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State News

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Celebrates Black History Series

WASHINGTON, DC—

Moments to Remember, an award-winning public radio series that celebrates Black History throughout the year is returning for a second year, hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. In 2003, the series begins with "Black Women: Great Moments in History." What did they contribute to American history? Why are they significant today? Each segment provides answers to these questions and more by profiling the achievements of 30 black women past to present. Over 300 public radio stations nationwide currently air Moments to Remember. The radio show is also featured on the Africa.com website.

This first of its kind public radio series features stories about legendary women such as Madame C.J. Walker (1867-1919), the first female millionaire, Lucy Terry Prince (1730-1821), the first slave to argue a case before the Supreme Court and contemporary writer Maya Angelou, the first woman to produce a screenplay. Unknown heroines have also played a vital role in American history like Mary Fields (1832-1914) the first female stagecoach driver for the postal service and Susan King Taylor (1841-1912) the first army nurse. Behind these women's stories are countless other women whose untold contributions are the foundation upon which we all stand.

Henry Louis Gates, Jr., award-winning author, host of the acclaimed PBS series "Wonders of the African World," and chair of the Afro-American studies department at Harvard University is the program host. "I'm excited about the continuation of the radio series. It's important for us to remember the role of African-Americans in American history throughout the year and not just during Black History Month," said Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Donna Limerick, Executive Producer of the series said, "African-American women have played a vital role in American society. Many of these women have remained invisible in our history books because society refused to value their work as writers, singers, educators, journalists, politicians and more. This series heralds the contributions of women, presents their achievements and brings great personalities of the past to life."

Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area Client Council Second Saturday, 1:00 pm - Mae Simmons Community Center
- Hub City Kiwanis Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 1305 Avenue G.
- Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post #908 and Tuesday - 7:30
- Forgotten West Riders, First & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T.J. Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter 8 ARP, Every 1st Thursday at 4 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St.
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Center
- West Texas Legal Services, Sat, March 8, 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community 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:

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Cass to Retire as City Manager; Gonzalez Appointed Interim City Manager

After more than ten years as City Manager, Bob Cass is retiring from the City of Lubbock.

"It has been an honor to serve Lubbock taxpayers for the past 27 years," said Cass, "and to work along side so many dedicated employees. City employees are on the front lines of providing services to their citizens, from bringing safe water, building and repairing streets, to repairing electric lines, and keeping our citizens safe from crime and fires. Our folks are the first to get calls, and the first to respond in time of need. As a citizen, taxpayer, and departing City Manager, I want every employee to know how much I appreciate your dedication to this City."

"But I have recognized the need to move on to the next chapter in my life. It has been my privilege to serve under eight excellent Mayors, and numerous hard working Council members. I am thankful that we have good people willing to volunteer their time to do the difficult job of governing. I urge the community to hold them up in their thoughts and prayers."

"This was totally Bob's initiative," said Mayor Marc McDougal. He began discussions

about his retirement with me soon after last May's election. While I selfishly wish he would stay, I realize that few people fully understand the pressures of his job. No one can do it forever, but Bob Cass has done it very well. In my five years on the Council, Bob has always tried to build consensus among the Council, and to lead the organization with the highest ethical standards. And, he's always done it with a sense of humor."

In November of 1999, Cass was named the Municipal Leader of the Year by American City & County Magazine. Among the accomplishments during his tenure are the new landfill, two new library branches, the creation of Market Lubbock, Inc., and a commitment to moving the organization into the electronic delivery of services. Just this week, the City was recognized as one of the top 15 cities in the nation for progress and innovation in their use of technology and electronic government by the Center for Digital Government. In 1995, the City of Lubbock was named the best managed mid-sized city in Texas" by Texas Business

Magazine.

Cass will retire on April 30, and will be available for consultation with the Council for an additional twelve months.

City Council names Interim City Manager

Late Thursday evening the Lubbock City Council named Tommy Gonzalez as Interim City Manager. This decision followed the announcement by Bob Cass earlier in the day that he was retiring as City Manager on April 30. Gonzalez will work closely with Cass through the transition period and will fill the interim position while recruiting a new City Manager to take place.

"Although Bob Cass is leaving us a big pair of shoes to fill," said Mayor Marc McDougal, "we are confident that we have selected the best person to serve in the interim position. Tommy has been with the City for 12 years, and he has an amazing list of accomplishments to his credit."

Gonzalez was educated in the Lubbock public schools, attending Parkway Elementary School, Alderson Junior High School and



Bob Cass

Lubbock High School. He earned a Bachelor's degree in government from Eastern New Mexico University and a Masters of Public Administration from Texas Tech University.

Gonzalez was the first president of the Ports-to-Plains Coalition and still serves on its advisory board. He is also serving as Legislator Director for Ports-to-



Tommy Gonzalez

Plains. Named an Assistant City Manager in 2000, Gonzalez had oversight of the following departments: Community Development, Public Health, Animal Services, Civic Centers, Library Services, and Parks and Recreation.

Additionally he is serving as chairman to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Low-Income Families Struggle as Benefits Shrink



By Bernardo Ruiz

The uncertain economy is taking a toll on many Americans. Among the hardest hit are immigrant working families.

Low-income immigrant families are likely to remain in poverty even if both parents work, a recent Urban Institute study shows. In fact, children of two-parent immigrant families are twice as likely to live in low-income households as children of two-parent native families that did not immigrate in the last generation.

Immigrants and their children contribute long-term economic benefits to the United States. The National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences found that the typical immigrant and his or her children pay an estimated \$80,000 more in taxes than they will receive in local, state and federal benefits over their lifetimes. Yet the Bush administration seeks to ban welfare benefits for noncitizens entering the country after 1996. This is anything but compassionate.

At a time when even middle-class families are struggling to pay for health insurance, many

immigrant parents and their children have fallen below the safety net. The number of low-income noncitizen parents who have Medicaid coverage fell by almost one-third between 1995 and 1999, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. And with House Republicans recently refusing to expand unemployment insurance, more than 800,000 workers will have their benefits cut off at the end of the month.

Everyone has a basic right to affordable health care, especially those who work hard and struggle everyday to make ends meet.

But instead of addressing issues affecting working families, the Bush administration prefers to rely on talk of an "era of personal responsibility."

What the administration and Congress need to do is begin by raising the minimum wage, as Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., recently suggested, from \$5.25 to \$6.55.

The administration and Congress could also pass a law that would exempt the first \$30,000 of income from payroll taxes, a proposal Robert Reich, President Clinton's labor secretary has made. This would instantly provide the working poor with a bigger paycheck.

Another step would be to expand medical and health-insurance benefits for working fami-

lies, immigrants and their children. With one in five children growing up in an immigrant home, and with immigrants — both documented and undocumented — accounting for 13 percent of the nation's workforce, they deserve nothing less.

