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Local News

Overseas Educational Advisers Visit Texas Tech

LUBBOCK—Last year nearly 600,000 international students were enrolled in accredited United States higher education institutions. Overseas educational advisers posted at the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs offices, Fulbright Commissions, local universities and bi-national centers, help foreign students learn about higher education in the United States. On Friday, (Nov. 7), a group of overseas advisers will be visiting Texas Tech University.

The college board works with local higher education institutions to arrange campus visits for advisers at three sites around the United States. These visits form the second component of a three-week professional training program which includes a stay in Washington, D.C., to meet with officials of agencies involved in international education, and ends with attendance at an international education conference to meet college and university administrators.

The advisers will visit Texas Tech University, Abilene Christian University, Abilene Intercollegiate School of Nursing, Cisco Junior College, Hardin-Simmons University, and McMurry University.

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State, under the authority of the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961, as amended, supports the United States-based training program financially. The college board, under a state department grant, administers the program.

For more information please contact Lilly Kilcrease, study abroad counselor, Office of International Affairs, Texas Tech University, (806) 742-3667 or Lilly.Kilcrease@ttu.edu.

Law Firms Embrace Diversity, but Hurdles Remain

EEOC Study Shows Progress of Women and People of Color Among Legal Professionals

WASHINGTON - A new study by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) entitled "Diversity in Law Firms" reveals that women now comprise 40% of legal professionals (resembling associates) in the private sector, a significant gain from 14% nearly three decades ago. In addition, since 1975, African Americans doubled their employment as legal professionals to over 4%, Hispanics more than doubled to 3%, and Asian representation rose by five times to 6.5%. The report was issued last week by EEOC Chair Cari M. Dominguez during a speech to a national conference of the American Bar Association (ABA) on "Opening the Pipeline."

"While we should certainly be proud of the progress women and people of color have made in joining the ranks of legal professionals, we must also be mindful of how far we have to go," said Chair Dominguez. "The Commission continues to proactively cultivate its relationship with the ABA and other industry groups to ensure that the diversity of America is reflected in and sought by the legal profession. We must all make a constant, sustained effort to ensure that our nation's law firms are open and inclusive to all individuals."

ABA President Dennis W. Archer said: "I view the business community, and in particular corporate general counsels, working in tandem with government leaders, as key motivators to change the culture of the legal profession to match broader society."

The purpose of the EEOC study is to examine the employment status of women and people of color at law firms required to file EEO-1 "Employer Information Reports" breaking down the racial, ethnic, and gender composition of an

employers workforce by job classification. The research covers medium and large law firms - as only employers with 100 or more employees are required to file EEO-1 reports. Specifically, it examines changes in employment of people of color and women as attorneys since 1975. The full text of the study is available online at <http://www.eeoc.gov/stats/reports/diversitylaw/index.html>.

The study also looks at the relationship between firm characteristics and the employment of people of color and women. Results suggest that the most pressing equal employment issue in large national law firms is not longer hiring but conditions of employment, especially promotion to partnership. In smaller, regional and local law firms, questions about the fairness and openness of hiring practices probably still remain, particularly for lawyers of color. Other cited research suggests potential problems for women and people of color in attrition and earnings. The study supplements EEO-1 analyses with sample data and finds that women and people of color have lower odds of being partners than white males.

In addition to the gains of women and people of color in their representation among legal professionals at medium and large law firms, the study also shows:

Between 1982 and 2002, women receiving law degrees increased from 33% to 48.3%, African Americans from 4.2% to 7.2%, Hispanics from 2.3% to 5.7%, and Asians from 1.3% to 6.5%.

Legal professionals of color are likely to be associated with firms in the top ten legal markets (cities), and in firms ranked in the top 100 on the basis of prestige and/or earnings.

Large, nationally known law firms generally have a higher proportion of women and people of color than other types of law firms. There is also less variation in the proportion of women and people of color among these large, nationally known law firms.

Law firm characteristics such as size, number of offices, locations, prestige and earnings rankings appear to have more effect on the proportion of legal professionals of color than the proportion of women legal professionals. However, both the proportion of women and the proportion of people of color are significantly higher in firms with more offices.

During her speech to the ABA, Chair Dominguez also identified the following steps that law firms can take to increase the employment of women and people of color:

A greater focus on diversity in the recruitment and hiring process; increased mentoring and training opportunities; Addressing the pervasive problem of attrition, especially for women of color; Providing more management authority at the partner level; and Offering family-friendly policies and flexible work options;

Additionally, Chair Dominguez strongly encouraged law firms to provide more employment opportunities for lawyers with disabilities. "Misunderstandings about disability - from concerns about the cost of reasonable accommodations to unfounded fears about performance and reliability - have prevented many qualified lawyers with disabilities from even being considered for jobs with the legal profession," she said.

