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State News

'It Has Been My Pleasure'

The following is Representative Combest's final Weekly Column

It has been my greatest pleasure to serve you in Congress, and I sincerely thank you for your support throughout the past 18 years.

Making decisions on behalf of one other person is a daunting responsibility, much less doing it for hundreds of thousands of people. I have never lost sight of that tremendous responsibility as I went about the work of representing the interests of West Texans in the U.S. House of Representatives. Since I was sworn into office in 1985, there have been many issues in which it has been essential that our concerns be reflected in federal legislation.

The accomplishment of which I am most proud during my tenure in Congress is the Farm Bill which President George W. Bush signed into law last year. When other House Committee on Agriculture members and I began drafting a new Farm Bill three years ago, our farmers were struggling through one of the most severe economic depressions the agricultural industry has experienced since the Great Depression. Farmers needed what the previous Farm Bill lacked: a dependable safety net. I am very pleased the Farm Bill that I helped draft contains the safety net that farmers need during challenging economic times, and affords farmers the flexibility to better manage their farming operations. I believe the new Farm Bill will provide needed stability for our region for years to come.

Several other initiatives I pursued in Congress also should continue to benefit our area for years down the line.

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Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area Client Council Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center
- Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G.
- Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday-7:30
- Forgotten West Riders, 1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St.
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market 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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Lubbock, Texas 79408
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New Videotape Addresses School Age Children's Concerns About Stuttering

Stuttering is a frustrating and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on elementary school-age children.

Now some new help is available for parents, teachers, and speech-language pathologists at the City of Wolforth Library in Wolforth, Texas, in the form of a new videotape designed specifically to help school-age children who stutter.

"It's meant to give speech-language pathologists the tools they need to deal with stuttering in this age group, but it also offers good ideas for parents and teachers," said Professor Peter Ramig of the University of Colorado at Boulder. Ramig is one of five nationally recognized experts appearing in the video produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation.

The video features stu-

dents from first through sixth grade, some of whom talk about their experiences with stuttering. They talk openly about the teasing they face from classmates and how their stuttering sometimes makes them feel about themselves.

"We focus on demonstrating a variety of therapy strategies that are appropriate in working with children who stutter," adds Ramig. He appears in the video along with speech-language pathologists Barry Guitar, Ph.D., of the University of Vermont, Hugo H. Gregory, Ph.D., and June Campbell, M.A., of Northwestern University, and Patricia Zebrowski, P.D., of the University of Iowa.

These five experts answer questions about stuttering, refute myths and misconceptions, and present examples of therapy sessions showing

how stuttering can be reduced.

More than three million Americans stutter, yet stuttering remains misunderstood by most people," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Myths such as believing people who stutter are less intelligent or suffer from psychological problems still persist despite research refuting these erroneous beliefs."

The 38-minute video, entitled *Therapy in Action: The School-age Child Who Stutters*, is being distributed free of charge to public libraries nationwide. For more information about obtaining your own copy, contact the Stuttering Foundation, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 3811-0749 or call us toll free at 1-800-992-9392, or visit us at www.stutteringhelp.org.

MBC Chairman & CEO Transports Students to Luncheon in Style as Reward for FCAT Performance

PALM BEACH, FL - Prominent attorney and cable television executive Willie Gary made good on his promise to reward a group of Lake Worth High School students for doing well on the FCAT exam by transporting them by limousine to a literary luncheon at The Breakers.

In exchange for improving their reading skills on the FCAT exam, Gary arranged a limo ride for the students. It was not the first time Gary had shown his

Vaughn to encourage a group of middle school students to strive for perfect attendance during the week-long exam. As a result, more than 1,000 students took a field trip to watch Vaughn and the New York Mets play courtesy of The Gary Foundation.

"We are always trying to find ways to inspire these students to be the best they can be," Gary said. "In this case, we challenged the students to improve their scores. In the other example, we heard that a lot of the

won a \$500 million verdict against a Canadian funeral home company. In 2000, he won a \$240 million verdict against Disney when a jury found Disney stole the idea for a sports complex. And in 2001, Gary won \$139 million from Anheuser-Busch on behalf of the family of baseball great Roger Marts. Gary has also earned settlements of \$205 million, \$185 million and \$175 million on behalf of his clients.

Gary is also chairman &



support for Lake Worth High School. Previously, he served as a guest speaker during a breakfast honoring students with a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

Also, it was the second time this month that The Gary Foundation made good on a promise to inspire students to do well on the FCAT exam. Previously, Gary's son, Kenneth, who is president & CEO of The Gary Foundation, teamed with New York Mets slugger Mo

students at that school simply weren't showing up to take the test, so we gave them a reason to show up. In both cases, the schools saw significant gains in their test results and we like to think we played a small role in that."

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Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Committee Meets Each Thursday at Patterson Library

The members of the Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Committee meet each Thursday evening at the T.

committees: (from left to right, back row standing) Al Cavieil, John Wiseman, Gladys L. Diggs, Mary Webb and



J. Patterson Library, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The committee will present some very positive programs this year. The celebration will be from June 19 through 22, 2003. The parade will be held on Saturday morning, June 21st.

Here are some of the members who serve on various

Hilliary Hutchinson. Front row, left to right: Rose Wilson, Roberta Hightower and Eddie Richardson, local president. Seated in front is Deborah Hutchinson.

If you are interested in working with this committee or have any questions, call Richardson at (806) 762-3612.

Allen Chapel African American Episcopal Church Celebrates Sixty-First Anniversary Last Week

Snyder, Texas — With the theme of "We Can Do All Things Through Christ Which Strengthen Us," the members of Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church celebrated their Sixty-First Church Anniversary last Sunday afternoon, May 18, 2003.

