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National News

Why We Spend the Way We Do Christmas

LUBBOCK—Christmas is a time of giving, but many people give too much and begin the new year with bills they can't pay.

Americans spend more during the Christmas season than at any other time of the year so it's important for people to know not only what they're buying, but why, according to Bill Gustafson, Ph.D., executive director of the Texas Tech University Center for Financial Responsibility. "Retailers and manufacturers spend a lot of money to find out why you do what you do. They use everything from anthropology and cultural appeals to psychology and social pressure to get you to open your wallet," he said.

Texas Tech University's Center for Financial Responsibility was established in 1995 with a focus on debt management and retirement planning. Gustafson says five main categories are used by marketers to get people to spend money. One technique used is a pure sociological model or peer pressure. "Peer group acceptance is very important to us, but it shouldn't be the basis for a major material acquisition, particularly one you aren't able to afford," he said.

Another technique is anthropological. "People with a strong cultural identity tend to purchase goods that identify them as a member of that culture," he says.

The third model is a social-psychological model. "This model targets the feeling of relative deprivation or the belief that luxuries are necessities because everyone in your peer group has them," said Gustafson.

The fourth model is purely psychological. "This relies on the consumer believing that if they don't have this item they won't feel good about themselves," said Gustafson. "Often, buying the item is really more important to the consumer than using the item." The final model is economic. "Here the idea is that the quality of goods is reflected in the cost," he said. "We see people with high-cost goods and that demonstrates some form of economic superiority. We believe that we must have the same goods in order to keep up with them," Gustafson said.

And don't think children are immune to these sales pitches. "Even those children too young to read are susceptible to peer pressure and the marketing pitches they see and hear. "We are socialized from childhood into an attitude of consumption. If you want to see the impact, just observe little kids who can't read or write yet, but know all the commercial jingles and recognize all the corporate logos from the toy companies."

But Gustafson says a child's request can turn into a chance to teach. "When kids come up with something that is totally unrealistic, that's a good time to teach them about money," he says. "You can talk about how long it takes you to earn money, how many hours the requested item would cost in terms of work and that this is a major expenditure."

Americans have not always overspent on the holidays. Gustafson says it's a concept that developed after World War II. But that's long enough for the trend to become a norm. "We're only two or three generations into this practice, but that's long enough for us to say this is the way we've always done the holidays," he says.

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Rylander Challenges TV Station's Attempt to Publish Crime Victim's Photo

(AUSTIN)—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced she will challenge an Austin TV station's attempt to obtain and publish state photos of a Comptroller's Office employee who was the victim of a brutal stabbing incident.

"I have always been a staunch supporter of conducting government in the sunshine," Rylander said at a press conference outside the Comptroller's Office. "But this request goes beyond the bounds of open government and dives straight into a murky pool of further victimization, invasion of privacy and tampering with state security systems."

Last June, Gloria Amaya, an employee of the Comptroller's Office, was critically wounded when her estranged husband stabbed her repeatedly in a nearby parking garage as she was leaving work. Following the stabbing, he fled the scene and was later found in another garage, after having taken his own life and the life of his and Ms. Amaya's 12-year-old son.

The next day, KEYE-TV, an Austin television station, requested copies of Ms. Amaya's state security badge photo under the state's open records laws. Rylander sent the request to the Attorney General for an opinion, since she believed the photos should be confidential. In August, the Attorney General's Office ruled in favor of KEYE, and the station reiterated its request earlier this month.

"If this request was a call for documentation of Ms. Amaya's

work, I would have no problem with the request," Rylander said in a letter to the station. "But broadcasting or reprinting a copy of her state identification security photo, in concert with a domestic crime story, does not fall within the public's right to know."

Rylander was joined at the press conference by victims' rights advocates, state employees and members of the Austin Police Officers' Association. In addition, famed Texas trial attorney Roy Minton attended the event, noting he had agreed to defend the agency because of the significant assault on privacy rights that the case represented.