Immigrant working families and their children should not have to suffer needlessly.

Bernardo Ruiz is a free-lance writer and documentary producer living in New York City. He is co-producing "The Sixth Section," a documentary that follows the organization efforts of undocumented Mexican workers in upstate New York, which will air on PBS in the summer. He can be reached at mpmproj@progressive.org. © Bernardo Ruiz

Natural Gas Prices Outlook

Lubbock, TX—Unusually cold weather in almost all regions of the United States, coupled with tight natural gas supplies, is causing natural gas customers to experience higher utility bills this winter as compared to last year.

Demand for natural gas has gone up significantly because temperatures across the country have been considerably colder than last year. Temperature comparisons from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) show: New England—45 percent colder; Mid-Atlantic—55 percent colder; East North Central—35 percent colder; South Atlantic—33 percent colder; East South Central—16 percent colder; West South Central—17 percent colder.

Besides the colder temperatures, lower natural gas storage levels have contributed to the spike in gas market prices.

To supplement winter supply, most gas utilities purchase and store large volumes of natural gas during the spring and summer when gas prices are typically lower. Gas utilities use both this physical storage and special financial tools to "hedge" a portion of their total gas supply for their customers, helping to moderate the effects of market-price volatility on consumers' utility bills.

"In the Texas Division last summer, we utilized a combination of

Wedding Reception Held for Austins

A Wedding Reception was held for Gayla Diane Thomas-Austin and Rev. Elijah W. Austin on Saturday evening, February 22, 2003, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church. The wedding ceremony was officiated January 12, 2003, by Rev. J. E. Blocker.

During wedding reception, an introduction was given by Rev. Blocker, and the honorees of the hour entered the hall. Prayer was offered by Rev. Otis Coates, pastor of Cornelius Chapel of Lubbock.

After a toast, the wedding cake was cut. Special remarks were given by Darryl Jones, Director of Missions of Lubbock Baptist Association. Honesses were Mr. Tonda Thomas, Mr. Forsyth Thomas, Ms. Sharon Phillips and the New Jerusalem Baptist Church family.

Rev. Austin is pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church.



crossroads. Best told the Senate Energy Committee at a hearing in Washington, D.C., on February 25. "We're not here to tell you that the sky is falling today-but there must be some urgency to this matter," he testified.

"The challenge for government and industry is straightforward: to ensure that the current need for natural gas is met and that the future need for natural gas will be met at reasonable and economic prices," Best said. "Ensuring an adequate natural gas supply will help to keep natural gas the consumers' best energy value and will dampen some of the volatility of wholesale gas markets," he said.

Atmos Energy Corporation, headquartered in Dallas, is one of the largest pure natural gas distributors in the United States. Atmos Energy's utility operations serve more than 1,000 small and medium-size communities in 12 states from the Blue Ridge Mountains in the East to the Rocky Mountains in the West. Atmos Energy serves approximately 1.7 million gas utility customers. Its nonutility operations, organized under Atmos Energy Holdings, operate in 18 states. They provide natural gas marketing and procurement services to industrial, commercial and municipal customers, manage company-owned natural gas storage and pipeline assets, construct distributed electric generating plants for industrial and municipal customers.

"The tumultuous events in energy markets during the past two years serve to underscore the importance of adequate and reliable supplies of reasonably priced natural gas to consumers, to the economy and to national security," said Robert W. Best, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Atmos Energy Corporation of Dallas and vice chairman of the American Gas Association (AGA). Natural gas meets one-fourth of current U.S. energy needs and is the fastest-growing major energy source, according to AGA.

The relationship between natural gas supply and prices is at a critical

Fashion Fun

by Shirley Richerson

LAST CALL

If you are a winter person and you enjoy winter fashions best, this is just a friendly suggestion that you make the most of your remaining days.

March 21st is the first day of spring, that's right and how close is that? Spring is just around the corner, bringing with it hot days and a change of style.

Time to shed some of the fur and fur trim suits and a whole lot of other heavy clothing. But the exciting part of it all is that spring has some beautiful sun and light fashions to offer.



So it's your time to start thinking light, bright and sheer delights.

Ladies, soon we will be saying good bye to the freezing cold... and hello to warm sunshine, and of course we will dress accordingly.

HAVE FUN, JUST FOR THE SPRING OF IT
TIP, Always wear a smile

Combest Named to Three Agriculture Subcommittee

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, is pleased to announce that he has been named to three subcommittees of the House Committee on Agriculture.

"I look forward to helping address the important agricultural issues that will arise within the jurisdiction of these subcommittees," Combest said. "I was very honored to serve as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee from 1999 through 2002, and I look forward to concentrating on these important areas of the agricultural industry. I believe these subcommittees will present the opportunity to

continue to weigh in on agricultural issues that are important to our area, and help ensure that our area is represented in our nation's agricultural policy."

The subcommittees to which Combest has been appointed are: the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management; the Subcommittee on Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs; and the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit Rural Development and Research.

During his tenure as Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture,

many in Congress credited Combest with shepherding through Congress the Farm Bill that President Bush signed into law in May 2002. The farm policy put in place a stronger safety net for farmers, which the previous Farm Bill lacked, and gave farmers the flexibility they needed to make wise business decisions.

"An important task that lies ahead of the House Agriculture Committee is the continued oversight of the Farm Bill's implementation, and I look forward to helping ensure that its implementation continues to run smoothly," Combest said.

Army & Air Force Hometown News

Air Force Staff Sgt. Cortchie B. Welch has arrived for duty at the 369th U.S. Air Force Recruiting Squadron, Los Angeles, Calif.

Welch is a public affairs supervisor with 12 year of military service. He is the brother of Lola Drones of E. Cornell St., Lubbock, Texas.

The staff sergeant graduated in 1985 from Dunbar-Struggs High School, Lubbock, and received an associate degree in 1987 from South Plains College, Levelland, Texas.



and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Sylvia Lucero of South Loop 289, Lubbock, Texas.

Zapata is a 2002 graduate of Roosevelt High School, Lubbock.

Army Pvt. Monica L. Prieto has graduated from the unit supply specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The student was trained to receive, inspect, segregate, store, inventory, issue, deliver and turn-in organizational and installation supplies and equipment, maintain automated supply systems for accountability with use of unit computers, issue and receipt of small arms, and secure and

control weapons and ammunition supplies.

Prieto is the daughter of Lisa G. Gambill of N. Fourth Ave., Phoenix, Ariz.; and Armando C. Prieto of Xavier, Lubbock, Texas.

Army Pvt. Jeffrey E. Welch has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine week training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

Welch is the son of Rebecca S. Welch of 75th St., Lubbock, Texas.

His wife, Kelly, is the daughter of John and Sherri Cochran of Fisherman, Paradise Road, Rio Vista, Texas.