Allen Chapel was organized on Wednesday, May 5, 1942, with a handful of dedicated Christians. Present at the celebration last Sunday afternoon was one of the organizers, Mrs. Bernice Williams. Her husband, Rev. Oddie B. Williams, would have been one of the organizers, but he had to work that day. The Williams have been married for sixty nine years.

Brother Clifford Collins gave the welcome. A response was given by Sister Ora Jean Keys of Bethel African

Methodist Episcopal Church of Lubbock. Sister Mattie Jackson gave a brief history of Allen Chapel. Among guest church who were in attendance were Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Lubbock. The Male Chorus of Bethel sung three selections.

Guest speaker of the afternoon was Rev. Eddie Williams, pastor of Sims Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Stamford, Texas. He was introduced by Rev. Jessie Benson, pastor of Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Pastor Benson thanked all for attending this festive event. "We just thank all of you for being with us," said Pastor Benson.

Dinner was served after the services.

Municipal Court to Change Hours of Operation

Effective June 3, the City of Lubbock Municipal Court will change its hours of operation for the Court cashiers. The new hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cashiers currently work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We're making this change to reduce our budget," said Judge Robert Doty. "This will eliminate overtime for

the cashiers."

Four cashiers work daily, and the windows are open during the lunch hour. "We want to remind citizens they can pay parking tickets online and they also can mail in their payments," said Doty. "We anticipate this change will cause minimum inconvenience once people get used to the new hours."

**COMMUNITY GUEST DAY SET AT
MLK, JR. SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**

The public is invited to attend a special "Community Guest Day" at the MLK Blvd. Seventh Day Adventist Church on Saturday morning, May 24, 2003 beginning at 11:00 a. m.

Special guest speaker will be Robby Roberts of Huntsville, Alabama. There will be other distinguished guest from the Lubbock community have been invited to participate.

Host pastor is Rev. James Roberts. The church is located at 1517 East 25th Street.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason.
We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

Head Bands Returns

Ladies remember the head bands, at one time they made such powerful statements, they are back, and this time around they are even more powerful.

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Some of the wider bands have small slits or



openings, giving you the option to pull your hair through for ponytails, plaits, braids or balls. HOW GREAT IS THAT!! There are so many different ways to wear the head bands.

So go ahead, be creative, what ever strikes your fancy!! REMEMBER IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU! HAVE FUN, AND LOOK GOOD.

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

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CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

Here we are still welcoming those of you who want to contribute to this column with news about your organization, church or club. We would be interested in those family members who are visiting the city on a vacation and even attending a meeting here.

Let us hear from you by writing and submitting your information to the following address: Chatman Hill Corner, Attn: Clarissa Jay, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

We will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Let us remember to whisper a prayer for those who are sick and shut-in. Don't forget those who have lost loved ones. God is able!

The Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Committee meets each Thursday evening at the T. J. Patterson Library. The meeting begins at 7:00 p. m. each week. For those of you who are young ladies, who are either a ninth grader through twelfth grader, there is an opportunity for you to enter the Miss Juneteenth Pageant. Deadline to sign up for this event is Friday, May 23, 2003. First place winner will receive a \$500.00 scholarship; second place, \$300.00 scholarship and third place, \$200.00. For more information, call Gladys Diggs at (806) 472-3460.

Get ready for becoming a participant in this year's Juneteenth Parade which will be held on Saturday morning, June 21, 2003, beginning at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Eddie Richardson at (806) 762-3612.

The Male Chorus of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church traveled to Snyder, Texas to sing in the 61st Church Anniversary of Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church which was established May 5, 1942. The present pastor is Rev. Jesse Benson, Rev. Eddie Williams, pastor of Sims Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Stanford, Texas, was guest speaker.

The Juneteenth Celebration will also include a volleyball tournament. Can you play volleyball? If you can, then you should get a team together and participate in it. Call Eddie Richardson for more information at (806) 762-3612.

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor. If you are still looking for a church home, then come and visit with the congregation of New Hope. Take time to visit with Pastor Moton. You will be glad you did so.

Services began last Sunday with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m. with all teachers at their post of duty. All students received thirty minutes of instruction, and marched with their teachers to the main auditorium at 10:15 a. m. Upon arrival, prayer was done. There was discussion of the high points of the morning Sunday School lesson.

The Senior Choir marched in the procession. Altar prayer was offered. After the singing of a selection by the choir, the morning prayer was given by Rev. Charles Wilson. The morning scripture was read by Rev. Cheryl Martin.

Pastor Moton gave his weekly pastoral observations. He delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "Neighbor, I Just Can't Keep It To Myself." His scripture text was St. Mark 30:31-37.

After an invitation to discipleship was extended, the morning announcements were read by Sister Winnie Jackson. All visitors were welcomed by Brother Virgil Johnson.

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Once completed, the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor will establish our area as a major trade route between Mexico and Canada. I believe that this will prove to be one of the most important and longest-lasting boosts to our area. I also am proud to have played a role in repeatedly securing important funding - more than \$25 million since 1998 - for the important research projects being conducted at Reese Technology Center. The Institute of Environmental and Human Health's research on the effects of toxic chemicals on human health and the environment will improve clean-up strategies for hazardous waste on military

installations. I also believe that the cutting-edge research conducted by the Zumwalt Program for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats - research which began before September 11, 2001 - is vital to the continued security of our nation.

I also was pleased to help secure critical funding to start the oil field worker training program. This program, which Midland College and Odessa College help administer, is important to help ensure that our oil field workers are well-trained, and prepared for tomorrow's challenges. This program has already achieved successes, and I know it will continue to be an important service for our community in the future.