"I've been in the public arena most of my adult life, and I understand and appreciate the vital role the press plays in keeping the public informed of how its government conducts its business," Rylander said. "But I also understand that individuals have rights that must not only be protected from government intrusion, but at times from private institutions up to and including the press."

"As an elected public official, I fully understand and accept the broad obligations and responsibilities I have to the taxpayers. As a result, I do not expect the same privacy rights to apply to me," Rylander said. "However, this request is an unnecessary and intrusive look into the life of a public employee that has nothing to do with her service to the state or her obligations to the taxpayer."

Myths About Welfare Reform Hurt Hispanic Families

By Raul Yzaguirre

This week marks the sixth anniversary of welfare reform. Unfortunately, many politicians have complacently subscribed to three big myths about its success. These same elected officials must fix the new law, which expires on Sept. 30, if they want to earn the support of Latino voters in November.

Myth 1: Welfare reform was a success because it reduced caseloads by half.

One reason caseloads dropped was simply because of a change in who was eligible for aid. The 1996 law cut off tax-paying, working poor, legal immigrants, many of whom are Hispanic. This left their children poor, hungry and without health care even though many of these children are U.S. citizens.

Another reason the rolls fell is some of those who were eligible were not getting the help they needed because they were put off or confused by the new regulations. A third of the decline in the welfare caseload is due to the lower participation of eligible families, according to the Urban Institute. As a result, many Hispanic families are still poor but are simply not getting the help they need.

Caseload declines during the 1990s also had more to do with the economy than with the new law. During the years between welfare reform and the current recession, the economy boomed, creating opportunities for families to move from welfare to work. Since the recession began, the unemployment rate for Hispanics has grown, and so has the need for aid. The Center for Law and Social Policy found that caseloads increased last year in most states.

Myth 2: Welfare reform reduced poverty.

The fact is, extreme poverty among single-parent families has actually increased. About 300,000 more people in single-parent families lived below 50 percent of the federal poverty level in 1998 than in 1996, according to the Urban Institute. And these extremely poor parents find it difficult to provide basic food and shelter for their families. The Hispanic poverty rate is still disproportionately high. One in five Latino families is poor, while the national average is one in eight,

according to recent census figures. Myth 3: Welfare reform got people into decent jobs.

In reality, a large number of those who left welfare are unemployed, and those who have found work remain poor, according to a recent study by the National Campaign for Jobs and Income Support. For Hispanics, especially, work is not always enough to lift them out of poverty. While Latinos are the most likely to be working or looking for work, they also have the highest poverty rate for full-time workers, 6.2 percent compared to 4.3 percent for African Americans and 2.1 percent for non-Hispanic whites. Many are poor because they have jobs without benefits, such as health insurance, and are paid little more than the minimum wage.

A bipartisan group of senators has a proposal to help fix the problems of welfare reform. They would let states make immigrant families eligible for aid. They would increase funding for childcare and encourage education to move parents into jobs that would support their families. And they would reduce the gaps in funding between eligible recipients in Puerto Rico and the States.

Supporters of the harsh bill that narrowly passed the House of Representatives have criticized the Senate proposal. These critics instead support a bill that limits access to educational programs and maintains the ban on serving poor legal immigrants.

These politicians are opposing provisions that are key issues for Latino voters. Three-fourths of Latinos support ensuring access to benefits for legal immigrants, according to a recent poll. And yet, while these elected officials court Latino voters, they perpetuate the myths of welfare reform and oppose policies that would improve the lives of many Latino families.

But Latinos know the real legacy of welfare reform. They have not bought into the myths and they will remember who did on Election Day. Raul Yzaguirre is the president and CEO of the Washington, D.C.-based National Council of La Raza (www.nclr.org), an umbrella organization for more than 280 community-based organizations nationwide, dedicated to improving life opportunities for Hispanics.