Further information about the Commission is available on its web site at www.eeoc.gov.

"Please Cast Your Vote For Me"

One of more than 600 young children in the Annual Baby and Children Pageant is Kayla Jackson. Isn't she a pretty little girl. She is asking for your votes. She is the grand daughter of Curtis and Rhonda Harris, 1720 East Amherst Avenue.

This annual event is being held on Sunday afternoon, November 23, 2003, beginning at 1:00 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, 6624 IH-27.

Children in this pageant are newborns and up to age 7 years. This annual event is sponsored by Teen Publications.

"We're always excited about this event, as we are able to work with many of our young parents in the area," said Taylor Rudd, executive Director of Teen Publications.



Miss Pamela Moton to Give Concert

The Male Chorus of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will present Miss Pamela Moton in Concert on Sunday afternoon, November 9, 2003, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Members of the Male Chorus will also be sponsoring a Paw Rally during the Concert. The church is located at 2202 Southeast Drive.

Miss Moton, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Billy R. Moton of New Hope Baptist Church, is a graduate of Escobedo High School. She is also a licensed cosmetologist since 2000. She is a member of the



Praise and Worship Team at New Hope Baptist Church where she is leader.

Miss Moton is Youth Choir and Inspiration Choir director at New Hope. Employed at Covenant Health System, she is also a member of the Intercessory Prayer Team, Koinonia Bible Study and Sunday School teacher.

"We are inviting the community to come and participate in this Concert and Paw Rally," said Brother Samuel Curtis.

Rev. Danny Poe is pastor.

"What a Night it Was For Ms. Wilson"

It was Tuesday evening, September 30, 2003 at Lowrey Field when retired Lubbock Independent School District Mary Jo Wilson, center, was the guest conductor at the 20th Annual LISD Band Extravaganza. She had 1,500 band students under her guidance for several selections.

Her son, Mark, left, and daughter, Melody, right, joined their mom for her special recognition at the event.

"What a night!" Ms. Wilson said. "I thank God for this opportunity."



Photos of Juneteenth Scholarship Banquet

Here are a few photos of those who attended the Juneteenth Scholarship Banquet held Saturday evening, October 18, 2003, at the University Medical Center's McInturf Conference Center.

Speaker of the evening was Mayor Anthony A. Williams of Washington, D.C. who delivered a dynamic message to those who were in attendance.

This event was sponsored by the Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Committee.



Community Meetings

• Lubbock Area Client Council Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center • Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00 pm, 1708 West 23rd Street • Dabur Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4pm • Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm • West Riders, Pina & Dan Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library • West Lubbock Chapter AARP, 1st Monday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St. • Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:00 pm, 1115 Market Center • Dabur Muslim Center Neighborhood Association Meeting, 1st Thursday 6:00 pm, 1101 East 27th Street (outreach office party house) • W. A. Jones, Native American Association for Black Digest on Thursday, meeting place for community members and on several Saturdays at even meetings, 2:00 pm, Educational programs on and off campus. • Rose Association, 1st and 3rd Thursday Community Meetings, 7:00 pm, 1115 Market Center • Pentecost Church, 1st and 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm • West Texas Southern Association, 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 • West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men, 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center • The Fellowship Community Center • The Fellowship Community Center • Cherry Point Neighborhood Association, 3rd Tuesday meeting of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

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

Community Meetings CO: Southwest Digest
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or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at
902 East 23rd Street

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Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

Play Clothes

Clothes with a sense of humor, you can have fun with fashion. Something striped, something bright, a beaded necklace or two.

Beautiful bright colors will add a touch of warmth and sunshine to this seasons cold, cloudy, dreary days. Take a favorite shade of yours, and wear several intensities at once. Be daring and impulsive. Ladies you can look great while you're playing, and at the same time expose your playful spirit.

It's fun time...Select clothes that's comfortable and fun to wear, jeans with stones and embroidery



designs...flare legs with front and side splits, tight fitting or loose, straight legs or cuffed.

Fun, Fun, Fun.

Blazers and jackets... Long, short and unconstructed, the idea is to be stylish and carefree. Bold patterns are extremely fashionable right now and stripes are to... DIE FOR!!

Tip... Always wear a smile Fashion...Just for the fun of it

2nd Building Dreams Banquet Set Here

Lubbock Interfaith Hospitality Network will host its 2nd annual "Building Dreams" luncheon November 20th, from noon to 1 PM. It is a free one-hour introduction to services provided to homeless families and their children.