Some of the work in which I took the most pride during my tenure in Congress was helping constituents on a personal level. Some of the problems which are most important in people's lives require the assistance of government to resolve, whether it is securing visas for loved ones, or receiving Social Security payments which are owed. Given the complexity of the federal government, citizens may need assistance in cutting through bureaucratic red tape and an advocate on their side in government to ensure that their problems are resolved. The times I was able to be the advocate that West Texans needed to achieve resolutions to problems important in their lives will stay with me long after I retire.

Being a U.S. Congressman gave me the opportunity to help many people, and it also gave me the opportunity to learn more about our communities. From our region's rich and storied beginning, it has always been the people that make West Texas the place we cherish. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you over the years.

I am thankful to be returning home to my friends in West Texas. I am grateful to the many people who wanted me to represent them in Congress. I am very satisfied with the part I played in being your voice on the federal level over the past 18 years, and I hope you feel I performed that job well.

'Giant Killer' Gary Headlines Washington Bar Association Legal Fund's Annual Law Day Dinner

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 9, 2003) - Prominent attorney and cable television executive Willie E. Gary served as the keynote speaker during the Washington Bar Association Legal Fund's annual Law Day Dinner to raise money for scholarships in Washington, D.C.

Gary, who is best known for taking on and defeating some of America's most powerful corporations on behalf of clients who have been wronged, spoke of education and a 'refuse to be denied' approach that has helped him win billions of dollars on behalf of his clients.

"This is why we will work our fingers to the bone

to put ourselves in a position to win on behalf of our clients," Gary said. "These people come to us and they entrust us with their lives. They are counting on us to come through on their behalf and, to be quite honest, we will because we refuse to be denied."

"But it starts with education. Your presence here tonight is telling young people everywhere that you care. When I was younger I was told I wasn't college material.... But I refused to be denied and somewhere along the way someone opened a door for me. And tonight, just by your presence here you are helping to hold that

same door open for someone else to walk through."

The event helped raise money to send four students to law school, while also paying tribute to Joseph H. Hairston, treasurer emeritus of the National Bar Association and the Washington Bar Association, with the Charles Hamilton Houston Medallion of Merit.

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this newspaper for future upcoming events occurring in the neighborhood.

EMMA Jackson, president; Sandra Dailey, secretary; Minnie Bunton, treasurer; and Elurd Devenport, reporter.

Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association News Briefs

Honor and greetings were the order of the day on Saturday, May 10, 2003, when ladies from the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association presented senior shut-in mothers with a flower and Happy Mother's Day wishes. At the same time, newcomers to the neighborhood were also greeted and presented tokens of welcome.

The Association were made aware, however, that some new families and shut-in mothers were missed unintentional. We apologize and would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the

Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood, and a belated Happy Mothers Day wishes to shut-in mothers.

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REVELATION 2:7a, JESUS SAID, HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

WITH THE WORLD DYING AROUND US, AND WE CAN SEE THE SIGNS OF TIME; THE TIME FOR THE LORD'S RETURN IS NEAR; PEOPLE ARE OUT OF THEIR MINDS.

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

THE PREACHERS ARE PLAYING CHURCH; AND SOULS IS NOT THEIR CONCERN, HE IS PLAYING WITH SOULS; AND THE MONEY IS HIS BIGGEST CONCERN!!!

MATTHEW 28:19, JESUS SAID, GO YE THEREFORE, AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.

THE PREACHERS ARE PLEADING THE PEOPLE; NOT SPEAKING AGAINST SIN, HE ONLY WANTS THE TITHES AND OFFERING; AND NOT TO BE BORN AGAIN.

LUKE 12:54-56, JESUS SAID, WHEN YOU SEE A CLOUD RISE OUT OF THE WEST, STRAIGHTWAY YOU SAY, THERE COMES A SHOWER; AND SO IT IS, AND WHEN YOU SEE THE SOUTH WIND BLOW, YOU SAY, THERE WILL BE HEAT; AND IT COME TO PASS, YOU HYPOCRITES, YOU CAN DISCERN THE FACE OF THE SKY AND OF THE EARTH; BUT HOW IS IT THAT YOU DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME.

THE PREACHERS HAVE HYPOCRITES; HOLDING POSITIONS IN THE CHURCH, AND HE KNOW THAT IT IS NOT RIGHT; AND THE WHOLE CHURCH IS HURT.

MALACHI 1:6a, THE LORD SAID, A SON HONORETH HIS FATHER, A SERVANT HIS MASTER; IF THIN I BE A FATHER, WHERE IS MINE HONOUR? AND IF I BE A MASTER, WHERE IS MY FEAR? SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS UNTO YOU O PRIESTS, THAT DESPISE MY NAME.

*****WILL THE PREACHERS ROB GOD?*****

PREACHERS WANT TO HAVE BIG CHURCHES; AND DON'T CARE HOW IT COMES, THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE WAYS OF GOD; AND HIS FEAR, THEY HAVE NONE!!

ISAIAH 55: A THE LORD SAID, FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOURS THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS.

(HERE IS WISDOM: PREACHERS; IF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WAS COMING TO YOUR CHURCH; AND SAID, IF ANYBODY IS HOLDING A OFFICE THAT IS NOT PROFESSING TO BE SAVED, AND SAID, HE WOULD TAKE THE CHURCHES TAX EXEMPT STATUS; AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO START PAYING TAXES!!! NOW HE SAID HE WILL BE COMING THIS SUNDAY, WOULD THAT PERSON BE IN

THAT POSITION? HELL NO; BECAUSE YOU FEAR THE PRESIDENT!!! AND YOU LOVE THE MONEY)

LUKE 20:25, JESUS SAID, RENDER (GIVE) THEREFORE UNTO CAESAR THE THINGS WHICH BE CAESAR'S, AND UNTO GOD THE THINGS WHICH BE GOD'S.