EEOC Settles Race Discrimination Suit with The Mirage for \$1.14 Million

LAS VEGAS - The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) today announced it has settled a major race discrimination lawsuit against The Mirage Hotel and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip for over \$1 million. The EEOC's suit (Case No. CV 8-02-1554 RLH - LRL), in U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, charged the Mirage with discriminating against African-American and Hispanic applicants from January 1, 1996, until May 31, 1997 - a time period prior to the acquisition of The Mirage by MGM Grand, Inc. (Now MGM Mirage) in 2000.

The Settlement Agreement, filed concurrently with the EEOC's lawsuit provides for \$840,000 in financial compensation for a class of African-American and Hispanic applicants, along with implementation of appropriate complaint procedures, anti-discrimination training, and record-keeping obligations to be monitored by the EEOC over the duration of the three-year term of the Agreement. The remaining money will be used to implement training programs.

"We commend the MGM Mirage for working cooperatively with us to reach this agreement," said EEOC Chair Carl M. Dominguez. "Unfortunately, almost 40 years after the passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, discrimination against people of color is still all too common in our nation's workplaces. This settlement is another step toward making the promise

of equal employment opportunity a reality."

Olophius Perry, Director of the EEOC's Los Angeles District Office, which has jurisdiction for Nevada, said: "In addition to providing a substantial amount of monetary relief to the victims, the settlement puts in place extensive mechanisms to help prevent discrimination in the future. By monitoring the employer for me next three years, the Commission will be in a position to act quickly should discrimination or retaliation occur again."

Debbie Thomas, Vice President of Human Resources for The Mirage, said: "Under this agreement, The Mirage will supplement its already extensive diversity training program, which is one of the principal elements of the commitment to diversity within our company."

Ms. Thomas continued: "In 2000, our parent company established the industry's first formal diversity program, we greatly value diversity in our workforce. More than 50% of our employees are of minority backgrounds. Additionally, we believe our parent company is the only company in the industry to have established a comprehensive vendor/supplier diversity program as well as a requirement that any contract of construction services include a minority component. We are proud of our record on diversity and look forward to supplementing our existing training efforts with those agreed to as part of this settlement."

remarking on the cooperation between the EEOC and MGM

Mirage in resolving the suit, Anna Y. Park, Regional Attorney of EEOC's Los Angeles District Office, said: "The Commission congratulates all concerned in reaching this settlement. We believe that The Mirage and its parent company are committed to a policy of non-discrimination. During the next three years, we will work with The Mirage to ensure that the procedures put in place by this Settlement Agreement will be administered properly."

In addition to enforcing Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex (including sexual harassment or pregnancy) or national origin and protects employees who complain about such offenses from retaliation, the EEOC enforces the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, which protects workers age 40 and older from discrimination based on age; the Equal Pay Act of 1963, which prohibits gender-based wage discrimination; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits employment discrimination against people with disabilities in the federal sector; Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits employment discrimination against people with disabilities in the private sector and state and local governments; and sections of the Civil Rights Act of 1991. Further information about the Commission is available on its web site at www.eeoc.gov.

"Thank God For Giving"

EVANGELIST BILLY MORRISON, SAID, HE THANKS GOD FOR THEIR GARDEN. IN IT WAS GREENS, OKRA, TOMATOES, TURNIPS AND SWEET POTATOES.

BROTHER MORRISON SAID, HE THANK THE LORD FOR A CHANCE TO SHARE WITH FAMILY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, WITH THE BLESSINGS FROM MY HANDS.

HE SAID, HE DIDN'T PLANT ANY GRASS THIS YEAR, BECAUSE IT WOULD BE CUT AND PUT IN THE DUMPSTER, BUT HIS YARD WAS GREEN IN THE FRONT WITH FRUIT. THE POTATOES CAME OUT TO ABOUT 200 LBS.



Flood Insurance Seminar Set for December 12

The City of Lubbock will host a two-part Flood Insurance Seminar on December 12 in Room 103 of the Civic Center, 1501 6th Street.

The morning session, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, is for insurance professionals, engineers, architects, surveyors, title companies and community officials. The afternoon session,

which is from 1 to 4 p.m., is for lenders, realtors and appraisers. Insurance Professionals are eligible for 3.5 hours of continuing education. The cost is \$30 for each session and is waived only for community officials.