It will be held at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in their new "Estes Center" at 7102 Indiana Avenue on the west side of Indiana and 77th Street.

Volunteers and staff will explain how LIHN is restoring hope and the future of children who have experienced homelessness with their low-income, working parents. Local families who have progressed from homelessness to having their own place through services at LIHN will discuss their experiences by video.

Call 744-5035 for reservations. Pledge cards will be available.



CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

The members of First Progressive Baptist Church, 4201 East 63rd Street, are sponsoring a Revival from November 6, 7, & 8, 2003, with each service beginning at 7:30 p.m. Guest evangelist will be Minister DeChard Freeman, a 21 year old Youth Pastor of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church of Austin, Texas where Rev. A. W. Anthony Mays is pastor.

Rev. Homer Avery is pastor of First Progressive Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.

The Male Chorus of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will sponsor a Pew Rally with guest singer, Ms. Pam Moton, who will be in concert. This program will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, November 9, 2003.

Rev. Danny Poe is host

pastor. Rev. Danny Poe, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, presided over his last Sunday in this Conference Year. Guest speaker for the services was Presiding Elder Johnny Ray Mitchell of the Northwest District delivering morning sermon. His subject was "You Don't Have To Stay Where You Are!" His scripture text was St. John 5:1-8. Presiding Elder Mitchell encouraged all members of the church to get involved.

His wife, Rev. Delorse Mitchell, was present in the church services.

The Rev. Ella McDonald will be guest minister at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday morning, November 9, 2003, in the Cornucopia Celebration, horn of plenty.

The New Hope Baptist Church Family celebrated their Pastor and Family's 14th Appreciation Services

last Sunday afternoon, November 2, 2003. It was a wonderful celebration.

The Women In Crimson and Silver Banquet will be held Friday evening, December 5, 2003, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at University Medical Center McInturff Center. For ticket information, contact either President Joan Y. Ervin or Sister Marjorie Thomas.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church. After the morning praise services, Rev. Cheryl Martin read the morning scripture. Rev. Audrey Brickery offered the morning prayer. One of the selections sung last Sunday morning by the New Hope Choir was "Praise In The House Today."

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Floyzell Bell, who was the former pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church. His subject was

"God Can Handle It!" His scripture text was St. Luke 18:27.

Announcements of the morning were read by Sister Lottie Barrow. Sister Cleothia Quigley welcomed all visitors to New Hope Baptist Church.

Let us all whisper a prayer for those who are sick and shut-in. Among those on the sick list this week include Brother Virgil Johnson, who is a patient at Covenant Hospital.

Don't forget to pray for Brother Harry Stokley who is a patient in CICU at Covenant Hospital.

Sister Bobbie Patterson is recuperating nicely after surgery. She is able to drive, and is most thankful of all the prayers form her well wishers. God is able.

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WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS
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ISAIAH 55:6,7, SEEK YOU THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND, CALL UPON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR: LET THE WICKED FORSAKE HIS WAYS, AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS THOUGHTS: AND LET HIM RETURN UNTO THE LORD, AND HE WILL HAVE MERCY UPON HIM; AND TO OUR GOD, FOR HE WILL ABUNDANTLY PARDON.

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WITH WHAT IS CALLED, BIG PROBLEMS OF TODAY, THEY'RE NOW COMMITTING SUICIDE, NOW BLACKS, SAY: THAT IS THE ONLY WAY.

JOHN 14:6, JESUS SAID, I AM THE ONLY WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME.

PEOPLE DON'T KNOW, EVERY PROBLEM HAS AN ANSWER, AND JESUS IS NOT HARD TO FIND THEY NEED TO TALK WITH HIM, AND HE WILL GIVE THEM PEACE OF MIND.

MATTHEW 11:28-30, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YOU THAT LABOUR (WEARY) AND ARE HEAVY LADEN (OPPRESSED), AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST, TAKE MY YOKE (THE BIBLE) UPON YOU, AND LEAN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART, AND YOU SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.

ALL MEN NEED TO HUMBLE THEMSELVES; GET ON THEIR KNEES AND PRAY, GOD IS THE GOD FOR THIS WORLD; AND HE KNOWS EVERY WORD YOU WILL SAY.

JEREMIAH 23:23,24, THE LORD SAID, AM I A GOD AT HAND, AND NOT A GOD AFAR OFF? CAN ANY HIDE HIMSELF IN A SECRET PLACES THAT I SHALL NOT SEE HIM? SAID THE LORD, DO I NOT FILL HEAVEN AND EARTH?

MAN CAN SAY, YAK'AA, YHHG'PIHH; SPEAKING IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUES, GOD KNOW THE HEART OF ALL MEN; HE KNOWS WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.