SOME PREACHERS ARE LIKE SAMSON; PLAYING WITH THE WITH SINFUL MAN, THEY KNOW GOD'S LAW; DEATH IS THE WAGES, FOR ALL MAN'S SINS.

LUKE 16:13, JESUS SAID, NO SERVANT CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS; FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE, AND LOVE THE OTHER; ELSE HE WILL HOLD TO THE ONE, AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAM'MON(MONEY). WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Actions Have Consequences

A telephone that continued to ring late in the night caused a father to break his slumber. He quickly got out of bed and answered. On the other end of the line was his runaway son who had no heard from for eighteen months. The tearful voice said, "Daddy, its me, Paul, Can I come home?"

A passage in Luke's Gospel (15:11-24) tells Jesus' parable about a prodigal son who wants to know "Can he come home?" The parable illustrates the rebellious of those who raise their hand, clinch their fist and shout out to God "Quit trying to tell me what to do God, I want to live my life my way and on my terms!" However, the story does more, it also explain the grace of a loving God who waits with opens arms to hear the word of sinners saying "Can I come home?"

From the story we glean a successful farmer who was also a family man had two sons. The

younger of the two made a request that was insulting to his father. He said, "Father, give me the portion of goods and that falleth to me." What the son was really saying was "Old man, give me what I'll get when you split planet earth, and let me get out of this organized jungle." According to the laws of the time, this inheritance probably would have equaled one-third of his father estate.

However, it was unusual for an inheritance to be distributed to the son before the death of the father.

The greed youth lived totally in the present tense; his goal in life was to have fun. The consequence of his action led to him losing all the resources for his future. The son hit rock bottom with a loud bang. He "spent all". Days of excessive spending and nights of debauchery quickly exhausted his resources.

Life has a peculiar way of bringing one to their knees while they believe they are the kings of the hill. In the case of the prodigal while he was having

fun with his future inheritance, "a mighty famine" struck the far country, making food and jobs even harder to come by. The young man began to experience want. So he exchanged his freedom for servant-hood as "he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country.

Unable to find any other means of support, the youth took a job feeding pigs. A religious Jews would never consider doing this. But dehumanized by starvation, the young man even thought about eating the pigs' food.

Alone, with all of his party friends gone, he who was once "the life of the party" found himself in a dire strait in the pignep of life he had time to think over the consequences of his actions.

Regret alone would not bring the son home. He had to get up and go. Regret involved both good intentions and positive actions.

The extreme degradation experienced by the young man when he reached the point of

wanting to eat with the pigs was more than counterbalance by the extreme hone he received when he return home.

The story of "the far country" is the landscape of rebellion. Rebellions begin as an attitude. Discontentment is one of Satan's most powerful weapons. Feeling trapped in a family, marriage, or job, the potential rebel begins to believe happiness lies elsewhere. Ego says, "Nobody appreciate me and consequently the decision and the trip to the far country.

Rebellion ends in ruin. When the promises made to God and other people are willfully broken, chaos results. The drug user's entertainment becomes a relentless chemical dependency. The promiscuous acquires AIDS and suffers loss of family. The rebel must understand that God's grace is available. Regardless of how far one has wandered, the heavenly Father's restoring love still reaches out. Rejoicing replaces despair when any rebel comes home to God the Father.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Lubbock, Can You Sleep???

This writer can't sleep. When I see our children being dumb down, and telling them they can't learn, teaching them how to use condoms before they can read. I can't sleep when I see our children riding in new cars downed in gold and have no jobs. I can't sleep when I can pass by some street corners; and see our boys selling drugs in the brood day light. I can't sleep when a crack house is on my street or I have to pass one going to my neighborhood.

I can't sleep when I drive out side of town, and run into prison systems that house mostly our children by the hundreds. I can't sleep when I go to the nursing

home and see our people ill treated. I can't sleep when I see our boys walking around with their pants below their "bottom" line and shouting four letter words, I can't sleep when I see my Christian Sisters and Brothers working hard on trying to bring down representatives of their fellow Christian Brothers and Sisters. I can't sleep when I see the system has so many of our small children in their hands; and hundreds out of control. Parents locked up or on drugs. I can't sleep when I think about what the word of God says: "We can do and what's not being done. I'm looking in the scripture where it says: "We shall receive power after the Holy Spirit comes upon us we

shall be affective witnesses, I've found we can move mountains! And whatever we bound on earth will be bound in heavea.

These signs shall follow them who believe. Read Mark 16:17-18, Christians, let's wake up, and grab the power that we have and walk by faith and not by sight. We will have to run now. Time is far spent. We have what it

takes to turn somethings around.

Thanks for reading, Precious Saints. Keep those drive by prayers going, and keep loving your neighbor. It's important, very important!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president and Sister Christene Burleson, vice president.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Intercessory Prayer 8:30am
Church School 9:30am
Morning Worship 10:50am
Evening Worship 6:00pm
Wednesday Bible Study
12:00 Noon and 6:00pm



"God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer,
Man Our Brother"
Pastor: Danny R. Poe

Poetry Contest Seeking Lubbock Entrants

The Talent Literary Guild is sponsoring an amateur poetry contest, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all, including a \$1,000.00 grand prize.

"We are delighted to sponsor this contest," says Thomas Grey, Poetry Director. "Poets deserve opportunities to exhibit their work and get recognition. We expect our contest to encourage new poets."

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 1257 Siskiyou Blvd, PMB 4, Ashland, OR 97520, you may also enter online at www.freecontest.com.