There will be a separate afternoon session offered to community officials by the Texas Floodplain Management

Association (TFMA), for specific instruction in managing a floodplain and complying with the National Flood Insurance Program.

For registration forms and information, contact Skipper Wood, City of Lubbock, (806) 775-2331.

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Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

Novelty Handbags, Delightfully Fruitful

Sometime a lady just want to have fun, and novelty handbags offers just that.

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Army & Air Force Hometown News

Air Force Airman Jason A. Howard has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

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

He is the son of Kelly Howard of Pleasant Valley Drive, Burleson, Texas, and grandson of Fred and Charlotte Rathjen of 38th St., Lubbock, Texas.

Howard is a 2000 graduate of Burleson High School.

The Gulf War in 1991. Members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces have been deployed and reserve component activated to support the war against global terrorism, combating the international terrorist network or regime forces outside of the United States.

The major is regularly assigned at Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska.

She is the daughter of Fredrick T. Morelle of Huntsville, Ala. and Barbara F. Morelle of Vinton Ave., Lubbock, Texas.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Roger F. Valdez has graduated from the Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy at McGuire Air Force Base, Wrightstown, N.J.

The graduate received instruc-

tion in advanced military leadership, management theories and responsibilities, oral and written communications skills, and physical fitness fundamentals. The noncommissioned officer performed as a supervisor to learn behavior concepts, problem solving, and counseling techniques relative to the Air Force mission and organization. The sergeant learned to orientate new servicemembers in the principles, practices and tools necessary to function in the Air Force.

Valdez is an avionics communications craftsman assigned to the 521st Air Mobility Operations Group.

He is the son of Mary A. Valdez of E. 48th St., Lubbock, Texas.

The technical sergeant is a 1985 graduate of Dunbar-Struggs High School, Lubbock.

Catherine L. Morelle-Oliveira has been promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army.

Morelle-Oliveira received the promotion while deployed to a forward operating location in support of the mission Operation Enduring Freedom.

Enduring Freedom is the official name given to the biggest U.S. military mobilization since

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And Gustafson says consumption isn't bad. Gustafson says it is critical for consumers to be aware that merchandisers and marketers are trying to find triggers to motivate them to make purchases, particularly at this time of year.

"All consumption isn't bad," he says. "But more does not necessarily mean better, and it doesn't necessarily make you happier. The key point is that consumers are in charge of how and why they spend, not just the dollar amount and whether they're getting a good deal, but also in terms of being aware that there are psychological factors at work that are influencing their impulses to spend."

How can you protect yourself from going overboard on holiday spending? Gustafson says develop a budget and stick with it. "Leave the credit cards at home, and take only the amount of cash you plan to spend," he said. "You won't be so likely to make an impulse buy that you can't afford."



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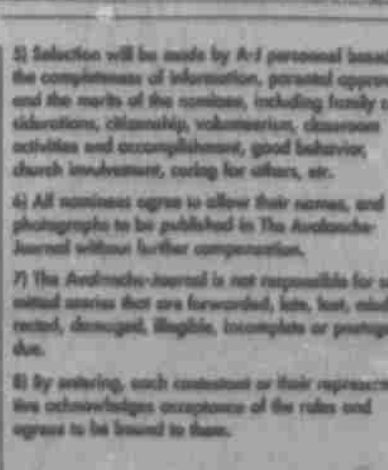
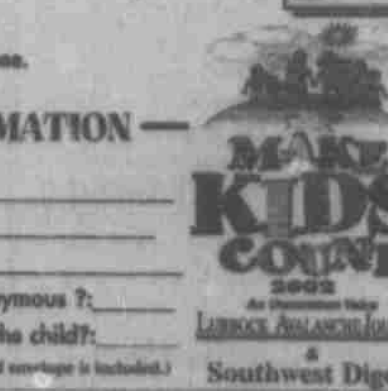
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3) All information, including a reproducible photograph of the child, must be included. INFORMATION AND PICTURE WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE A-J WITHOUT VERIFICATION AND SIGNATURE FROM A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. Photos will be returned ONLY if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.