1 SAMUEL 16:7b, FOR THE LORD SEETH NOT AS MAN SEETH; FOR MAN LOOKETH ON THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE, BUT THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART.

ANY DON'T KNOW JESUS; THE ONLY DOCTOR KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

HE IS YET SOLVING PROBLEMS; FOR MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS.

JOHN 3:17, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON (JESUS) INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.

MANY PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD ARE LOST, THINKING THEY ARE ALL ALONG, THEY'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT JESUS; SETTING AT THE RIGHT OF GOD'S THRONE!!!

HEBREWS 4:16, LET US THEREFORE COME BOLDLY UNTO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY, AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.

IN THIS OLD WORLD'S HOG PEN; PEOPLE SAY: THEIR LIFE IS SO HARD, BUT THE WAY OUT OF IT IS; HUMBLE YOURSELF; AND HAVE A TALK WITH GOD.

I'M JUST A NOBODY, TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY, ABOUT SOMEBODY, WHO DIED ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY, FOR EVERYBODY!

ISAIAH 1:18, COME NOW, AND LET US REASON TOGETHER, SAID THE LORD; THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET, THEY SHALL BE AS WHITE AS SNOW; THOUGH THEY BE RED LIKE CRIMSON, THEY SHALL BE AS WOOL.

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



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Political Rape

When one thinks of rape, the mind usually locks into a negative sexual connotation that is physically acted out by a person with subhuman behavior. In defining rape from a criminology posture it means sexual intercourse without consent and accomplished through force, threats of violence or intimidation. Any sexual intercourse with a child is rape and in most states sexual relations even with consent involving a girl 14 to 18 is "statutory rape," on the basis that the female is unable to give consent.

Date Rape is a case of rape which happens during a date or social event in which the attacker is already known to the person who is attacked.

Gang Rape is a case of rape

when a group of men uses violence or threatening behavior to force a woman to have sex with all of them. The Washington Post reported that this form of rape "has been so violent, so systematic, so common in eastern Congo during the country's five years of war that thousand of the women are suffering from vaginal fistulas, leaving them unable to control bodily functions and enduring ostracism and the threat of debilitating lifelong health problems."

There is a form of rape called "marital." Marital rape can be defined as unwanted intercourse or penetration obtained by force, threats of force, or when the wife is unable to consent.

There is another meaning that conveys rape. This meaning defines rape as the violent, destructive, or abusive treatment of something.

Each sense of "rape" involves obtaining by force. Rape is essentially an act of power and dominance. From this light one can add to the senses that of "Political Rape."

Many editorials and "letters to the editor" in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal express the destructive and abusive handling of the Texas Redistricting process as it related to West Texas. The Associated Press had brought attention to the issue of Texas Redistricting. This writer has echoed the voice of the people and the pain that they feel from the "Political Rape" of West Texas by U. S. House Majority Leader, Tom DeLay; Governor Rick Perry; Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, House Speaker, Tom Craddick of Midland; Senator Todd Staples of Palestine, and the gang that "political rape" their own "party members" in West Texas. Many

West Texans, including this writer, should feel violated and like the Prodigal Son, we must "come to ourselves" election day!

To add insults to injury, Governor Rick Perry has vowed \$2 million for a new El Paso's Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. He claimed he found the \$2 million to help fund startup costs and faulty salaries for this new Medical School. This is supposed to be a soothing salve for West Texas Mexicans and elite professional whites who he and is Congo like gangs, has just "politically rape." They are supposed to smile and walk straight for the next ten years as if nothing has happened.

It appears that West Texas are going to have to vote for the WOMAN and not the party's favorite male.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the home of Sister Annie McBride last Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Opening devotion was led by Sister Christene Burleson, vice president, who read the scripture. Prayer was given by Sister Virlene Carroll. A solo, "When I've Done The Best I Can, I Want My Crown," was sung by Sister Annie Day. It was a job well done. Several testimonies were given by all ladies present. That strengthens our faith.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Elnora Jones. She spoke on the 23rd Psalm.

God refreshes his people with his quiet voice and gentle touch.

The 23rd Psalm is a Psalm of trust. This means we can trust God to meet all our needs. He said in the scripture he will supply all our needs according to his riches. David has no fear or concern for the Lord is shepherd. This Psalm of trust pre-

sents David in two ways. One hand he is the sheep whose shepherd is the Lord. Jesus speaks of himself as the good shepherd whose flock trusts in him. John 10. David had been a shepherd from youth. He had a description of the Lord as shepherd extending his mercy to all.