He is a 1996 graduate of Rio Vista High School.

Two Texas Tech University Professors Receive Honors

LUBBOCK - The Texas Tech University System Board of Regents (Feb. 27) named Loretta Bradley, Ph.D., professor of counseling education in the College of Education, and Wijesuriya Dayawansa, Ph.D., professor of mathematics in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Paul Whitfield Horn Professors.

The designation is the highest honor a professor can receive at Texas Tech. Named for the university's first president, the Horn Professorship was established in 1956 to recognize scholarly achievement and outstanding service to Texas Tech.

"Loretta Bradley and Wijesuriya Dayawansa are examples of the quality faculty we have at Texas Tech," said William M. Marcy, Ph.D. Texas Tech provost. "These two individuals are being honored not only because of their strong academic credentials, but also for their contributions to producing the very best education for our students."

Bradley's research covers the areas of supervision, multicultural counseling, advocacy and integrative counseling interventions. She recently was selected as one of the top 25 counselors who made significant contributions to the counseling profession during the period 1952-2001.

Bradley also has been the co-recipient of the American Counseling Association's Research Award and the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision's Research Awards. She has served as president of the American Counseling Association and was invited to participate in the 1999 White House Conference on Mental Health.

In 1996 she received the President's Excellence in Teaching Award at Texas Tech and is currently a member of the Texas Tech Teaching Academy.

Dayawansa's expertise in control theory has led to more than 100 published articles in mathematical and engineering outlets. He has three funded research projects this year that total more than \$1.5 million, including a National Science Foundation grant. In 1999, Dayawansa was named Graduate Professor of the Year in the Texas Tech Department of Mathematics.

Dayawansa serves on the editorial board of several journals and as a member of several international conferences on decision and control including the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics Journal of Control and Optimization, which is considered one of the top two journals in the field of control theory.

CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Marissa Jay

This is a new column, and this writer will provide news happening in the Chatman Hill area of the City of Lubbock as well as other parts of this city. This will include club or organization announcements of the date and time of meeting. ALSO, special interest will be given to programs being held at the various churches.

This writer wants to acknowledge those who are visiting in our city over the weekend and during special holidays. In order for this to happen, we will need your input. You may do so by sending information to: Chatman Hill's Corner, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Let us not forget those who are celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in our city. Just give us this opportunity, and you will be glad this has become a reality.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor. The doors of New Hope Baptist Church are still open to those of you who are looking for a Church Home. Come and visit at any time. You will be glad you did so. God is able!

Services began at New Hope last Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 A.M. with all teachers at their post of duty. All students received thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a.m. all teachers and students marched to the main auditorium. After prayer was given, high points of the morning lesson were discussed.

The morning devotion, beginning at 10:45 a.m., was conducted by Brother Robert Cork and Brother Joe Hereford. What a time! They were assisted by the Praise Team!

The morning processional last Sunday morning was led by the Male Chorus who sung out of their hearts and souls. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Cheryl Sanders. The morning scripture was read by Brother Ulisses Beatty. The morning prayer was given by Brother Clarence Hatcher. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother Everett McCutcheon.

After the singing of the morning hymn, Pastor Moton gave his regular pastoral observation. Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Neighbor, Are You Bearing Any True Marks of Conversion?" His scripture text was found in Acts 9. What a splendid sermon. Praise God for Rev. Moton. After the invitation to discipleship was extended, Brother Johnnie Martin read the morning announcements. All visitors were welcomed by Brother Napoleon Cooper.

Let us remember to whisper a special prayer for all of those who are sick and shut-in. Who knows who will be ill next week. God is able. Do the same for those who have lost loved ones.

Don't forget, this column needs your help so we can report what is happening in the Chatman Hill Area as well as other parts of the City of Lubbock. Let us hear from you.

Mrs. Clara Colquitt celebrated her 96th birthday in the home of her daughter, Clara Blakemore, with family and friends. It was a gala affair. Everyone present had a great time. Congratulations, Mrs. Colquitt on your birthday. Even Poco had a nice time!

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CHURCH DIRECTORY



WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS

PART 2 - JESUS IS NOT GOD

LUKE 4:18. JESUS SAID, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE (GOD) HATH ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR, HIS (GOD) HATH SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PREACH DELIVERANCE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND TO RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND.

ARE YOU BLIND? TO THE TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD? AND WHAT IT SAYS? WILL YOU JUST STAYING WITH OLD TEACHINGS, OF YESTERDAY?

TIME OUT FOR PLAYING CHURCH, FOR YOUR LEARNING IS A SHAME, PRAY AND ASK GOD FOR HIS WISDOM, IN HIS SON JESUS' NAME.

EPHESIANS 4:18. HAVING THE UNDERSTANDING DARKENED, BEING ALIENATED FROM THE LIFE OF GOD THROUGH THE IGNORANCE THAT IS IN THEM, BECAUSE OF THE BLINDNESS OF THEIR HEART.

REMEMBER WHEN ADAM FELL, BY EATING THE FRUIT IN THE GARDEN OF EDE, HE GAVE THE DEVIL THE POWDER OVER JAVES, AND HE WOULDN'T RELIEVE.

JOHN 10:10. JESUS SAID, THE THIEF (THE DEVIL) COMETH NOT BUT TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY. I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.

THE DEVIL HAD MANKIND IN HIS GRIP; ADAM GAVE HIM THE RIGHT, GOD DIDN'T COME TO THE EARTH; HE SENT HIS SON JESUS TO PAY THE PRICE.

LUKE 2:49-52. JESUS SAID, HOW IS IT THAT YE SOUGHT ME? KNOW YE NOT THAT I MUST BE ABOUT MY FATHER'S BUSINESS, AND JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM AND STATURE, AND IN FAVOUR WITH GOD AND MAN.

TO GET MANKIND BACK FROM THE DEVIL, THERE HAD TO BE A SACRIFICE, GOD GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, AND THE SON GAVE HIS LIFE.

GENESIS 3:15. GOD SAID, I WILL PUT ENMITY BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE WOMAN, AND BETWEEN THY SEED AND HER SEED (JESUS), HE SHALL BRUISE THY HEAD AND THOU SHALT BRUISE HIS HEEL.

GOD SAID IT WOULD BE HER SEED; NOW WE KNOW A WOMAN DON'T GIVE ANY SEEDS, SO THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE ONE WHO GAVE MANY HER SEED, YOU SEE GOD GAVE MAN THE EARTH TO RULE; MAN GAVE IT TO THE DEVIL; GOD CAN'T COME DOWN AND TAKE IT BACK, IT HAD TO BE SOMEONE BORN ON THE EARTH, SO THE FATHER OF JESUS IS WHO?