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. The deadline for entering is June 14, 2003. The editors reserve the right to publish the winning poems online. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

Ordination Services Held For Elder F. Knight Sunday, May 4th

The celebration of a Ministers Ordination Service was held for Elder F. Knight on Sunday afternoon, May 4, 2003, at the Plain Truth P. H. Church, 205 Shennan Avenue, with Bishop Curtis J. Slay, Presiding Prelate of the Texas Heritage Christian Conference presiding.



A welcome was given by Sister Debra Dobbins, District Missionary. Words of encouragement were given by Brother Hillary Hutchinson. Brother Rickey Horton brought forth a saxophone solo, entitled "Walk Around Heaven." A & B selections were given by The Golden Voices.

Guest speaker was Bishop Slay.

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Jimmie Edward Sneed

Dallas, Texas — Funeral services were held for Jimmie Edward Sneed on Saturday morning, May 10, 2003, at the Golden Gate Funeral Home with Pastor Rodney J. Lott officiating.

He was born June 10, 1933 to Tennie and Effie Sneed in Ida, Texas. At an early age, he joined St. Luke Baptist Church. After graduating from Kemp High School in Bryant, Texas, he moved to Lubbock, Texas, and was employed at the West Texas Hospital for ten years.

He moved to Dallas, Texas and was employed by the City of Dallas until he became ill.

He had three brothers and a sister to proceed him in death.

He leaves to mourn: three sisters, Reva Loud of Navasota, Texas, Gloria Kirkwood of Dallas, Texas, and Eva Cade of Lubbock, Texas; a son, Jimmie Sneed, Jr. of

Houston, Texas; a special friend and mother of son, Effie Jewel Jones of Houston, Texas; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great-nephews, other relatives and friends.

Honorary pallbearers were Johnny Abney, Jr. Curtis Palmer, Marcus Shipman, Kenneth Kirkwood, Arion Shipman, and Willie Sneed.

Active pallbearers were family members.

Interment was held in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Dallas, Texas, under the direction of Golden Gate Funeral Home.



Eveline Jones

Funeral services for Eveline Jones were held last Saturday morning, May 17, 2003, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Ossie Curry

Funeral Home.

Active pall bearers were Nathan Cage, Nathanile Cage, Jonathan Cage, Demoderick Jackson, James Jackson and Allan Wayne Jones.

Honorary pallbearers were Billy Jones, Lee Jones, Roy Lee Jones, Dewayne Jones, Victor Jones, and Kenneth Jones.

She passed away Sunday, May 11, 2003.

She was born to Lou's Jordan and Levina Garrett in Honey Grove, Texas on March 30, 1925. There she met and married Leroy Jones in 1940.

She moved with her family to Lubbock, Texas in 1952. She resided as a homemaker and a member of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church until her death.

Ms. Jones is survived by her husband, Leroy Jones of Lubbock, Texas; Margie Jefferson, Bobbye Gamble, Bettye Wynn, Kenneth Jones and Tracy Odour, all of Lubbock, Texas, Billy Jones, Lee Jones and Roy Jones, all of Houston, Texas, Clemmie Williams of Springfield, Maryland, Peggy Mosley of Michigan City, Indiana, Helen Cage Duncan of Arlington, Texas, and Dewayne Jones and Victor Jones, both of Lubbock, Texas; forty grandchildren, thirty-eight great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Sanctification (concluded)

Jesus is the process by which we are sanctified, made holy. Contrary to popular belief, people are not made right by their morally perfect lives. Again, if you were to live perfectly from this day until the Lord returned, you could not remove the sins you have already committed. This may come as a shock to some, but Christians are not perfect. It doesn't

*For all have sinned
and fall short of the
glory of God*

matter how many times we attend church services, or do religious activities or hold some church office we are not perfected by our performance. We are forgiven and then declared perfect by the sacrifice of Jesus our Lord. His death paid the price for our sins. Our faith in His perfect life, not ours, brings us to a point of accepting the grace (free gift) of God to save us.

Jesus is the grace or free gift. Paul says, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:23,24) To be justified means to be pronounced or declared righteous. God looks at those who have clothed themselves with Jesus and declares them right in His sight

(Galatians 3:26,27). We are clothed with or have put on Christ when we are baptized (immersed) into Him. Frequently, an appeal is made for those who are not saved to ask Jesus to come into their heart. The only Scriptural reference I can find that teaches this idea is

in Revelation 3:20. Where Jesus is standing at the door and knocking. Jesus encourages the readers to invite Him (Jesus) in, but please notice

that this encouragement is given to those who are already in the church, not those who are outside of the fold of Jesus. The lost, are not instructed to ask Jesus to come into their heart. In this passage Jesus is talking to lukewarm Christians who are not on fire for His cause.

The Bible instructs those outside of the church to obey. Paul tells us that his ministry is to "bring about the obedience of faith among the gentiles, for His name sake." (Romans 1:5; see also Romans 16:26) Faith must be obeyed in order to be a saving faith (James 2:14-17). Saving faith must be an active faith. Our faith should move us to change our beliefs, thoughts, feelings and actions. The Biblical word for this action is repent (Luke 13:3). Faith should lead us to a point of confessing

Jesus as Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36). Faith introduces us to the grace that saves us (Romans 5:1,2). Faith is demonstrated when we die to our will and are buried in baptism into Jesus' death (Romans 6:3), because only in Jesus' death is the price for sin paid. Our holiness or sanctification is visible to all when we continue in faith (Colossians 1:22,23). All of this is made possible because of what Jesus has done and continues to do for us. We are sanctified by Jesus in order that He might present us without spot or wrinkle and holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:27).