He maketh me lie down in green pasture. Any disturbance or intruder scares the sheep. They are very fearful animals and cannot lie down unless they feel totally secure. God gives to his people still waters; sheep are afraid of fast flowing streams. God's provision of still waters has waters has a soothing effect and calms the sheep.

He restores my soul. God refreshes his people with his quiet voice and gentle touch. For this reason, the sheep knows the shepherd and are known by him. John 10:14.

For his name sake - There is no other name given where by men can be saved. The valley of

the shallow of death. This can refer to any distressing time in our lives. This can include sickness, trials and hardships. But the Lord our Protector, can lead us through these dark and difficult valleys to eternal life with him. There is no need to fear death's power. I Corinthians 15:25-27. You are with me. The good shepherd is with us even in what seems the most difficult and troubling situations.

Your rod and staff, they comfort me. The rod and staff was used to rescue, protect, and guide the sheep. Thus, they became symbols of the good shepherd's loving care over the flock. The sheep are not along, their shepherd is standing over them, guiding them into safety. Just as the Lord stands over us and protects us.

He prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies. God's provision is so luxurious. It is as though He has prepared a banquet.

He anointed my head with oil, my cup runneth over. This represents God's provision is abundant, as the wine offered to a guest by a generous host, which indicates the loving care God has for his people.

I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. God's promise for the Israelites was not just for the enjoyment of this life in the land of promise. It was also for the full enjoyment of the life to come in his blessed presence. Psalm 16:9-11.

If the Lord is your shepherd, you have everything you need. Thanks, Sister Jones for this powerful word. God is the answer to everything you need. Keep those drive by prayers going.

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

St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, November 2, 2003, services were great at St. Matthew Baptist Church. The day began with Sunday Schools. The morning lesson was taught by Rev. Sis. Nina Davis, who did an outstanding job. The review of the morning lesson was done by Pastor Edward Canady.

The morning worship hour began with the morning devotional at 11:15 a. m.

Rev. Canady delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Live A Righteous Life." His scripture text was Acts 23:1. What a wonderful and inspiring message.

Pastor Canady received word early Monday morning/ November 3, 2003, of the death of his sister in Victorville, California. Funeral services are pending at this report. More on this next week.

Pastor Canady and members of St. Matthew Baptist Church fellowshiped with Bethel Baptist Church of Abernathy, Texas last Sunday afternoon. It was the Church, 58th Church Anniversary, Rev. W.R. Bolton, Jr. is their proud pastor.

Pastor Canady delivered the anniversary sermon. His subject was "What Is Your Custom." The scripture was St. Luke 4:16. It was a wonderful sermon.

Thought For The Week: "The more you look at temptation, the better it looks."

Minister Freeman in Revival at First Progressive Church

Minister DeChard Freeman, a 21 year old Youth Pastor at Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, will be the evangelist for a Revival at First Progressive Baptist Church where Rev. Homer L. Avery is pastor. The Revival will be held November 6, Thursday; 7, Friday and 8, Saturday, 2003. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Minister Freeman acknowledged his call to the preaching ministry at the age of 8, and preached his first sermon February, 1991. Minister Freeman received a License of Certificate as a "Gospel Preacher" July, 1996, and was ordained August 12, 2001, upon being appointed as Youth Pastor at Mt. Sinai. From July, 1999 until August 2001. He also served as Youth Pastor for St. Matthew Baptist Church in Washington, Texas where Rev. Robert L. Marshall is pastor.

Minister Freeman is a first semester senior at Huston-Tillotson college in Austin. He is a psychology major and completed his freshman and sophomore years with honors. At Huston-Tillotson, he serves as Acting Assistant Chaplain, and President of Campus Ministry Council.

In addition to his responsibilities and activities at Mt. Sinai and Huston-Tillotson, Minister Freeman is also active on the National, State, District and local levels in the following capacities: Devotion Leader - National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. - National Youth & Children's Convention of America;

President - Youth Department, Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas;

Immediate Past President - Youth Department, St. John

Regular Baptist Association

Organizer/President - Young Minister's Fellowship (Y.M.F.);

Member and one of the Founders - "No Weapon" Gospel

Group; and

Member - Gospel Music Workshop of America Youth Choir

- Austin Chapter.

As a Youth Pastor, Minister Freeman says: "I like having the opportunity to influence and help young people for the cause of Christ and sees my greatest challenge as being that of being exposed to many serious issues at a young age."

Minister Freeman plans to attend Seminary upon graduation from Huston-Tillotson.