SO THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES ARE RIGHT, THEY SAY JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, GO KNOCK ON DOORS AS THE DISCIPLES DID, AND STOP BEING AT ODDS.

MATTHEW 15:8. JESUS SAID, THIS PEOPLE DRAWETH NIGH UNTO ME WITH MOUTH, AND HONOURETH ME WITH THEIR LIPS; BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT JESUS SAID, BEFORE GOING TO THE CROSS, HE HAD TO PRAY TO SOMEONE, THE FATHER; HE'S THE BOSS!!!

MATTHEW 26:39. JESUS SAID, O MY FATHER, IF IT BE POSSIBLE, LET THIS CUP PASS FROM ME, NEVER THELESS NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS THOU WILT.

WHEN JESUS WAS THREE DAYS IN HELL, WHO WAS RUNNING THE WORLD? GOD WAS YET IN CONTROL, GIVING GRACE TO MEN, WOMAN, BOYS AND GIRLS.

GALATIANS 4:16. AM I THEREFORE BECOME YOUR ENEMY, BECAUSE TELL YOU THE TRUTH?

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



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Numbered Days"

"Teacher," he asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?" —Luke 21:7

With U.N. Weapons inspectors looking on, Iraq is reported to have destroyed six Al Samoud 2 missiles on Sunday, March 2, 2003. However, the Iraq leadership warned that it may suspend the destruction program of its missiles if the United States indicates it will go to war anyway. Iraq has also agreed to destroy all unassembled pieces of software, launchers, fuel equipment that are used to make the Al Samoud 2 in a very short few weeks.

The United Nation resolution that prompted weapons inspectors' return to Iraq demanded "complete, total and

immediate disarmament." The Turkish parliament dealt a devilish blow to the war plans of the United States by voting not to allow American troops to open a northern battlefront against Iraq on its soil. The United States have not yielded to Turkey's demand of billions of dollars to use Turkish soil.

Sometimes ago a preacher was preaching a fiery sermon about "Reform your lives." In the sermon he noted that, "when you least expect it the signs of the endtime could appear in the sun and the moon and the stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish, distraught at the roaring of the sea and waves. Men will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming on the earth. The very heavens will be shaken." The preacher brought his thundering voice down to the gentleness of falling rain and said, "God has not told us exactly when he will bring the world to

an end, that is not for us to know. It could be a billion years from now." Whereupon, an anxious voice rang out from the rear of the Church, "How long did you say?" "It could be a Billion years," the preacher replied. "Thank God," said the much relieved voice, "I thought you said a million years."

Those who listened to Jesus' frightening discourse in Luke chapter 21, must have had the feeling that their days were numbered. The fact of the matter is that everyone's days are numbered.

Mr. Saddam Hussein's government must realize that its days are numbered if does not comply completely with the United Nation resolution too completely disarmed itself of weapons of mass destruction. If all of the Arab's countries refrain from carrying out any military action against Iraq, and if countries like Syria makes an

unequivocal antiwar declaration for Iraq.

Iraq days are still numbered. If countries like Mexico on the United States southern border continue to play both sides of the fence with Iraq and the United States, it will not save Iraq and will bring a serious repercussion to Mexico whose economic survival depends on the United States. The Home Land Security Department could have a Mexican roundup, and those three million illegal Mexicans could be deported back into the fragile economy of Mexico.

President Bush has not said when the end is for Iraq. But we know that Saddam Hussein's days are numbered. We also know that those who work against the United States, whether they are a citizen or not, days or numbered.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

-Hour of Power-

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the home of their vice president, Sister Christene Burleson, last Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 a. m. If you missed it, you should have been present.

The morning devotion was full of glory, Sisters Rosana, Nash, Day and Crawford led the devotion. Sister Annie Day sang a solo, "I'm On The Battlefield For My Lord." She really did bless everyone's hearts.

The morning lesson was taught by their teachers Sister Elnora Jones. Her subject was "Sleeping In The Midst of Crises." Her scripture text was Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 24:15; Daniel 11:45; Ezekiel 43:5; Revelations 4:8 and Titus 2:13.

Wake up calls are all over the world. Shuttles are falling. Buildings are crumbling. Satan's places of pleasure are mysteriously burning down. Huge business are failing with bankruptcies. Banks are going under. Homosexuals are coming out of the closet. Haters are everywhere in the name of terrorism. Religious groups are warring over who God is. And how they can make Him fit into their thinking. Wars and rumors of wars are all over the world.

When Adam and Eve went against the will of God, they had to pay. Cain fled. He build a city called Noe. Its the present day Iraq, and that old spirit of Cain is still working there.

Abraham was warned by God he would destroy the wicked city of Sodom. If he could not find fifty Godly people, and there were not fifty there. So he said would you

spare the city if I can find ten Godly people? Would he not destroy the city? What if this question was asked God's people today. Would we try to Jew Him down again? Saints, lets get real while we have a chance.

Might I say again: this war is not about oil, Sodom or Ben Laden. Its that old spirit of Cain. The promises He gave to Abraham, God will stand by His word, and everyone of His promises.

-Words From A Song- There, a storm out on the ocean and its drifting our way. If your soul is not anchored in Jesus, you will surely drift away.

Our Lord said be of good cheer. He has overcome the world. And He did not give us the Spirit of Fear. Hold on to your Hope and Faith in God. Our main concern should be

is getting our families saved through Jesus Christ, and ourselves being effective witnesses in this world with power.

Our God will do what He said He will do and we also do what He says we can do.

We truly thank our teachers: Sister Elnora Jones, for this wonderful lesson last Saturday morning. Because of this kind of teaching, we are stronger Christians. May God continue to all.

Keep those Drive By Prayers going, People of God! Keep reading the Word of God. II Chronicles 7:14; Mark 11:22-26 and Acts 1:8.

For all of you who are hurting I we are praying for you! God is on our sides!

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

Ma Jones Missionary Society of Bethel A.M.E. 2202 Southeast Dr. will host their 4th Annual Missionary Day program March 16th 2003 3 p.m. *The Keynote Speaker will be the Rev. Erna Jean Milton a native of Lubbock, but resides in Tacoma, Washington at the present time. Rev. Milton is dynamic motivational and spiritual speaker. She is the pastor of Greater Works Ministries of Deliverance in Tacoma, Washington.*



CITYWIDE USHERS WILL MEET
The members of the City Wide Ushers will meet at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street, on Saturday evening, March 8, 2003, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Wendell Davis is pastor. We want you to come to the meeting with a memory verse from the Book of Leviticus. It can come from any chapter. Just be able to memorize it. Let us come and think about how good God has been to each of us. Let's keep it alive which means all hands and hearts are needed. Let us show our love. Don't forget our non-perishable items for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Sister Sarah Bunion, president; and Sister Minnie Darthard, reporter.

