Jason Newsom, son of Dennis and Linda Newsom; and Alex Portee, son of Julia Pipkins.

The four lovely candidates for "Miss Estacado High School" were Phylcia Isaac, daughter of Carolyn Isaac and the granddaughter of Mildred Bogus; Kemberly McDaniel, daughter of Gerlie and Marvin Kelly; Kristin Parrish, daughter

Barbara Parrish and Tracy Parrish; and Anissa Parson; daughter of Vivian and Andrew Johnson.

"Mr. Estacado High School" is the son of Elizabeth Bates. He has been involved in varsity football, basketball and track. He has been recognized on the A honor roll and for perfect attendance. He participates in the AVID mentoring program.

Miss Williams the newly chosen "Miss Estacado High School" is the daughter of

LaVerne and Shelton Williams. During her tenure at Estacado, she has been involved in Student Council, track, cross country, LULAC, FCA, cheerleading, the Law and Justice Magnet program and Key Club.

Serving as master of ceremonies were Miss Randa Knobel and Mr. George Love. The welcome and crowning of the new Mrs and Miss Estacado High School, was done by Mr. Paul Frazier.

Special acknowledgements

were given to EHS Booster Club, EHS Administration, Caylene Caddell; EHS PTA, EHS Band Boosters, Louis Kelley, EHS Basketball Boosters, adn Scarborough Specialties.

As the Royal Court exited the auditorium, the audience remained seated.

A reception and dance were held immediately following the Coronation in the cafeteria.



Mr. & Miss Estacado 2004 Stefferon McNeal and Kendra Williams



Jason Newsom & Phylcia Isaac



Anthony Adame & Kristin Parrish



Alex Portee & Kendra Williams



Stefferon McNeal & Anissa Parson



Melvine Irvin & Kemberly McDaniel

Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

The Ballerina Look

With so many of the season, best, the romantic ranks the top and what's more romantic than the ballerina look.

Some of the most arresting footwear offers a titillating blend of the balletic.

Whether they are strapped in leather or ribbon, from angle to calf,

on shoes flat to high heel, this ballerina-style mark the spots that are bound to be starred at.

L'escarpin fait la femme (The shoes make the woman)

Fashion... Just for the fun of it

Fashion Tip... Always wear a smile



4th Annual Father/Daughter, Mother/Son Sweetheart Dance Set

The Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy announces its 4th annual Father/Daughter Mother/Son Sweetheart Dance for Literacy which is coming up on Friday, February 13th, from 7:00-8:30 at the Lubbock Memorial

Civic Center Banquet Hall. We will have music by DJ Jody Maxx, free refreshments, an inexpensive keepsake photo, and an opportunity to buy tickets (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) for great raffle items.

With tickets priced at just \$10 per family, for pre-school through 6th grade students and their parents, this is a very affordable, fun family event.

Law School Enrollment Increase by 3.6 Percent

CHICAGO, Jan. 30, 2004 — The number of students enrolled in the fall of 2003 in Juris Doctor programs at American Bar Association-approved law schools increased by 3.6 percent over the previous year, according to the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

The data show the overall fall 2003 J.D. enrollment increased to 137,676, from 132,901 in fall 2002, at 187-approved law schools. The year-to-year increase was 4,775 students, the second largest increase in enrollment in the last 24 years. The enrollment increase of 5,291 from fall 2001 to fall 2002 was the largest in more than two decades, bringing the two-year increase in J.D. enrollment to more than 10,000.

Although first-year enrollment only increased by approximately 1 percent to 48,867 between the fall of 2002 and the fall of 2003, it is a record high. The back-to-back first-year enrollments of more than 48,000 stand in sharp contrast to relatively stable first-year enrollments of the 1990s, which ranged from 42,200 to 44,300.

Minority enrollment increased slightly as a percentage of total J.D. enrollment, to 20.6 percent in fall 2003 from 20.4 percent in fall 2002. Total minority enrollment increased in the last school year by 1,177, or 4.3 percent, to 28,346.

The total female J.D. enrollment increased by 1,844, or 2.8 percent, to 67,027. However, first-year female student enrollment decreased by 219 in the fall of 2003 from its peak of 23,587 the previous year. The decrease marked only the second time since 1982 that first-year female enrollment dropped while first-year male enrollment increased. Over recent years first-year female enrollment steadily increased as a percentage of first-year enrollment, approaching but never becoming a majority of first-year students. As a percentage of first-year students, women dropped to 47.8 percent this year compared to 48.8 percent the previous year.

Males comprise 51.3 percent of the J.D. enrollment for fall 2003, while females comprise 48.7 percent.

The Section of Legal Education and Admissions to

the Bar become is a 6,500 member group that strives to improve legal education and lawyer licensing by fostering cooperation among legal educators, practitioners and judges through workshops, conferences and publications.

Through the law school approval process the Section, through its Accreditation Committee and the Section Council determines law schools' adherence with the American Bar Association Standards for Approval of Law Schools and recommends the accreditation of law schools by the Association. The Section also studies and makes recommendations for improvement of the bar admission process.

The American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership association in the world. With more than 400,000 members, the ABA provides law school accreditation, continuing legal education, information about the law, programs to assist lawyers and judges in their work, and initiatives to improve the legal system for the public.

CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

This writer wants to take this opportunity and encourage all of you who have children attending Estacado High School to attend the special College Info Day at the South Plains College Sundown Room in Levelland, Texas on Saturday, February 28, 2004. There is no excuse of having a way to get there, because there is a bus leaving Estacado High School at 8:30 am and will return at 4:00 p. m.

Parents and high school seniors from Estacado High School will, join other high school seniors and their parents to learn more about jobs; enrolling in college, applying for financial aid and transferring college and credits from a college to a university.

For more information, contact Mark Sanders, College "Career Coach, at (806) 766-1400. Need to give him a call; parents.

*** This column is still awaiting for new organizations to advise us of the many activities taking place in your group. If you have any news, please send it to the: Southwest Digest; c/o The Chatman Hill Corner; P. O. Box 2553; Lubbock; Texas 79408. Let us hear from you today!

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit with the Pastor and congregation of New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Services begun last Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m. It was Youth Sunday; and all had a wonderful time. Meditation begun at 10:30 am until 11:10 a. m. The morning scripture was read by Rev. Charles Wilson. Prayer was offered by Rev. Cheryl Martin. The New Hope Choir sang several selections.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Neighbor, Your Victory Is In Your Praise." His scripture text was II Chronicles 18:22. It was another wonderful message.

Announcements at New Hope Baptist Church were read by Sister Cleothia Quigley.

Sister Connie Anderson welcomed all visitors.

Funeral services for the mother of Mrs. Margaret Moton; "Sister Ilee Groce, will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2004, in Alabama. God is able.

*** Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Among them are Brother Harry Stokley, patient in Covenant Health System,

Room 871-S, E Joecile Lewis; Shauntoy D. Ervin; and Clarissa Jay.

*** Word still comes for the "Load The Bus For Alabama" on Mzy 21 thru May 24, 2004.

The trip is to Talledega, Alabama via a 55 passenger bus. For more information; contact either Sister Cynthia Hatcher; Sister Branetta Cooper or Sister Margaret Moton.

*** A "Father's Day Booklet" for June 20, 2004 is being sponsored by the Pastor's Aid of New Hope Baptist Church. This booklet is for a tribute; honor or memory.

*** This is Black History Month. If you are a parent or grandparent, take time to advise your children of where all came from and something about your family. As a parent or grandparent, you are someone very special. So let our young people know something about where they have come from and tell them they should be proud of their heritage.

SBA Announces Plans to Commemorate Small Business Week 2004

WASHINGTON —The U.S. Small Business Administration's annual National Small Business Week commemoration SBA Expo '04, will be held in Orlando, Fla., May 19-21 at the Orange County Convention Center.

The celebration honors America's leading entrepreneurs, and includes the announcement of the National Small Business Person of the Year Special events this year will include a small business expo, a business matchmaking event, business seminars, a town hall meeting, and award ceremonies honoring women entrepreneurs and state and national small business winners; Other highlights will include business industry leaders and speakers from trade associations, and state level and federal government.

"SBA Expo '04 will celebrate the many contributions of the small business men and women whose hard work and perseverance have created opportunities for millions of Americans," said Administrator Hector V. Barreto. "The SBA is proud to honor the spirit of entrepreneurialism that has helped strengthen the nations economy."

SBA Expo '04 culminates national and regional events held to commemorate the SBA's 50th anniversary, which was launched in September 2003, at the SB.Vs National Entrepreneurial Conference & Expo in Washington, DC. More than 3,000 participants from across the nation marked the agency's 50th anniversary. A highlight of NECE was the inauguration of the SBA's "Hall of Fame," which honored

nationally known companies that started with SBA assistance. Regional events to note the agency's 50th anniversary; SBA 5 Economic Growth Tour: America's Job Creators, will continue from January to April in locations throughout the country. The tour enables local entrepreneurs to discuss small business issues with Administrator Barreto, as well as their local bankers, venture capitalists, resource and trade partners, and local SBA office; For more information about SBA Expo "04" visit the SBA Web site at www.sba.gov/50.

VOLUNTEER TUTOR TRAINING

The Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy will offer training for prospective volunteer tutors dedicated to helping adults learn to read. The session will be 9:00 am to noon, Saturday February 21, 2004, at Godeke Branch Library, Loop 289 and Quaker.

Call 747-7323, (747-READ), to register or obtain more information about the free tutoring and classes.

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Jeremiah 30:6. THE LORD SAID, MY PEOPLE HATH BEEN LOST SHEEP. THEIR SHEPHERDS HAVE CALSE THEM TO GO ASTRAY. THEY HAVE TURNED THEM AWAY ON THE MOUNTAIN. THEY HAVE GONE AWAY FROM MOUNTAIN TO HILL. THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN THEIR RESTING PLACE.

IT ALL STARTED IN THE 60'S. ALL MANKIND WANTED THEIR OWN RIGHTS. FROM THE LEADERS DISOBEIDENT OF THE LAWS. CHILDREN DO IT NOW DAY AND NIGHT!
ROMANS 1:21,22. FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN AGAINST ALL UNGODLINESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF MEN WHO HOLD THE TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. BECAUSE THAT WHEN THEY, THE CHRISTIANS, KNEW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD. NEITHER WERE THANKFUL, BUT BECAME VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS(DREAMERS), AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART DARKENED. PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY, THE CHRISTIANS BECAME FOOLS.

FROM THE RIGHTS THE MOTHER HAD TO STEP UP, AND TAKE THE CONTROLS. THE FATHER WALKED ON THE FAMILY. WHERE HE IS? NOBODY KNOWS!!!