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Stenholm Criticizes Inadquate Funding for Veterans Health

House Approves \$87 Billion Additional War Funding. Minus \$1.3 Billion For Vets

Washington, D. C. - Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) today said he is deeply disappointed that the Republican leadership stripped out \$1.3 billion in emergency funding for veterans' health care from the \$87 billion War Supplemental Spending Bill shortly before it was considered for final approval late last night. The veterans' health care spending was added by the U. S. Senate to help cover the \$1.8 billion gap in the Veterans Administration's (VA) health care budget.

"In the budget resolution we passed last spring, we promised our veterans enough money for a quality health care system, but now that it's time to follow through on that promise, we're leaving them nearly two billion dollars short," Stenholm said. "It's time to live up to our promises and provide the VA with the money it needs to take care of the men and women who sacrificed so much to defend our nation. Soldiers live by the creed that no one is left behind in the field of battle. We must make it our creed that no veteran will be left behind when it comes to how our nation repays the debts we owe these brave men and women. This must be our sacred obligation as Americans."

Earlier this month, Stenholm joined an overwhelming bipartisan majority of the U.S. House of Representatives to express support for the Senate provision that would add funding for veterans' health care (Roll call vote 567; October 21, 2003). Despite broad support of this provision, Congressional negotiators

agreed to strip the funding from the War Supplemental Spending Bill in response to opposition by the Bush Administration. Bush officials had indicated they would recommend the President veto the bill if it included the Senate provision providing additional funding for veterans' health care.

The Fiscal Year 2004 federal budget promised \$1.8 billion more than Congress has approved for veterans' health care so far this year. That significant gap, which the Senate provision was intended to help over, means the waiting list of veterans seeking treatment will grow even longer.

"It's easy to forget that VA health care affects more than older veterans, who served our country many years ago," Stenholm said. "The health care of our young veterans who are overseas today is at stake because when they come home they will be our new generation of American veterans. Currently thousands of veterans are waiting six months or longer to see a doctor. We have to fix this for our current veterans and for those right now putting their lives on the line in Iraq."

The VA operates the nation's largest health care system, providing medical services to 4.9 million veterans in 2003. However, the VA healthcare system has been chronically under-funded, resulting in long delays for medical service.

According to the VA, as many as 310,000 veterans are on waiting lists for medical care, with many of those veterans waiting as much as six months for an appointment. Though resources are already stretched thin, the VA has proposed closing additional hospitals and other medical facilities in the months to

come in order to help close the budget shortfalls facing the VA health system.

Despite Stenholm's concerns that the War Supplemental Spending Bill shortchanges our veterans, he voted for this legislation (Roll call vote 601; Yeas 298 Nays 121) late last night because it contains funds that support our troops' hazardous duties overseas. "I am deeply troubled by the degree to which this bill fails our veterans, but we have to give our men and women in uniform the funds they need each day they are away from home," Stenholm said.

In addition, Stenholm recently voted for H.R. 3365, which would increase the Military Death Gratuity for families of troops killed in the line of duty from \$6,000 to \$12,000. The measure also makes the entire death gratuity tax exempt.

"I strongly support giving our men and women in uniform all the resources they need to do their jobs," Stenholm said, "but we also must take care of our soldiers' families if tragedy strikes. We owe it to our men and women in uniform to look out for their families when they no longer can."

The death gratuity is only one portion of the multilayer benefit package available to soldiers' families. The death gratuity is a lump sum payment intended to provide cash quickly to a service member's survivors in order to help them meet immediate needs. It is payable to the surviving spouse of the service member, or to the children of the service member in equal shares if there is no spouse.

H.R. 3365 received unanimous approval by the House of Representatives. It now is up to the U. S. Senate to consider similar legislation.

Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Question: What is the difference between grace and mercy?

Answer: Before I answer the question, let me say a great big AMEN to God for both grace and mercy. Without these two wonderful blessings we all would be hell bound and hell deserving.

This question will be answered from the view-point of salvation. Obviously grace and mercy one has been saved, that person has received grace and mercy. Paul tells us that faith introduces us to grace. "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand and we exult in hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:1,2). To make sure that we understand the depth of His love for us God gives us his mercy "But God, being rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heav-

enly places, in Christ Jesus, in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:4-7).

God saved us by grace. It is the free gift of God (Romans 3:24). He withheld the punishment of eternal torment in hell for those who love Him and obey Him. He wants us to be with Him in glory forever. Thank God for grace and mercy. May His grace and mercy give you strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Grace and peace,
Gerald P. Jackson

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Army & Air Force Hometown News

Jason R. Campbell has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

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Campbell is a student at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

He is the son of Mary E. and stepson of Gary W. Solesbee of 77th St., Lubbock.

The cadet is a 1999 graduate of Trinity Christian High School, Lubbock.