Bethel A.M.E. Church will host Paul Quinn College Concert Choir of Dallas, Texas, Friday, April 4, 2003 at 7:00 pm.

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Texas Northwest Church of God In Christ Women's Convention

The Texas Northwest Jurisdiction Women's Convention under the leadership of Mother Victorine Mackey will be held at Agape Temple, the Texas Northwest Headquarters, 4510 Ave. Q, and March 11-15, 2003.

The emphasis on this convention will be winning souls for Christ. There will be witnessing teams going into the highways and hedges compelling men to come.

The pre-musical will be March 11, at 7:30 PM; special Guest soloist will be the dynamic Evangelist Sue Roseberry from Midland, Texas. Lubbock Region district choirs will be participating.

Beginning Wednesday Breakfast will begin at 8:30 am, 9:30 registration, 10:00 Prayer, 11:00 Inspiration Team, followed by 12:00 pm Seminars Nightly service will commence at 7:00 pm each night. Friday night's special guest will be Mother Willie Mac Rivers, the supervisor of the Women's Department of the Churches of God In Christ International, Inc. The Convention will conclude with a banquet Saturday at 2:00 pm.

For additional information, please Call: 806-763-8462

In Remembrance...



Charlie Birmingham, Sr.

Funeral services for Charlie David Birmingham were held last Friday afternoon, February 28, 2003, at the Hope Deliverance Temple Church with Elder Charles Tanner, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Birmingham died Thursday, February 20, 2003.

He was born October 27, 1934, in Wright City, Oklahoma. He married Mary Lde Brooks on April 9, 1969, in Clovis, N. M. He moved to Lubbock forty years ago from Wright City. He attended schools in Wright City. He was in the U.S. Air Force and retired from Ford Motor Company as an assembly line worker.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lee Birmingham of Lubbock, Texas; three sons: David of Denver, Colorado, Calvin D. of Las Vegas, Nevada and Walter Edward of St. Paul, Minn.; six brothers: Frank, Willie, Joe, Roy, Claude and Sammy Shoals, all of St. Paul, Minn.; two sisters, Earline Shoals and Jean Faye Crockett, both of St. Paul, Minn.; and 13 grandchildren.



Paul Cofer

Plainview, Texas — Funeral services for Paul Lawrence Cofer were held at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ last Thursday, February 27, 2003, with Rev. Russell Wise officiating. He was assisted by Elder E. Demerson of Amarillo, Texas.

Burial was held in the

Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Bailey Silva Funeral Home of Plainview.

He died Friday, February 21, 2003.

He was born March 28, 1945, in Temple, Texas. He grew up in Plainview. He was a foreman for Excel in Plainview and IBP in Amarillo. He lived in Atlanta, Texas for a year. He was a member of Emmanuel Church of God in Christ.

He is survived by a son, Lawrence Cofer of Columbus, Georgia; two daughters, Althea Cofer of Atlanta, Georgia and Ravan Cofer of Denver, Colorado; a brother Nora "Bonnie" Cofer of Seattle, Washington; and eight sisters: Barbara Malone, Gloria Guy, Zora Dunn and Martha Carr, all of Plainview, Patricia Cofer of Los Angeles, California, Eartha Dermerson of Amarillo, Phyllis Cofer of Amarillo and Robin Medlock of Fort Worth.

Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Question: "What are you prepared to do?"

Answer: If you had the chance to see the movie "The Untouchables," starring Kevin Costner and Sean Connery, you may remember this question being asked. Elliot Ness (played by Costner) was determined to arrest and convict the notorious Al Capone. Being unaware of the influence Capone wielded in Chicago, Ness had to rely on the seasoned cop that Connery portrayed. After witnessing the level of violence Capone employed to run his criminal empire, Ness knew he had to do more than he initially planned. After choosing this seasoned cop to head his task force, Ness asked how he could stop Capone. The reply was straightforward: "What are you prepared to do?"

tions and take some individual responsibility to solve some of the problems.

The principle of personal sacrifice comes into play at this point. Concerning this principle Albert

Einstein makes this remark: "If enough people are ready to take this grave step they will be successful" (Einstein 1953). If enough of us are ready to take steps in the right directions to rid our communities of the social ills we can be successful. However, the question remains, "What are you prepared to do?"

Let me offer a suggestion for an area in which to begin this work. The family is the basic building block of every society. This is the area that we are losing most of the battles, so why not start here? We must work to reestablish sound principles that will enable our families to grow healthy and strong. This does mean that we must return to moral codes that benefited our society in times past. We don't have to re-invent the wheel in this matter. The Bible has plenty of healthy instructions for our families, let's employ it to guide us. John Erskine wrote a book in 1915 entitled, "The Moral Obligation to Be Intelligent". Certainly we have an obligation to strive to be intelligent. Unless we are content to take the opposite position of this philosophy which would be, "The Immoral Freedom

to be ignorant". Surely we have enough ignorance demonstrated in our society today that we shouldn't strive for more. God's word is, "...profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16,17).

The question remains, "What are you prepared to do?". Are we prepared to educate ourselves in God's word in order to know how to repair the damage done to our families? There is enough work to be done in our families that we can dwell here for some decades to come. As we learn let us live. Then we can receive strength for today and hope for tomorrow.



PARKWAY DRIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

South Plains College Faces \$7.4 Million in State Budget Cuts

LEVELLAND — South Plains College faces potential budget cuts in state appropriations that could total \$7.4 million for the next two years if proposals before the state legislature are adopted.

The most severe proposal is Gov. Rick Perry's proposal to reduce college appropriations by 9%, cut state-funded health care insurance to community college employees by 65% and not fund any enrollment growth colleges have experienced in the past two years. That would cost the state's 50 community colleges districts an estimated \$590 million.

"Without question, the governor has declared that community college education in Texas is not a priority," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, president of South Plains College. "This proposal would cripple our community college system in Texas that has worked so hard to open the doors to higher education for underserved Texans."

McDaniel said the budget cuts come at a time when colleges, especially South Plains College, have experienced unprecedented growth in enrollment. SPC's enrollment has grown 21% in the past two years and 60% in the past five years. The college enrolled a record 9,032 students this past fall and just recently experienced a new spring enrollment of 8,954 students. An additional 5,300 students enroll in non-credit continuing education and workforce development programs.

That growth would have generated the college an additional \$10.9 million in state appropriations in better economic times. Those earned appropriations will go unfunded for the next two

years according to the budget proposals.

"We have worked to accommodate this growth in enrollment with current appropriations that support a college with an enrollment of about 7,000 students," said McDaniel. "Budget cuts this severe, especially to our share of state-funded group insurance, don't give us many options except to cut services, raise tuition and fees and increase local college district taxes."

On top of this challenge is the Governor's request to trim 7% out of the college's current 2003 appropriations, a measure that means an additional loss of \$1.2 million this year.