ISAIAH 1:4. THE LORD SAID, AN SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVILDOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS. THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD. THE MOTHER SAYS, I WILL NOT RAISE MY CHILDREN; THE OLD WAY THAT I WAS, MY MOTHER AND FATHER, DIDN'T LET US GET AWAY WITH ANY THING, AND IT WAS HARD.

(THE LIE OF THE DEVIL; YOU CAN'T SPANK CHILDREN IS FROM THE PITS OF HELL. THESE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN, AND HE TELLS US HOW TO TRAIN UP HIS CHILDREN. THE DEVIL CAME UP WITH THE LIE THAT SPANKING IS CHILD ABUSE; BUT LOOK INTO THE JAILS AND PRISONS, THEIR LIVES NOW THAT'S CHILD ABUSE. YOUR CHILD IS NOW A SLAVE. THEY SAY: EAT THIS, WARE THIS, LIGHT OUT, SHOWER HERE. LAY THERE, NOW WHERE IS THE CHILD'S RIGHTS???)

PROVERB 26:3. A WHIP FOR THE HORSE, A BRIDLE FOR THE ASS, AND A ROD/PADDLE FOR THE FOOL'S BACK.

(IN TRAINING A CHILD HAVE NO RIGHTS IN THE TRAINING; HE OR SHE DON'T KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT FOR THEM. TRAINING MEANS TO NARROW THE PATH, TO DISCIPLINE, TO TURN ONES MIND IN THE RIGHT WAY.)

NOW THE FATHER WON'T PAY SUPPORT; BECAUSE THE CHILD HE DON'T CLAIM. TILL HE'S PLAYING SPORTS, OR DOING WELL. NOW HE BRAGS; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

PROVERB 20:7. THE JUST MAN WALKS IN HIS INTEGRITY; HIS CHILDREN ARE BLESSED AFTER HIM.

IF YOU LOVE YOUR CHILDREN, TRAIN THEM UP, AND TEACH THEM TO RESPECT. BECAUSE WHEN YOU DON'T, THE WORLD DON'T WANT THEM, AND THEIR SPIRIT IS VEXED.

PROVERB 29:17. IS CORRECT YOUR SON, AND HE SHALL GIVE YOU REST; YES, HE WILL GIVE DELIGHT UNTO YOUR SOUL.

WE TRAIN HORSES, DOGS, BIRDS, GOATS AND CATS; EVERYTHING UNDER THE SUN. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO OUR CHILDREN; THEY'RE WILD. TRAINING THEY HAVE NONE!!!

PROVERB 22:6. TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO; AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.

AMERICA'S CHILDREN NEED TRAINING EVER WHERE; BUT IT STARTS IN THE HOME, AND IF A SPANKING IS NEEDED; GIVE IT TO THEM; IT WILL HELP FROM GOIN' G'WRONG!!!

PROVERB 23:13. WITHHOLD NOT CORRECTION FROM THE CHILD. FOR IF YOU SPANK HIM WITH A ROD, HE SHALL NOT DIE.

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



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith What's Wrong With Modern-Day Black America

Armstrong William's, a columnist for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, and earned in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, Sunday, January 25, 2004 was very relevant and spoke to the issue at hand as it relates to black Americans.

William's column was captioned as "Racism not so much about skin color as it is about elitism, social hierarchy." When I read what William's wrote I felt a sense of relief for him because some of my friends of the majority group call him a 21st century "Uncle Tom."

What William argued was truth that many black Americans do not want to face. His argument compares 36 years from the date of the "I Have A Dream" speech of Dr. Martin Luther King to the present

condition of blacks in America. Listen to William's. "In countless ways the problem of racism in American has improved. For example, much of society now accepts that black children ought to think, learn, and share ideas in the same classrooms as white children. There is a logical progression—a better education leads to future possibilities and personal empowerment.

Racism today isn't so much about skin color as it is about cultural patterns wrought by slavery. It is about cultural division sewn so deeply into our social fabric, for so long, that white Americans have trouble imagining themselves as "the other" skin color. This elitism is poisonous because it helps maintain social hierarchies and leads white employers to make assumptions about minority workers, i.e., how a minority worker speaks means their problem solving skills, communication skills and work

ethic are deficient. As long as hierarchies exist, the power structure will continue to make these misguided assumptions. I suspect that's why black Americans continue to lag far behind the average white, non-Hispanic family in terms of average per capita income. This problem is exacerbated by the eroding family structure in black America and the corresponding increase in violent crime.

We don't need more entitlement programs that dispense money to the underprivileged like some government-subsidized tranquilizer. We need to confront the real problems threatening our communities. We will achieve Dr. King's dream not with quotas and affirmative action, but with the determination to face those social conditions that truly underlie inequality."

I suppose that many black Americans of my generation would

agree with William's. Modern day blacks, and black males in particular values tend to be zero. The family structure has eroded. As black leaders, we have been so concerned with catching up in all aspects with white America that a whole generation of young blacks has been lost. Punishment by the parents for blacks children who break the rule of the home is determined by white society laws, bypassing the traditional black methods of punishment and consequently, an increase number of black males get a felony making them a slave to the white system.

My generation was taught work ethics. Respect for each other. Treat someone else's daughter like you would want your sister to be treated. Purchase property. Save your money. Get, as much education as you possible can and let it be a continuing act. We were taught to vote. Not to rely on welfare because it is a form of slavery. To help others, and give of your best to the Supreme Being.