Army Reserve Pvt. Molly F. Kizziah has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradi-

tion and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle, marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice

system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Kizziah's parents are Keith and Jo R. Kizziah of 93rd St., Lubbock, Texas.

The soldier graduated in 2003 from Monterey High School, Lubbock.



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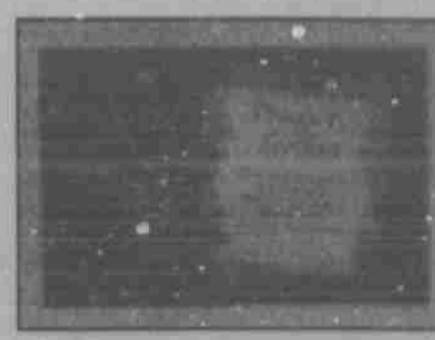
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What You Do Speak So Loud, I Can't Hear A Word You Say! by Eddie P. Richardson

a few others, to set the tone for it. We need love. Johnny come lones claiming credit. Not so!

This writer can go back over 20 years with the sleeping dream with Ed De August, Benson, Len Chess, an Oscar Earl Masters and Dr. George T.S. Berg, and others. This writer was once told by the then City Planner Jim Bertoin that time is everything. "When timing is right, it will happen," said Bertoin. He was probably the first to see the potential. As time would have it, J.J. Patterson was elected, and once he saw the potential, he became the vocal, active drum major and torch bearer. The dream is now becoming a reality. Now we have United Supermarkets, Family Dollar, Sonic Drive In, upcoming Williams Chicken, and many other ventures are looking and heading East. This is only the beginning.

Now that things are beginning to happen in East Lubbock, we have a lot of initial leaders popping up. One piece of advice to take heed to: "You can't teach what you don't know, and can't lead where you don't go. You can't be an elevator leader. You must make the stairs and not the elevator. You can't be a good leader if you are not a good follower. You must know what you are doing."

The site Harold M. Chitman would always say: "You have to pay some dues." What this writer is seeing now is people wanting to come to the victory dinner and

sit at the head table and shine, but won't go to the battlefield and get bloody and muddy.

You can be or do anything you want to if you are willing to WORK. AL-IF-AND-ONLY-THE-PRICE... which is not seen much these days. It appears as if everyone wants to take a short cut. You can if you any you can and thank you can. Some years back, we brought the late Dr. Leon Sullivan to town. He was the founder and director of the Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), a well known job training program. Everyone was saying this was impossible to be accomplished. Even the late Chas. A. Guy, then editor of the Avanti Journal, told this writer he had traveled all over the world trying to bring Mr. Sullivan to Lubbock. We did accomplish this feat.

Recently, we had a like experience with Mayor Anthony A. Williams of Washington, D.C. People were saying "You can't get him!" "He will not come!" "They are lying!" He came! The key was that City Councilman T.J. Patterson had contact.

This writer followed up from May, 2003 until two days before his arrival to Lubbock. You have to believe. Have faith, and do each one of them. Keep in mind, what seems impossible can become successful. Everyone's creed should be: "If it's to be, it's up to me!" Nur Sedd' Why not?

While mayors are saying it can't, it won't, it's not going to happen, etc. It is happening all along all around. Example: The eastern quadrant of Lubbock, with the largest parcels of land in Lubbock, with the most undeveloped and less populated parcels of all the City Council Districts in the City of Lubbock.

East Lubbock or "over there," as it has been called for decades, but has always believed it could move up the area of development. It has been the best kept secret in town. This has happened because of past commissions and neglect. This is now the area with the most potential in Lubbock.

Look at Parkway Drive, from N. on Miller King Blvd. Now this was not an overnight development. It took over 20 years for this to come to pass by working with the then engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation who has long retired. He worked with this writer/councilman but not then, T.J. Patterson, J.W. McCallery, the late Dan Knox, and

THIS N THAT

THANKS, DR. HEENAN JOHNSON: THIS N THAT ... observed the members of the ... BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ... thank one of their church members ... DR. HEENAN JOHNSON ... for his work on the ... NORTH EAST LDBBOCK COMMISSION ... for what has begun to happen since this commission began its work last year. At this time ... Lubbock City Council has voted to spend ... \$166,000.00 ... to do a feasibility study in these areas of the city which should be completed in about sixteen months ... and ... with two persons being considered for the ... EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ... post for this commission. If you take a look at what is going on ... one can see some very positive things happening in ... EAST LDBBOCK. THIS N THAT ... has learned of one of our ... BLACK ORGANIZATIONS ... are in the business of purchasing some land in this area of Lubbock. Now this is a very ... GOOD OMEN ... when we see those in the area begin to take advantage of some land developing. THIS N THAT ... is just happy over the developments in the East Lubbock area ... and for all of you who are still not excited about what is going on ... all we can SHfi say is ... TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHAT IS OUT THERE IN EAST LUBBOCK.