Grace and peace
Gerald P. Jackson



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NOTE: It is required that each vendor has a representative present on the park at 7:00 p. m. on Friday, June 20, 2003, to review set-up times and booth locations.

Name of Business, Agency, or Individual _____

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Address: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone No. _____

Type of Booth: Food _____ Informative Only _____ Non-Profit (Free) _____

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Will your Booth/Set-Up require availability of Electricity? Yes _____ No _____

You must bring your own heavy duty outdoor extension cords. If yes, what voltage will you require? 110 Volts _____ 220 Volts _____

What is your total required current or voltage requirements? Amps _____ Watts _____

What is the single largest current drawing piece of equipment that you will be using? Item _____ Amps _____

Please list ALL Appliances that you will be using:

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (Check or Money Order Only).

Please make your check payable to: Juneteenth Celebration Committee.

Vendors are required to abide by all City of Lubbock regulations and ordinances (preparing and serving food items, etc.) and appliances requiring electricity that are not listed on vendor application must not be used.)

Vendors may not switch locations with another vendor without approval from Juneteenth Committee.

Pick up Application: Southwest Digest, 902 East 28th Street. Phone Number: (806) 762-3612.

Or

Ms. Maxine McCormick, 1330 East 24th Street. Phone Number: (806) 763-6161.

COOKING CORNER

Tasty Treats Kids can Bake While Giving Mom a Break

(NAPS)—Whether it's Mother's Day, her birthday, or any other day of the year, why not show Mom how special she is by putting together some easy-to-make treats that will delight her and the rest of the family?

For example, transport Mom to a tropical island with an abundance of fresh fruit in a light and airy Caribbean Parfait. Or, for a not-too-sweet treat that can be prepared the night before and baked fresh for the morning, try a batch of Apple Cinnamon Rolls, made with rich, fruity Mott's Apple Sauce.

For more information and recipes, log onto www.motts.com or call 1-800-426-4891.

Caribbean Parfaits

- Serves 10
- 1 can (14 oz.) fat-free or low fat sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
- 1 container (8 oz.) nonfat strawberry yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. RealLime Lime Juice from Concentrate
- 1 container (8 oz.) tight frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed (3 1/2 cups)
- 5 cups assorted cut-up fresh tropical fruits (banana, kiwi, mango, papaya, orange, pineapple or starfruit)

In large bowl, combine condensed milk, yogurt and lime juice. Fold in whipped topping. Layer mixture and fruit onto individual serving dishes. Garnish as desired. Refrigerate leftovers.

Apple Cinnamon Rolls

- Serves 12
- 3 to 3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 package active dry yeast
- 1 cup Mott's Natural Apple Sauce

- 1/4 cup margarine or butter
- 1 egg
- Filling:
 - 1/4 cup margarine or butter, softened
 - 3/4 Mott's Natural, Cinnamon or Chunky Apple Sauce
 - 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 - 1/4 cup chopped nuts
 - 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

In small bowl, combine 1 cup flour, sugar, salt and yeast; blend well. In small saucepan, heat apple sauce and margarine until very warm (120° to 130°F). Add warm liquid and egg to flour mixture. Blend at low speed until moistened; beat 2 minutes at medium speed. Stir in 3/4 to 2 cups flour to form a stiff dough.

On floured surface, knead in 1/4 to 3/4 cup flour until dough is smooth and elastic, about 5 to 10 minutes. Place in greased bowl; cover loosely with plastic wrap or cloth towel. Let rise in warm place until light and doubled in volume, about 30 minutes.

Grease 13x9-inch pan. On lightly floured surface, roll dough into 15x12-inch rectangle. Spread 1/4 cup margarine evenly over dough. In small bowl, combine rest of filling ingredients; spread evenly over margarine. Starting with 12-inch side, roll up tightly, pressing edges to see. Cut into 12 (1-inch) slices; place outside down in prepared pan. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate overnight.

When ready to bake, uncover rolls; let stand at room temperature 30 minutes. Heat oven to 350°F. Bake 25 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 5 minutes; remove from pan. If desired, drizzle with powdered sugar glaze.

These Apple Cinnamon Rolls can be a delicious way to get Mom's day off to a great start.

Texas Tech University System Board of Regents Honors Former Governor Preston Smith For Life-Time Service

LUBBOCK - Former Texas Gov. Preston Smith received the first Infinite Horizonte Award from the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents honoring his lifetime of service to the university.

"Preston Smith has been a friend and supporter of this university for decades," said Robert Black, chairman of the regents. "As a state legislator as governor and as an alumnus, Texas Tech has always been able to count on Preston Smith. It's appropriate he is the first recipient of the Infinite Horizonte Award."

The Board of Regents created the Infinite Horizonte Award, which

means Endless Horizon, last year to honor those who have had a significant impact on Texas Tech. It is the highest award the Board of Regents and the Texas Tech University System can bestow on an individual.

Smith graduated from the then Texas Technological College in 1934. He served as governor of Texas from 1968 to 1972. During that time Smith was instrumental in the establishment of Texas Tech School of Medicine and School of Law.

He also served as Lt. Governor from 1962 to 1968, as state senator from 1956 to 1962 and as a state representative from 1944 to 1950.

LPD mobile office to be at Cavazos Junior High

The Lubbock Police Department Neighborhood Services Unit will set up a mobile office at the west side of Cavazos Junior High, 210 North University, Wednesday through Friday, May 21-23. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday. All residents in the area are invited to visit the office and address neighborhood quality of life issues with City representatives.

The mobile office is housed in an RV and will be staffed each day by members of the LPD Neighborhood Services Unit to visit with residents about crime prevention and other safety issues. Representatives from other City of Lubbock departments will be on call to respond to the mobile office if questions arise about other kinds of services.