William's is right. We need to face the fact of the eroding black family. Black males who impregnate woman after woman and will not take care of their children must pay themselves for their sinful pleasure. These are the scum of the earth! We need to take back our community from the filthy talking black dope selling and smoking black thugs and see to it that they be sent away a long time. These are the illegitimate who are ruining the very fabric of the black society. We have a moral responsibility to reshape black society.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Christians receive Divine ability from the Holy Spirit, Acts 1:8, But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall witness unto you both in Jerusalem; and in all Judea, and in all Samaria, and the uttermost part of the earth.

The Holy Spirit is one of the most misunderstood aspects of Christianity. There really is no need for this, because Jesus is quite clear about the role of the Third Person of the Trinity. Also, the Bible is filled with information about Him. Still because of the teachings of various denominations, the role of the Holy Spirit has not been fully explained. Nor have members of the body of Christ been taught as a whole that the Holy Spirit is alive and well today, moving in the lives of believers.

That's why we are writing those today. The Holy Spirit! He is the

power source fro Christians. When we know and understand his role; then we will be better able to take advantage of this wonderful Gift God has made available to those who receive Him. Looking back at Acts 1:8, we see that Jesus referred to the ability the Holy Spirit would provide us with, but ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you. He said. If we already had the power then why would He have to say it come "after," we receive the Holy Spirit? You would not need Him if you already had the power. We need Him! Now if He never comes upon you, then you are never going to have that power.

If you are going to be a success in the things of God, you cannot afford to go by how you feel. You must go by what you believe. Feelings change like the weather. One day you are hot and the next

day you are cold. The Word of God has to be your barometer. It is steady. It is constant. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you do not have to "feel" like you're. It is a fact. The Divine ability enabling you to be a worker together with God within you. All you have to do is act on God's word. Exercise your Faith! The Holy Spirit will supply the power you need.

For all of you who are hurting, try Jesus! No matter what the problem may be in your life. Come on, Saints, keep those drive by prayers going for your neighborhood, your neighbors, and the unsaved.

Thanks for reading, Saints!

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

City Wide Ushers Will Meet

Members of the City Wide Ushers will meet at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, February 14, 2004. Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor.

All ushers who missed last month's meeting missed a treat, because Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor of St. John Baptist Church, did a beautiful job in the Installation of the Officers.

So Ushers, please come to the meeting Saturday and bring another Usher or even someone who would like to become an Usher. Don't forget to bring your non-perishable canned goods for the needy box at Thanksgiving and Christmas time. Ushers, together we can make it! Come and keep praying for all who are sick and shut-in.

Sister Sarah Bunton, president; and Sister Minnie Darthard, reporter.

Gospel Chorus Annual Musical

The Gospel Chorus of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church will present its Annual Musical on Sunday afternoon, February 15, 2004, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The theme for the musical is "He Did It Just For Me." St. John 3:16 is the scripture reference.

The program will feature an afternoon of gospel music and special guest artist Brother: Mark Moore and Elder Floyd Price, Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church; and Gracie Taylor, president of the Gospel Chorus, cordially invites the public to come and worship with the choir in this musical celebration. Music director is Mrs. Clara Lenard.

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THEME: In Search of Spiritual Excellence in Singing

1 Cor. 14:15
What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.



**GUEST SPEAKER
Pastor: Linda Sawyer
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St. Matthew Baptist Church News

What a beautiful time all had in the Lord on last Sunday morning, February 8, 2004, at St. Matthew Baptist Church where Rev. Edward Canady is pastor.

Services began with Sunday School at 10:00 am. The Pastor taught the morning lesson. What a wonderful lesson it was.

The morning service began at 11:00 am. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Jerald Jackson.

After these services, the Senior Choir sung several selections. They truly sung out of their hearts and souls.

Rev. Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was Jesus Said, "Bring It To Me!" His scripture text was St. Matthew 14:15-21. What a wonderful message it was. The Sunday School program on last Sunday was really nice. The message was brought by Minister Kevin Jackson. His subject was "The Inner Teacher." His scripture text was St. John 16:8.

Among our sick and shut in this week include: Sister Eula Brown Sister Lethridge, Sister Henderson, and Sister Freeman. God is able!

Thought For The Week: "The only leaders qualified to lead are those who have learned to serve!"

In Remembrance...



Gloria Laverne Bailey

Funeral services for Gloria LaVerne Bailey were held last Friday afternoon, February 6, 2004, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. Jerome J. Johnson, pastor, officiating. Rev. Leonard Bailey gave the eulogy.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Rodrick McGrea, Donald Gray, Lorance Anderson, Bobby

Bunion, Cosby Morton and Bernard Thompson.

Honorary pallbearers were T. F. Anderson, Raymond Anderson, Rev. LeRoy Anderson, George Paul, Charles Johnson, and Ralph Leggett.

She was born January 1, 1933 in Thorndale, Texas to Jessie Peterson and Floyd Thomas. She attended Thorndale, San Antonio and Lubbock public schools.

She married Dave Bailey, Jr. on August 25, 1949, and to this union eight children were born.

Ms. Bailey was a "health care provider" at Highland and Methodist hospitals for twenty-five years.

She confessed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ at an early age. She joined the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in 1951, where she was an active member, participating

in the choir and the Ruth Circle until her health began to fail in 1991.