To accommodate this request, SPC has instituted a hiring freeze, has suspended all non-essential travel, put on hold capital equipment purchases, asked departments to cut remaining service and supply accounts, and has implemented a deferred maintenance plan.

The prospect of dealing with state budget cuts of \$37 million a year for the next two years is especially troubling, said McDaniel. "We're working to determine the total impact of these proposals. Not only would we be forced to pass die costs on to students and to taxpayers, but we would be forced to implement other cost-cutting measures, none of which are desirable."

"These measures would include elimination of positions, limiting of class offerings, modifying or eliminating low-enrollment programs, curtailing educational partnerships, cutting student services and limiting programs and departmental

activities."

Community colleges have traditionally been an educational bargain for Texans, McDaniel said, providing college courses and programs that are convenient and affordable. "Affordable tuition has enabled South Plains College to serve as a gateway to higher education for many South Plains residents who are beginning college for the first time or who are coming back to college to retrain for a new job," he said.

South Plains College provides technical and vocational training programs in critical demand occupations, especially in the areas of allied health and professional services.

Additionally, the budget cuts will severely limit the state's plan to enroll an additional 500,000 Texans in higher education by the year 2015 and to engage more minority students in higher education programs.

Texas community colleges enroll more than half-a-million Texans each year, about 50% of the total enrollment for public colleges and universities. These colleges enroll the majority of first-generation college students, 75% of all freshmen and sophomore students, and 78% of all minority students in public higher education in the state.

"I would hope the governor and legislature would recognize the important role our colleges play in providing an educated workforce for Texas to attract and retain business and industry," said McDaniel. "We understand that we need to do our part to help the state overcome this budget crisis. But we don't understand why we have been singled out to take on a bigger share of the costs."

Volunteer Center Board Names New Executive

The Board of Directors of the Volunteer Center of Lubbock, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, is pleased to announce that Sharon Hyde Bass has been appointed as the Centers Executive Director. Bass first came to the Volunteer Center in 1995 and was in charge of the Leadership Connection, a program connecting minorities with boards seeking more diverse representation. In 1997 she developed youth programming resulting in the formation of Youth in Schools and Youth in Philanthropy. In 1999 she was appointed Program Director for Mentoring Works! AmenCorps, a project funded through the Corporation

for National Service. She was appointed Interim Executive Director in December 2002 and now assumes the duties of Executive Director.

The Volunteer Center of Lubbock, a United Way agency, promotes volunteerism, recognizes volunteer accomplishments, supports youth volunteerism, and provides training and technical support to nonprofit organizations. Each year more than 3500 volunteer referrals are made. Workshops and management assistance provide services to more than 350 area nonprofit organizations.

Bass graduated from the University of Texas-Austin in

1971 with a degree in Elementary Education. She received a Master of Science from Texas Tech in 1981 majoring in Human Development. She is a past President of the Junior League of Lubbock and has served on numerous other community boards including Committee for Women, Community Relations, Human Relations, Early Learning Centers, MacKenzie Junior High PTA, Lubbock High PTA, and All Saints School Trustees. Married to local attorney Bymie Bass, they are the parents of two sons - Rob and Brett.

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COOKING CORNER

Grilled Corn on the Cob with Basil Butter

Note: Grill fresh ears of corn without taking them out of their husks. Ingredients: 1-2 ears of fresh corn, per person, unhusked.

Trim excess silk from the end of corn with scissors. Place corn in a deep container, cover with cold water and soak for one hour. When ready to cook, remove from water and shake corn to remove excess water. Place on cooking grate and cook 25 minutes, turning 3 times. Remove husks and silk before

servicing. Note: If husks are already removed, omit soaking in water. Wrap each ear in heavy-duty aluminum foil and grill as above.

Basil Butter:
1 stick of salted butter
1/4 cup purchased basil pesto or chopped basil leaves

Mix softened butter with chopped basil and served with grilled corn on the cob.

Recipe courtesy of St. Francis Vineyards & Winery

Sonoma-Style Baby Back Ribs

Note: When grilling the ribs, make sure you are cooking over indirect heat, and that you keep the grill lid on at all times. Indirect heat means that the food is placed in the center of the cooking grate, while the heat source (lit burners or hot coals) is located at the edges of the grill. Using this method, the ribs will roast slowly rather than burn.

Serve with: 1999 St. Francis Merlot

6-8 slab baby back ribs
Salt and pepper to taste
Hickory chips, optional

Red Zinfandel BBQ Sauce (from last week's issue)

Rub ribs with salt and pepper. If using hickory chips, soak in water for 30 minutes and place directly on charcoal or in the smoking box of a gas grill.

Pre-heat grill; for gas grills, pre-heat side burners on high

for 15 minutes, leaving center burner off and the lid on. For charcoal grills, place coals around the sides of the grill, leaving the center free of coals. Light and wait until a light gray ash covers the coals.

Place ribs in the center of the cooking grate and cook for 1 to 2 hours, on medium or low indirect heat, about 325°-350° on a gas grill. Twenty minutes before the ribs are done, baste with Red Zinfandel BBQ Sauce on both sides. Serve with additional warm sauce if desired.

Note: The time it takes to barbecue the ribs will depend greatly upon the size and meatiness of the cut of ribs you cook. Plan on 1 1/2 - 2 hours for baby back ribs. Using a rib rack will increase your grill's cooking capacity.

Recipe courtesy of St. Francis Vineyards & Winery

Ice Cream Sundaes With Red Chocolate Sauce

Ingredients
1/2 gallon premium vanilla ice cream
Red Wine Chocolate Sauce (below)

1 cup chopped toasted nuts, such as hazelnuts, pecans, or walnuts

Scoop ice cream into bowls and top with warm Red Wine Chocolate Sauce and toasted nuts.

Red Wine Chocolate Sauce

1 pound bittersweet chocolate; chopped in small pieces
12 ounces heavy cream
1 cup white sugar

2 cups St. Francis Sonoma County Merlot, reduced to

1/2 cup. Bring cream and sugar to a boil in a heavy-bottomed saucepan. Remove from heat, add chocolate. Stir gently until chocolate is completely melted. Add the reduced Merlot and stir to incorporate. The sauce is ready now and can be served warm, at room temperature or held refrigerated and re-heated over a double boiler later.

Makes two quarts. Try dipping fresh strawberries in it for a terrific dessert that goes with your favorite red wine.

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In Cinque'

by Renetta W. Howard

From the time that the Jackson Five wooed audiences in the sixties until the present time, the name Michael Jackson has been synonymous with the words 'hit' and 'super star'. There has always been an unrelentless quest to peek into the private life of Michael Jackson. Interest has ranged from his friendship with Elizabeth Taylor and McCauly Cullin to his changing skin color, shape of his nose and face, his marriage to Lisa Marie Presley, his children and their mothers. All of this interest has resulted in a special 20/20 documentary entitled, "Living With Michael Jackson."