The LPD will notify residents in the area of the mobile unit's location and operating hours by using the Emergency Notification System to place an automated call to citizens. Also, flyers will be sent home with neighborhood school children.


For further information, call Bill Casey, 775-2971.

Upcoming Events at the Lubbock Public Library Foreign Film Series at Mahon Library

The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, presents the third film in a month-long series of foreign films at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28. Anyone interested in cinematography should catch this week's film, a beautifully filmed silent documentary of life in 1920's Berlin. For more information, call 775-2835.

Native American Culture Program at Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, presents "Native American Culture" at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27. Bill Skillman of the West Texas Native American Association will discuss the mythology, tribal beliefs and traditions of various Native American cultures. Native American pottery, weapons, beadwork, baskets, food and clothing will be on display. For more information, call 792-6566.



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In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

interest rates on the money that we have saved in banks and savings institution are so low now that they would yield just as much in a tin bucket or shoe-box. As a matter of fact, rates are lower than they were during World War II. Most banks offered at least 2% on savings deposits at that time. Today it is less than 1% in most banks. At this rate, one would need about \$100,000 just to earn approximately \$225.00 a year. One might fair better in the purchase

of well chosen productive stocks, but with the way the market has been abused causing accounts to be greatly reduced or wiped out, there are those of us who do want to choose that route either.

The interest rate on purchases made on durable goods such as homes and vehicles are down considerably from previous times, but a great contrast to what the owners of the money used to make the loans receive. Credit card payments on the other hand, are at an all time high.

With the economy in its current state, this is not a very good time to make credit card purchases, but with the unemployment rate as high as it is, working people are struggling

to make ends meet and find themselves making purchases with credit cards because of the struggle. When the struggle makes it impossible for payments to be made on time, some credit card companies are raising the interest rates which their customers pay.

Getting in over one's head with the receipt of very low interest rates on investments and very high rates on purchases is driving overworked, underpaid working American citizens into bankruptcy. This is one of the sad serious effects of corporate greed and government waste. The working American citizens are being shafted on every turn, but need to work in order to keep body and soul together.

With the skirmish between America and Iraq about over, we may need to rethink the old Victory gardens of World War II and buy U. S. Savings Bonds to really get back on profitable grounds. With regards to bank savings, long-term locked-in rates may be the best way to go now. The only problems with that is, if the interest rates go up, one would be locked in on a lower one. We need to get 'in cinque' and let our government know that the plight of the working American needs to be overhauled. Every American, working or not should be able to live a happy, wholesome life without all of the pitfalls put in one's path by the bureaucracy.

THIS N THAT

JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE MEETING EACH THURSDAY NIGHT! THIS N THAT who was in attendance of the LUBBOCK EMANCIPATION JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE MEETING last Thursday evening at the T. J. PATTERSON LIBRARY where this meeting is held each Thursday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. Those of you who would like to participate in this event are asked to attend this meeting. Nobody needs a personal invite to participate. There are even opportunities for you to have a BOOTH IN THE PARK BE IN THE PARADE or just come to the MAE SIMMONS PARK on June 21, 2003 and just enjoy everything after the annual parade. According to spokespersons there will be at least two athletic tournaments. For one you can participate in a VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT or a THREE MAN OR WOMEN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT and it should be fun. For more information about the upcoming events beginning with the OPENING RECEPTION to the RELIGIOUS SERVICES you may call its local president EDDIE P. RICHARDSON who also serves as a state board member with its founder and sponsor of a state bill STATE REP. AL EDWARDS (806) 762-3612. Get involved today and help with this annual event. Let's get ready to FILL THE PARK and hopefully there will much learned from this annual event. JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION is much more than EATING BAR-B-QUE & DRINKING RED SODA POP. It is about as a people where we came from as BLACK PEOPLE. GIVE JUNETEENTH ANOTHER TWIST! THIS N THAT would like to suggest that the LUBBOCK EMANCIPATION JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE they look at having a MAJOR EVENT during the fall of the year which could raise funds for OPERATIONAL CAPITAL & SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THIS N THAT would suggest an ANNUAL BANQUET with a well known speaker and invite the TOTAL COMMUNITY to participate. Why not think about it. 2003 MISS JUNETEENTH SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT SET THIS YEAR! THIS N THAT has learned that the 2003 MISS JUNETEENTH SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT which is set for WEDNESDAY NIGHT June 18, 2003 at the Estacado High School beginning at 7:00 p. m. Entry fee is \$75.00. All contestant will be judged on TALENT, STAGE INTERVIEWS AND MODELING OF FORMAL AND CASUAL WEAR. Scholarships are FIRST PLACE \$500.00 SECOND PLACE \$300.00 and THIRD PLACE \$200.00. Entry-deadline is \$75.00. In order to qualify for the pageant a young lady must be in either GRADES 9 THRU 12. According to a spokesperson TRAINERS will be available to assist each participant. ENTRY DEADLINE is FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2003. For more info you may call either GLADYS DIGGS (806) 472-3460 daytime and (806) 796-2105 evening. ROSE K. WILSON (806) 763-1807 or BILLIE J. CAVIEL (806) 762-8065. EAST LUBBOCK STILL ON MOVE! THIS N THAT visited with a young Black brother last week. He is the participant in the upcoming WILLIAMS FRIED CHICKEN. He also has two other efforts which are AN OIL CHANGING BUSINESS AND SOME APARTMENTS. For those who still don't believe EAST LUBBOCK is on the MOVE just keep looking. Much more is on the way. Must keep on believing in good things will happen in East Lubbock. Do you? Hope so! YOUNG BLACK MALES NEED OUR HELP! THIS N THAT Spoke to about SEVENTY-FIVE YOUNG MEN who are housed in a facility called LUBBOCK COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY which in many cases is the last stop before those persons locked up will go to the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS and be housed in one of many facilities in Texas. What was of note the other day was a large number of those young men were BLACK and don't know why they are locked up. If they would look to the west of that facility PLANS ARE UNDERWAY for the construction of a \$83 MILLION DOLLAR Lubbock County Jail Facility. THIS N THAT hopes these young men at least most of them will realize that if they don't get it together Lubbock County Facility here come. It was a very interesting hour and THIS N THAT hopes these young men will get their act together so they can become outstanding citizens and make positive contributions. THIS N THAT WILL VISIT AGAIN! PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "BLACK FOLK we will see a lot of things happening in EAST LUBBOCK and we can become a player in all of it if we JUST HANG IN THERE AND DON'T GIVE UP!"