WILLIAMS CHICKEN ON SCHEDULE! THIS N THAT ... was glad to see the development of the constructing of the upcoming business ... WILLIAMS CHICKEN ... which will be located at ... EAST 5TH STREET & IDALOU ROAD. It's looking real good in this area ... Even those old cars on Idalou Road have been ticketed ... and it is a good omen of what is going to take place in this area of the city. It's just good to see these things happening in our community.

NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS! THIS N THAT ... has learned of a program ... sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) ... to allow local organizations to ... ADOPT A MHIHIGHWAY ... that is ... within the City of Lubbock. It has been learned that one organization in the East Lubbock community ... CHERRY POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ... has been asked to participate in this program ... which will be held on ... PARKWAY DRIVE ... Also ... THIS N THAT ... has learned that the ... HUB CITY - KLANWANIS CLUB ... has been asked to participate ... Word also comes that the ... YOUNG PEOPLE ... of Estacado High School ... may want to participate. Who knows ... maybe the ... DUNBAR/MANHATTAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ... may want to participate. Even the ... YOUTH COUNCIL ... of the City of Lubbock ... may participate. For those organizations who will participate ... the name of their organization will appear on a marker on the Parkway Drive area. This should be a very good opportunity of any organization who is concerned about enhancing their city and community. More on this in the near future.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: 'EAST LUBBOCK ... the beginning doesn't mean a ... THING ... it is the ... END ... that is that ... REALLY COUNTS ... and we can see it happening.'

DID JA KNOW? THIS N THAT ... is wondering if you knew this piece of U.S. History. Did you know that every ... DEMOCRAT ... that has become ... U.S. President ... since 1963 ... has been from the South. Those U.S. Presidents were ... LYNDON B. JOHNSON, JIMMY CARTER, BILL CLINTON ... and even ... AL GORE ... received more popular votes than sitting U.S. President ... GEORGE W. BUSH.



In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

It has long been the consensus of opinion in America that the purpose of higher education is to help young people with a desire to be upward mobile, to make the necessary preparation for the movement. The world has changed and so has higher education. It still has in place the mechanism for achieving its goals, but the social and academic climate have become more hostile for the average American youth.

One of the greatest obstacles to getting a college education is the monetary cost. Most students have to plan way ahead to search out scholarships and grants to help to foster their education. Many students have to resort to educational loans to achieve their goals. Students may expect to borrow an average of \$12,000, per year for tuition, room and board, books, etc. if they reside on a college campus. Once over the monetary obstacle, students must be prepared to try to learn what is offered to them in large rooms with large impersonal classes, often with a professor or instructor who does not speak English very well. Some will make an effort to give written assignments which can be followed easily and others will not bother to do so. Too often, they will not meet their classes and give their students long reading assignments and only schedule dates for course tests.

When students are expected to pass a test when they have not been given any instructions except to read or write or do some research project, it is often the kind of situations where students engage in some way to cheat in order to pass the classes. Instead of learning how to be honest and morally mature, they learn how to 'get over.'

Too often, learning how to 'get over' becomes the way of life for many students. They 'get over' academically and then they master the social scene. Students who attempt to honestly learn their subject matter and follow school rules and regulations are often abused by their fellow 'getting over' schoolmates. They put these normal, regular students on absurd and weird lists as campus freaks and post them in conspicuous places because they do not buy into the illegal, immoral and often dangerous activities which are present on too many college campuses.

On the other side of the coin, there will be professors and instructors who will go out of their way to have time and take time to try to help students become all that they can be. They, too often are the target of disrespect and abuse by those who 'get over.' Aside from abusing instructors, these students are the bearers of ill will toward other colleges. They create and maintain bitter rivalries which too often result in the destruction of property and lives. It is time that colleges get 'in cinque' and take inventory of the elements which exist on campuses that mar the social mental and academic climates of institutions of higher learning.



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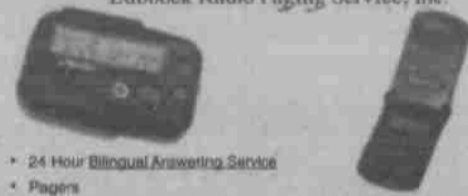
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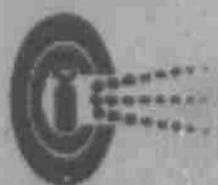
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