She passed away on Sunday, February 1, 2004. Her husband, Dave Bailey, and her son, Larry Bailey, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her parents, Jessie Prosser (mother) of Lubbock, Texas and her father, Floyd Thomas of Temple, Texas; Dave Bailey, III (Lynn) of Santa Ana, California and Rev. Leonard Bailey (Debra) Fort Worth, Texas; five daughters: Donna K. Bailey, Marva McGrew (Johnny) and Glenda Bailey, all of Tulsa, Oklahoma, SANDRA Sandra Sheryl Bailey, and Belva Green (Sammy), both of Lubbock, Texas; sixteen grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren, three aunts, an uncle, two sisters-in-law, and a host of cousins and friends.



Perry J. Bailey Sowell

Funeral services for Perry J. Bailey Sowell were held last Friday morning, February 6, 2004, at the Ossie Curry Funeral Chapel with Rev. H. K. Thomas officiating.

A private cremation was held under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Don Hunt,

Ronnie Lawton, and Ardee Hunt.

Honorary pallbearers were Leonard Sowell, Harold Sowell, Levin Harris and Shaun Harris.

He was born on January 4, 1943, in Shreveport, Louisiana to the late Audrey Sowell. Adopted by David H. Sowell. He was the second of five children born to Audrey. She entered into eternal rest on September 19, 2003. He is also preceded in death by a brother, David H. Sowell, Jr.

He lived in Lubbock, Texas with family, and then moved to Fort Worth, Texas, and later lived in Houston, Texas until his death. He served in the U.S.

Army and worked for Fingers Furniture Warehouse.

He was married to Gwel White (Benson), and had a

daughter, Bridgett, who lives in Fort Worth, Texas; and two sons, Shaun and Levin Harris, both of Lubbock, Texas.

Perry also leaves behind his father, David H. Sowell, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Linda J. Sowell of Fort Worth, Texas; two brothers, Harold Sowell of Lawton, Oklahoma and Leonard C. Sowell of Fort Worth, Texas, and a host of nephews, nieces, uncles, cousins, family and friends.

Learn to be a Certified Diabetes Educator

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will offer a program called "Diabetes Education for Health Care Professionals" to facilitate becoming a certified diabetes educator. Program sessions will be Feb. 20-21, 27-28; April 23-24, April 30 and May 1; June 18-19, 25-26 or Aug. 13-14, 20-21. Each four-day series will meet from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

All nurses, pharmacists, dietitian, physician assistants, social workers and interested others are invited to attend. Cost for the program is \$350 and limited scholarships are available for the first session for those who apply before Feb. 2.

Scholarships will be available before each session. Program attendees will learn the latest information in diabetes, become familiar with CLAS standards and health literacy and

develop a business plan to establish a diabetes program. The program will also be available through distance learning delivered by Web-enhanced methodology.

For more information or to register, contact Marilyn Hickam in the School of Nursing at the health sciences center, at (806) 743-2736. Scholarship applications are available at www.nursing.ttuhs.c.edu/dehp.

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Where: Knitting Education/Conference Center
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Program:

- 8:15 a.m. Door Opener, Prayers, Blessings
- 8:30 a.m. Catechism, Bible Study, Prayers
- 9:00 a.m. Knitting for the Heart Healthy Living
- 9:30 a.m. A Dynamic Class Learning How to Knit - From Knit
- 10:00 a.m. Prayers for the Sick
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Admission is free, however, seating is limited and reservations are required. Call the Covenant Lifestyle Center at 775-4388 for more information.



Oil/Pastel Workshop with Paul Friske at the GAC!

The Garden & Arts Center is hosting a three-day Oil/Pastel Workshop, for adults and teens. The workshop will be Wednesday-Friday, February 25, 26, & 27, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. The cost of attending this session is \$175 per student.

Paul Friske, an accomplished artist, will be traveling from Abilene to instruct this exciting new three-day workshop. There will be a demo in pastels and oils. Students will learn to simplify and organize value patterns, masses, and colors. As well as work on drawing, edges, design, and paint quality. Students can work on figure, portrait, landscape, or still life. Students are encouraged to bring their own photos to work from. All skill levels welcome.

For more information, to request special assistance, or to make reservations, call the Garden & Arts Center office at 767-3724, or email bwitcher@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us. The GAC is located at 4215 University Avenue, www.lubbockgardenandartcenter.org



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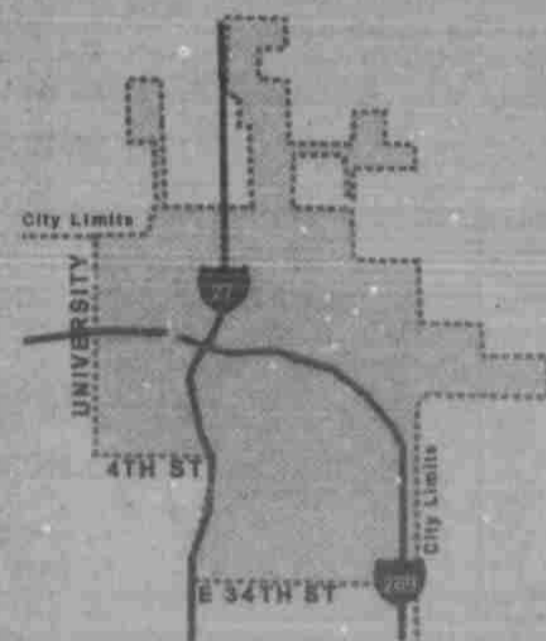
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Have you ever thought about ways to improve the quality of life in North & East Lubbock?