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Establishing Paternity is Good for Fathers, too

By Greg Abbott
Attorney General of Texas

Recently, a single father named Cliff, came to one of our child support field offices with a problem. He was having trouble enrolling his daughter in school. He had never married his daughter's mother, who now lives in another state. The young man's name was not on his daughter's birth certificate, and he did not have legal custody. Fortunately, he came to us for help.

Under Texas law, being the biological father of a child is not the same as being a legal father. A father who is not married to his child's mother has to establish paternity in order to become the child's legal father. He can do this by signing and filing an Acknowledgment of Paternity Form (if the mother agrees) or by going to court.

You should not voluntarily acknowledge paternity unless you are absolutely sure you are the father of the child, and the mother agrees.

Advantages

Establishing paternity creates a legal relationship between an unmarried father and his

child. The legal relationship ensures that children are eligible for child support and health insurance from both parents, as well as benefits such as Social Security and veteran's survivor benefits. In addition, if a father has not established paternity and obtained official custody, his child's mother could take the child away from him.

The Acknowledgment of Paternity Form (AOP) is available at hospitals and birthing facilities, as well as child support offices. When both parents have signed, the form is filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and the father's name is added to the birth certificate. If the parents sign the AOP at the hospital at the time of birth, the hospital will file the form free of charge.

Once the court had the test results showing Cliff was the father, paternity was legally established by the judge's ruling, and custody, visitation, and child support issues were decided. Cliff retained custody of his daughter, and the child's mother now pays child support. Cliff's daughter, who did not have health insurance before, is now covered as part of her mother's employee benefits at her place of work. Cliff's daughter's mother would not voluntarily sign the AOP, so we went to court to have paternity estab-

lished. The judge ordered genetic testing of blood and tissue samples from Cliff, his daughter, and her mother to confirm that Cliff was actually the biological father.

Our Child Support Division

A single father who wants to establish paternity can hire an attorney, or like Cliff, he can take advantage of the services offered for no charge by the Child Support Division of our office. In addition to establishing paternity, we can help with child and medical support if the father gets legal custody. Federal regulations do not allow the Office of the Attorney General to be involved in custody or visitation disputes, however.

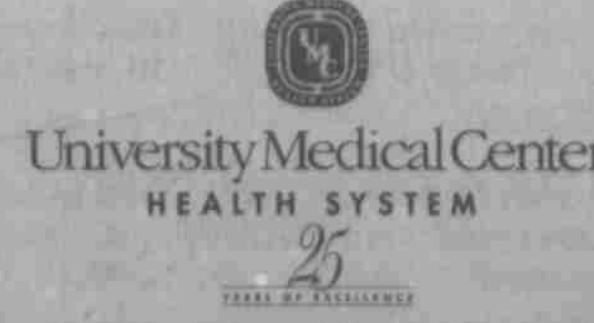
Our attorneys do not represent the father or the mother in court. We represent the State of Texas, which has an interest in seeing that every child has a legal father and the support of both parents. Children are our first concern. But we believe that it is also best for both mothers and fathers when paternity has been established. Information on this and other topics is available on the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.



Minnie Hutchison
Nursing Support Services

service is our passion.

When searching for pieces to add to her vintage jewelry collection, Minnie Hutchison has an advantage. She knows that true success can only be found through hard work, dedication and patience. Minnie brings that same attitude to her work at UMC. As a member of UMC's Nursing Support Services, Minnie carries out a wide variety of tasks every day, from transcribing physicians' orders to making appointments and updating patient charts. With every job, Minnie makes sure she provides care and service with a smile that says she's proud of what she does at UMC. Like her collection of vintage jewelry, Minnie's 25 years of service at UMC are full of shining achievements, but if you ask her what she considers the crown jewel of her career, she'll tell you it's the satisfaction of knowing that at UMC, you come first.



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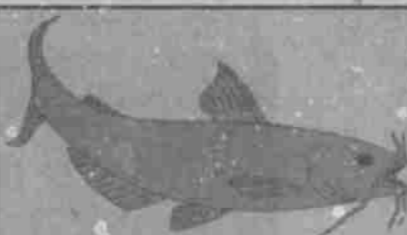
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JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE CHALLENGES LUBBOCK CHURCHES & ORGANIZATIONS

The Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Committee wants to challenge all churches, graduating classes, clubs, choirs, or any group as well as individuals to join them in the Juneteenth Celebration. All are invited to participate in a Volleyball Competition. There will be first and second place teams who will win a trophy in volleyball.

Team registration fee is only \$25.00 per team. Co-ed members are ten (10) members per team.

In order to register, you may call Mary at (806) 744-3617; Hillary or Deborah at (806) 745-5271; Nathan or Janette at (806) 763-8144 or Sam at (806) 744-8354 or 781-9752.

You may register before June 10, 2003. It is very important we all show community support!

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