This 'special' on Michael Jackson struck me as an investigation rather than a statement of facts as found, discussed and reported unbiasedly. Instead, all of the social worker in me came to the fore and it reminded me of the many investigations which I made as a Children's Protective Services Social Worker. Once a complaint was received from our intake department, a home visit was in order. Parents and/or caretakers were inter-

viewed regarding the complaint. During this time, they had the opportunity to submit names of witnesses and character witnesses whom could testify to any reported incidents and the character of those being investigated.

Once the investigation was completed, the final evaluation of the complaint would be resolved either by dismissing the charges or finding caretakers guilty of neglect or abuse. The degree of neglect or abuse could result in directives to avoid further neglect or abuse or, a social service case being established for ongoing protective service, removal of children from their homes and placed in foster care; or removal with the intention of severing parental rights. All cases of removal from the home went to court to establish conservatorship.

Removal of Michael Jackson's children from his home appears to be the object of the so-called documentary, "Living With Michael Jackson," and at the same time poking fun at his appearance because it is believed by the commentator that he is not happy with his looks and has a desire to be 'white.' They even consulted with experts in the field of plastic surgery to prove that Mr. Jackson is lying about his appearance. So what? Whatever he has done

or not done to his face, remains HIS FACE! He paid for whatever he did or did not have done to it.

Who cares about what color the mothers of his children are? There has been no report that he is a deadbeat dad. He is apparently supporting his children; He takes them to places he thinks they would enjoy. He is generous with other children. He is concerned about humankind. He has made many 44 year olds happy with his music and dancing for over 30 years, but the reporter who won his confidence only had negative comments throughout the 'documentary,' constantly pointing out what disturbed him about Mr. Jackson's actions. His comments were reinforced by Barbara Walters as she negatively narrated the segments of the presentation. Michael Jackson has been castigated, making a case for the protective services agency in his county and state on tape. It is time for us to get 'in cinque' and realize that all news is not news, and that some of it is not designed to inform us but to ridicule the subject of the presentation. This is what happened to Michael Jackson. Personally, I like the 'Man in the Mirror!'

No Child Should Go Hungry in America!

By Miriam Mondlin

In this, the richest country in the world, increasing numbers of children do not have enough to eat! Every one of the more than 13 million children that the USDA figures tell of—and we can be sure there are many more who don't get counted—is as real as you or I am. This is told of in many newspaper articles. In the New York Daily News, for example under the title, "Hunger Has Younger Face." We are told that "Children are now swelling the ranks of the city's hungry..." A social worker tells this chilling fact: "Mothers tell me, 'Two days a week, I have to give my son sugar with water to quench his hunger.'"

And hunger also afflicts children supposedly above the poverty line. In The Christian Science Monitor, Lisa Suhay has an article titled "Being one of them"—the working poor." In it, she writes: "Last fall, I was given that name by a helper lady at a charity program, 'Don't feel so bad dear. You're one of that new group they call the working poor. [Families] who have educa-

tion, a home, two working parents, but still can't make ends meet.'" Ms. Suhay represents many distraught parents who once saw themselves as "middle class," suddenly forced to go to food banks to feed their children. The government calls this situation, now so widespread, "food insecurity." It is criminal that any child in America should be insecure about having enough to eat and it should not be tolerated!

Eli Siegel, the great historian, and founder of the education, Aesthetic Realism, has explained the cause of all injustice, including why hunger has persisted even as there is enough food for everyone: it is contempt, which he defined as "the addition to self through the lessening of something else." Contempt is the basis of our economy, where the bottom line is: how much profit can be made for a few owners and stockholders and how little can be paid to the people who do the work. I love Mr. Siegel's passion about justice. He stated in 1970, "While any child needs something he hasn't got, the profit sys-

tem is a failure." That failure is more apparent now in 2003.

We live in a blessed land where wheat, barley, beans, vegetables and so much more grow abundantly. There has always been a glaring disparity between the amount of food our country can produce and the number of children who get it. I never went hungry, but like millions of Americans during the Great Depression, my family could barely scrape together enough money to buy one meal at a time. My widowed mother found it too painful to ask our neighbor if she could borrow some money for food until the Relief check came, and she would send me, a young child, to ask for it. Shamefully, half a century later, millions of children are suffering from lack of food.

In an issue of the international periodical, The Right of Aesthetic Realism, to Be Known, Class Chairman of Aesthetic Realism, Ellen Reiss explains, with tenderness and the simple truth, what is coming to all children: "A baby now in Milwaukee wants milk, and there are cows in America that can supply milk, and people and trucks that can have the milk reach her, and therefore the baby should get the milk, just because she is alive. Only when production in America is based on good will, usefulness to people—instead of profits for a few individuals—will 'supply and demand' become decent and sane."

I am grateful to have learned from Aesthetic Realism that good will begins with the honest asking and answering of this question by Eli Siegel, central to how a child or any person needs to be seen: "What does a person deserve by being alive?"

For more information, visit the website www.AestheticRealism.org or contact the Aesthetic Realism Foundation, a not-for-profit educational foundation in New York City, (212) 777-4490.

Miriam Mondlin is a consultant on the faculty of the Aesthetic Realism Foundation. Her landmark article, "How My Stuttering Ended" has been published in several journals, and is on the "The Stuttering Homepage" of Minnesota State University and other websites. Articles by her on the economy and health care have also been published in newspapers throughout the country.

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TOMMY GONZALEZ WILL REPLACE CASS! THIS N THAT ... was glad the ...LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL ... named a young man to replace....Bob Casswho will retire April 30th.... This young man is ... TOMMY GONZALEZ ... who will work closely with Cass ... through the transition period....GONZALEZ grew up in East Lubbock ... and attended ... PARKWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ... ALDERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ... and graduated from ... LUBBOCK HIGH SCHOOL. ... He earned his Bachelors degree from Eastern New Mexico University ... and a Masters of Public Administration from Texas Tech University ... THIS N THAT ... is happy to see this young man ... TOMMY GONZALEZ ... in this position.... He will do well....

MLK BURGERS ALMOST OPEN! THIS N THAT ... drive by the newly building of the ... MLK BURGERS ... on Zenith Avenue ... south of Family K Dollar.... Things are looking real good ... and it won't be long before this will be a new business in this area....

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IS IT REALLY WORTH \$500,000-00? THIS N THAT ... heard someone report on a local television station in Lubbock ... that it will take at least ... \$500,000.00 ... to be elected as ... 19TH CONGRESSMAN ... in the upcoming May election.... The person elected will replace ... veteran Larry Combest ... who has served at least 20 years in this capacity.... Now ... THIS N THAT ... ask the question: is it really worth all that money.... THIS N THAT ... reminds those persons ...