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Master Development Plan, North & East Lubbock





Editorials • Comments • Opinions



We Must Become Informed, Knowledgeable, Know the Facts Before We Moan, Groan and Complain

by Eddie P. Richardson

The old adage is to put it in a book if you want to hide something from Black people. We live in the information, super highway, internet, and digital age. We have gained the opportunity to read any book on any subject through the efforts of our fight for freedom, justice, and equality. Yet, we refuse to read. There are numerous books available at Borders, Barnes & Nobles, Amazon.com, our own book stores, libraries, and etc. This information provides solid blueprints to reach economic development and parity (which should have been our fight all along). But few of us read consistently, if not at all. Some of the problems we have that keep us down is us. We don't love, trust, and respect each other. We have another vehicle now who is John Hall, executive director of the North and East Lubbock Development project.

Here are some of the reasons for our many problems: GREED ... which is a powerful weapon of containment. Blacks, since the abolition of slavery, have had large amounts of money at our disposal. Last year, we spent 10 billion dollars during Christmas, out of our 450 billion

dollars in our total national income (2.22%). And most of these monies were spent outside our communities. We are a major market. If you broke us up into a nation, we would be the 14th richest nation in the world. We must educate our dollars and realize how powerful they are.

SELFISHNESS ... ingrained in our minds through slavery, class division in culture. W.E. Dubois wrote: "Talented Tenth" ... "There are segments of our culture that has achieved some 'form' of success. That segment missed the fullness of his book. They ... didn't read ... The Talented Tenth ... which was responsible to aid the 'non-talented' ninety percent in achieving a better life reaching out giving back. Instead that segment created another class, a buppie (Black yuppie) class that looks down on less fortunate or aids them in a condescending manner. They will never achieve what we have. Their selfishness does not allow them to be able to work together on any project or endeavor of substance. When they do get together, their selfishness lets their egos get in the way of the goal. The self help organizations seem only to promote their name without making any real meaningful change in the community.

We are content to sit in conferences and conventions in white owned hotels and talk about what

we will do, and award plaques to the best speakers, not best doers. There is no end to the selfishness. We refuse to see that TOGETHER EACH ACHIEVES MORE (TEAM).

We must understand that none of us is better than the other, no matter our social standing or what we own. The Buppies, in most cases, are only one or two paychecks away from the welfare rolls. We will continue to be contained by the system as long as we refuse TO READ by joining forces, pool our resources, and realize we are not 'helping' our communities by paying dues to organizations which do little, other than hold lavish conventions in the establishments hotels.

Now keep in mind this article will not be seen by as many as should read it. As we have written, "We Do Not Read!"

Something To Think About: The appearance of a millionaire in any society is no proof of its affluence; they can be produced by very poor countries. It is not the efficiency of production which makes millionaires, it is the uneven distribution of which is produced.

Nuff Sed! Why Not?

tion may be affected by the final admittance that there never were any weapons of mass destructions in Iraq to cause an alarm in the United States or the world. By now, it should be clear to every voting American who felt that they should have contacted their Congressman requesting them not to vote for passage of that huge budget to send Americans to Iraq to invade that country seeking something which did not exist.

The invasion of Iraq has not looked good for the United States at home or abroad. Our foreign relations have suffered and our moral status is at an all time low. Aside from that, our economic status is at a seemingly low level standstill, as money needed to take care of homeland duties, have been neglected for military purposes which are serving no purpose. Our income is on the decrease because inflation far surpasses any increase which we might

have gained, coupled with all of the losses we suffered when the stock market took a dive behind the Enron/Anderson oil scandals.

Pensioners whose monthly checks are derived from investments by pension funds witnessed a decrease in their monthly benefits; that is, those who continue to get a check. Other retirees saw a decrease in profits from annuities. Overall, the Bush administration has been and still is a drain on the pocket-book of retired Americans living on a fixed income. There is no hope for future "catch-up" among retirees as it is with the working population. The only possible solution other than voting for government officials who will listen to the electorate, is to return to the work force. It is time that we get "in cinque" and impress upon our government officials that they need to work for the people of this country, not the whims of the president.



In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

This new year and the President's message have settled in on us. We have received information from several reliable sources, including the Secretary of State, Colin Powell, that our President never had any information that Saddam Hussein had any weapons of mass destruction or WMD as they are currently referred to. There is also the notion that America has less to fear now that Hussein is in captivity. Very little is now mentioned about how President Clinton's administration had nullified the idea of WMD in Iraq. The upcoming presidential elec-

THIS N THAT

HOW MANY OF YOU KNEW THIS? THIS N THAT ... IS ASKING ... the question: Where is the location of the ... OLDEST BLACK HIGH SCHOOL IN TEXAS? Some of you may know ... but for you who don't know ... it is the building of the ... OLD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING ... in Galveston, Texas... THIS N THAT ... had an opportunity to visit this structure recently and had an opportunity to read some very good history about the school ... and many of its citizens in that city. The high school was founded in ... 1885...and would be ... 119 YEARS OLD ... if it was still in use... What is so significant is that city in ... 1866 ... where the beginning of the...JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ... was born... as it was June 19th of that year... Just think ... 20 YEARS LATER ... those Black citizens had a vision for their children to learn ... and here came ... CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL...It makes us think ... as Black people ...of what are we doing today in our community... No doubt about it .GALVESTON, TEXAS ... has some very historical information ... for all of us know about... and this information could have some of the missing pieces as to what we must be doing in our own communities.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: -THE BEGINNING ... doesn't mean a ...THING ... its time ... END ... which really counts in anything we do in life.