SEEKING THIS POST ... that the ... MINORITY COMMUNITY ... will decide who that person will be.... So ... you can raise all the money ... but keep in ... mind of that fact.... Hopefully ... those persons seeking this office will at least stop by the ... MINORITY COMMUNITY ... To ... THIS N THAT ... none have been seen at this time ... not even Sfia to a ... BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM ... in the East Lubbock ... area.... So ... MINORITY COMMUNITY ... remember you have an

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BELIEVE IN GOD ... will not back down ... and let those people who appear to be out of step ... **DENY THOSE OF US WHO REALLY BELIEVE ...** that this country ... **THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ...** is truly ... **ONE NATION UNDER GOD....** and let's not forget that... When we use those words ... all we are saying is we ... **ACKNOW! EDGE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR US BEING WHERE WE ARE....** So truly it should be ...**ONE NATION UNDER GOD!**

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE BUSY! THIS N THAT ... attended the ... **FOURTH ANNUAL ... YOUTH SUMMIT ...** in Killeen, Texas ... where some 225 young people ... junior and senior high school students ... from twenty-two cities in Texas ... were in attendance... Very good effort... More on it later...

LETTER to the EDITOR

DURING THE SEPTEMBER SESSION OF THE FEDERATION OF CHOIRS. COUNCILMAN T.J. PATTERSON ASKED YOU TO SIGN A PETITION LIST TO BE ATTACHED TO A LETTER AND SENT TO COUNTY COMMISSIONER FLORES REQUESTING MY "RE-APPOINTMENT FROM PRECINCT 3 TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL TWO (2) YEARS AS OUR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE U.M.C. BOARD OF MANAGERS, TO FURTHER BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE HOSPITAL AND OUR COMMUNITY, WITH MY KNOWING OUR NEEDS, A LISTENING EAR AND A WILLING VOICE THAT ALWAYS REPRESENT US AND WILL CONTINUE TO HELP US TO RECEIVE MUCH NEEDED ATTENTION THAT WAS NOT PROVIDED AND OR WAS DENIED PRIOR TO 1995.

I AM GREATFUL TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR SIGNATURES OF SUPPORT (347) MY REQUEST FOR THE



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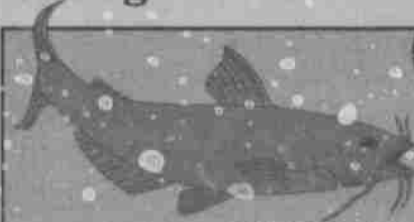
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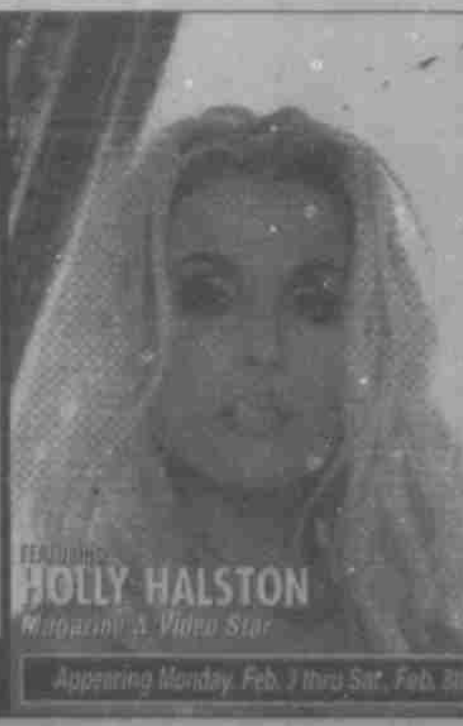
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Burger King Corporation Celebrated Unsung Heroes at Gala Reception in NYC

Five unsung heroes were recently celebrated by Burger King Corporation at a gala event at the famed Studio Museum of Harlem in New York City. The heroes were formally recognized for the tremendous contributions made to their local communities. The "Urban Everyday Heroes" include:

- Rosalind Harris-Diaw, publisher of the Denver's Urban Spectrum newspaper and founder of Urban Spectrum Youth Foundation, a program that recruits and trains young people of color to become journalists.
 - Angela Brown, executive director and co-founder of Youth Task Force, an Atlanta-based environmental justice organization that had young people involved with changing the ecological environment in their community.
 - Stanley P. Newsome, a retired Deputy Fire Chief in St. Louis who brick-by-brick is transforming abandoned buildings into urban commercial centers.
 - Gwendolyn Elliott, a retired Commander from the Investigative Branch of the Pittsburgh Police Department and founder of Gwen's Girls, an empowerment agency for young women, ages 8 to 18, which teaches them the goal-directed skill of self-sufficiency.
 - Denise Barrow, founder and President of Women of Excellence, a Southern-California based organization that mentors and guides young women in becoming successful individuals.
- A special salute was also made to the Founders of the Harlem Little League, Iris and Dwight

Raiford, Rachel Robinson, wife of the legendary baseball great Jackie Robinson, presided over this special award.

King of Comedy Steve Harvey served as the reception host; and guests included a cross section of leaders from business, entertainment, media and government such as the New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Ed Lewis, Co-Founder and CEO, Essence Communications Partners; business legend Percy Sutton; David Dinkins, New York City's first African American Mayor, Byron Lewis, Chairman and CEO, UniWorld Group Inc., and broadcast legend Hal Jackson.



Burger King Corporation representative Vincent Berkeley (far left) joins Steve Harvey in congratulating the "Urban Everyday Heroes" -- from left, Stanley P. Newsome, Gwendolyn Elliott, Angela Brown, Rosalind Harris-Diaw and Denise Barrow.



New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg (center) joins Burger King Corporation representative Vincent Berkeley (far right) in congratulating Iris Raiford and Dwight Raiford (far left), Founders of the Harlem Little League. Three Little League All-stars joins in the photo.



Vincent Berkeley, Senior Vice President, Corporate Relations (far left), shares a moment with business legend Percy Sutton (center) and Ed Lewis, Co-Founder and CEO, Essence Communications Partners (far right).



Presenter Rachel Robinson (second from right), wife of the legendary Jackie Robinson as Executive Director of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, shares in the celebration alongside Byron Lewis (far right), Chairman and CEO, UniWorld Group Inc., and Chuck Morrison, Senior Vice President, Client Services, UniWorld Group Inc. (second from left).

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Spring Break Computer Camp 2003

The Maggie Trejo supercenter, 3200 Amherst Street will be holding this year's computer camp during Spring break, March 17-21, 2003, from 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for students, Pre-K through 6th Grade. Registration will be at the Supercenter on Friday, February 28, at 6 p.m. The camp is limited to 50 participants.

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