CONGRATS TO EHS AND LHS FOR JOB WELL DONE! THIS N THAT ... wants to take this time and opportunity to say ... CONGRATS ... to the ... ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAMS ... at all the high schools in Lubbock Independent School District, but a special salute to the teams of ... ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL & LUBBOCK HIGH SCHOOL ... who won the large and medium school divisions in Amarillo last weekend... Their presentation allows them an opportunity to travel to San Antonio; Texas later this year to participate in other competition... Also ... THIS N THAT ... wants to salute their coaches at both schools ... DENISE MOORE AND SARAH HARRIS ... at Estacado ... and ... RAY MOORE AND NEOKA PEREZ ... at Lubbock High... CONGRATS ... for a job well done... Lets not forget that the ... ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL ... Matador Battalion ... brought home trophies for their participation in the ... TEXAS TECH JROTC DRILL MEET ... where they won ... SEVEN TROPHIES ... thus setting a record... CONGRATS ... to these young people as well...

COMMUNITY MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 26TH! THIS N THAT ... is asking all ... who will ... to attend the ... COMMUNITY MEETING ... to be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center ... on Thursday evening ... beginning at 7:00 p. m. ... to give input on the long awaited ... NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT PLAN ... No matter what you have to offer ... you need to be present to make your idea known... Both areas ... are on the move ! / ... so come to the meeting so we can continue to move in a very ... POSITIVE DIRECTION... Will you be present? Hope so!

OLDEST BLACK CHURCH IN LUBBOCK COUNTY! THIS N THAT ... read a very good piece in this month's ... LUBBOCK ILLUSTRATED ... by Phil Price ... about the oldest ... BLACK CHURCH ... in Lubbock County ... It is the ... MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH ... which was organized ... OCTOBER 17, 1917 n, nearly 83 years ago...and was utilized as a school during the week ... and ... was used for church services on Sundays... Very good article ... and ... hope many of you will read it, especially our young people ... and be thankful ... there were those who had a vision to organize this church ... a decade after the founding of Lubbock's Texas...

DIDJAKNOW? THIS N THAT ... asks the question again ... How many of you knew that the ... DEVIL ... was the ... CEO ... of all ... EVIL IN OUR COMMUNITY?!

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February 12 - February 18

It Happened ...

* Friday, February 13, 1566: The oldest city in the United States, St. Augustine, FL, was founded.
* Thursday, February 14, 1857: Historically-black Morehouse College was founded as Augusta Institute in Augusta, Georgia. Moving to Atlanta in 1879, the school was renamed in honor of Henry Lyman Morehouse in 1906. Morehouse College is the nation's largest, private liberal arts college for African American men, enrolling approximately 3000 students.
* Thursday, February 17, 1876: Canned sardines appeared in American stores for the first time.
* Saturday, February 13, 1892: The first black performers appeared at the Carnegie Hall in New York, with The World's Fair Colored Opera Company featuring soprano Matilda Jones.
* Tuesday, February 15, 1898: The battleship USS Maine blew up in Havana Harbor in Cuba, killing 266 of the 354 American crewmembers. Public outrage led to the outbreak of the Spanish-

American War, although it was subsequently proven that the Spanish were not responsible for the explosion.
* Friday, February 12, 1909: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded in New York City by a group of concerned black and white citizens following a race riot in Springfield, Illinois in 1908. The NAACP was an offshoot of the Niagara Movement, which had been started by W.E.B. DuBois and others in Buffalo in 1905.
* Thursday, February 14, 1929: The St. Valentine's Day Massacre took place in Chicago, IL, when Al Capone's gang, disguised as police, killed seven members of "Bugs" Moran's gang at the S.M.C. Carriage Company.
* Wednesday, February 13, 1957: The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was founded in New Orleans, LA, by several black clergymen with Dr. Martin Luther King as the first president.
* Friday, February 16, 1968: The nation's first 911 emergency telephone system went into service in

Haleyville, Alabama. Great Britain's 999 emergency system was introduced as far back as 1937.
* Friday, February 13, 1970: Joseph L. Searles became the first African American member of the New York Stock Exchange.
* Friday, February 12, 1999: President Bill Clinton was acquitted by the US Senate of two articles of impeachment stemming from his illicit affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.
In Sports History:
* Friday, February 13, 1920: The Negro Baseball League was organized by African American Andrew "Rube" Foster, known as the "father of black baseball," at a YMCA in Kansas City, Kansas.
* Tuesday, February 13, 1923: The Renaissance was organized in Harlem. The "Rens" became America's first all-black, black-owned, fully-professional basketball team. They dominated not just black basketball, but all of basketball for the next 25 years. The team's fame and success peaked in 1939 when they won the first-ever,

World Professional Basketball Tournament, an event sponsored by the Chicago Herald-American. The Rens, one of only two all-black entries in the 12-team invitation-only pool, beat the all-white Oaklough All-Stars of the racially-segregated National Basketball League (a forerunner to the NBA) in the title game.
* Monday, February 12, 1934: Bill Russell, legendary black National Basketball Association star center with the Boston Celtics and 1956 Olympic gold-medal winner, was born in Monro, LA.
Born ...
* Sunday, February 12, 1809: Abraham Lincoln, in rural Kentucky. Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States, issuer of the Emancipation Proclamation, and the first US president to be assassinated. He died on April 15, 1865 in Washington, DC.
* Friday, February 14, 1817: Frederick Douglass, in Tuckahoe, Maryland. Douglass was born a slave and escaped to Massachusetts in 1838. He was an abolitionist

leader of the Underground Railroad, anti-slavery newspaper editor and orator, and US minister to Haiti. He died of a heart attack in February 1895 in Washington, DC.
* Wednesday, February 18, 1942: Percy B. Newton, in Monroe, Louisiana. In 1966 he co-founded with Bobby Seale the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense. Newton, both a self-admitted criminal and a visionary leader for black empowerment, earned a doctorate in 1980 from the University of California. He was found shot to death on an Oakland, CA street in August 1989.
Sign of the Zodiac:
AQUARIUS is the 11th sign of the zodiac, symbolized by the water-bearer. Like other air signs, Aquarians are said to be less concerned with practical and physical matters than with intellectual pursuits. Most comfortable in the world of ideas, they find situations that require emotional responses, such as personal relationships, to be difficult. Astrologers believe that Aquarians have great intuitive insight and can quickly grasp

abstract concepts. Professors associated with Aquarius include inventing, research, social organizing or activism, astrology, communications, computer sciences, and electronics.
It's A Fact!
Black History Month is celebrated each February. It started as "Negro History Week" in 1926, through the efforts of Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to former slaves in Virginia in 1875, Woodson earned a PhD from Harvard University in 1912. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915 and the Journal of Negro History a year later. In February 1926 he launched Negro History Week, to bring national attention to the contributions of black people to American history. Dr. Woodson chose the second week in February because it marked the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

Fewer Students Can Afford Skyrocketing Costs of College

by Adolpho L. Reed



Higher education ought to be a right, available to every student who makes the grade, without regard to that student's ability to pay. But it's increasingly a privilege for the rich - and an impossible burden for the poor.

There is a spiraling crisis of affordability in higher education today. As almost every state reels from the effects of tax cuts/legislatures slash funding for higher education. Colleges respond with hefty tuition increases, reduced financial assistance and new fees.

and fees at public four-year colleges increased 40 percent and private four-year tuition increased 33 percent. Community colleges, the gateway to advanced studies for many, also increased charges. Tuition and fees rose in all but two states, with 10 states mandating increases of more than 10 percent, according to the National Center on Public Policy and Higher Education. Some community college officials in California estimate an enrollment decline of about 200,000 students due to tuition fee increases. These measures put an extra burden on the average family, whose net worth has declined over the last two years for the first time in half a century. Budget cuts and tuition increases ripple throughout the academic community. They result in more hiring freezes and early retirements among full-time faculty. Replacing them are poorly paid and over-

worked contingent instructors. Meanwhile, students have fewer courses to choose from, and their classes are overcrowded. Many universities are retreating from their commitments to provide low-cost education for state residents, as they shift the balance of admissions more toward out-of-state applicants who pay substantially higher tuition. State schools have traditionally been the ladders to good jobs for students from working and middle-class families. But that ladder is no longer standing. In fact, the Congressional Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance reports that by the end of this decade, as many as 4.4 million college-qualified high-school graduates will be unable to enroll in a four-year college, and 2 million will not go to college at all because they can't afford it. Financial aid is not picking up the slack. Three decades ago, Pell

Grants helped guarantee access to public colleges for primarily low and moderate-income students. Millions of Americans earned college degrees as a result. In 1975, the maximum Pell grant covered 84 percent of costs at a four-year public college. Now, the grant covers only 42 percent of costs at four-year public colleges and only 16 percent of costs at four-year private colleges. As a result of an increasing reliance on loans, the majority of students (64 percent) graduate with an average debt of almost \$17,000. This is up significantly from \$8,200 in 1989. Skyrocketing tuition and reliance on interest-carrying loans force some students to forgo college altogether, while others drop out or delay graduation because they sacrifice the time for their studies in order to work. Fifty-three percent of low-income freshmen who work more than 35 hours per

week drop out and do not receive a degree. Contrast this with low-income freshmen who work one to 14 hours per week. Only 20 percent of them do not receive a degree. Higher education is a public good, and the public should insist on free access to the academy. Fortunately, there's a campaign to push for such access. Initiated by the Debs-Jones-Douglass Institute/ a nonprofit educational organization based in Washington, D.C., the campaign calls for the federal government to pay all tuition and fees for all students attending two-year and four-year public colleges and universities. This proposal isn't costly. The total bill for all students currently enrolled in public institutions is less than \$27 billion - a little more than 1 percent of current federal budgets, and less than one-third of Bush's \$87 billion request for Iraq and Afghanistan.

The idea is catching on. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill recently announced a plan to cover the full cost of an education for poor students without forcing them to take on loans. Students will have to work in state and federal work-study programs at a manageable 10 to 12 hours per week. Free college education has a clear precedent. The GI Bill paid full tuition and fees, as well as a stipend, for nearly 8 million returning World War II veterans. That investment had a broadly positive effect on the economy and society as a whole. We've done it before. We can do it again. This time for everyone.

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