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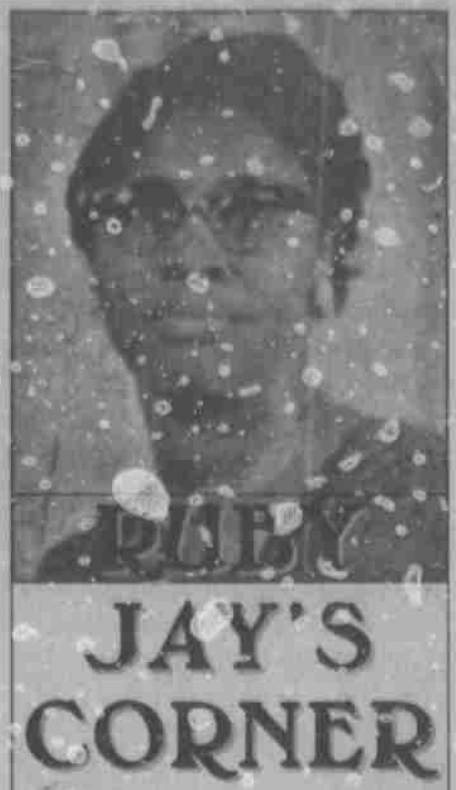
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JAY'S CORNER

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Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with all teachers present. For thirty minutes, students received thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a.m., all teachers and students marched to the main auditorium where the highlights of the morning lesson were discussed. What a time for all in Sunday School.

The morning devotion was led by Brother Robert Cork and Brother J. C. Quigley. They were assisted by the Praise team. What a time in the Lord!

The New Hope Male Chorus marched in the morning devotion last Sunday morning singing out of their hearts and souls. Rev. Cheryl Saunders offered the altar prayer. After the singing of a selection by the Male Chorus, the morning scripture was read by Brother Jessie Thompson. The morning prayer was given by Brother Hardin Barrow. The Male Chorus sang another selection. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother Joannie Martin.

The morning hymn was "The Nail Scarred Hand." Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observation. After the singing of another selection by the Male Chorus, Pastor Moton delivered a powerful message. His subject was "It Was Nothing But the Blood." His scripture was Hebrews 9:13-14. Praise God for the morning sermon.

After the invitation to discipleship, announcements were read by Brother Napoleon Cooper. Brother Billy Dailey welcomed visitors to the morning worship hour.

The New Hope Baptist Church Annual Church Meeting will be held Monday evening, December 7, 2002, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The New Hope Baptist Church Family Christmas will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2002. The theme for the Christmas celebration will be "Christmas Around The World." For more information, contact either Sister Margaret Moton or Sister Florinza Stokley.

Here are the names of people who visited the Hub City over the Thanksgiving Holiday Season. Do come back again.

Tyrone Ervin and Clarence Ervin, Jr. and family of Austin, Texas visited their mom and dad, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ervin, Sr.

Leon and Christian Roberts visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Roberts.

Ms. Carolyn Rollison of Houston, Texas and Larry Rollison and his family of Murfreesboro, Tennessee visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rollison, Sr.

Linda Holmes of Arlington, Texas visited her mom, Mrs. Dora Johnson.

Minnie Mitchell of Santa Fe, N. M., Glory Mitchell of Port Arthur, Texas, Alma Scott of Richardson, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Olden Webster of Richardson, Texas, Shree and Shaun Claggion of Richardson, Texas visited their aunt and sister, Mary Mitchell, for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goff of Tampa, Florida stopped by to say hello on their way back home.

It is so good to see those who lived in Lubbock once in their lives, come back for a little while. Do come back. You see, we will miss each of you.



CHURCH DIRECTORY



WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS
"GUILTY OF LOVING YOU"

MARK 12:30, JESUS SAID, THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND, AND WITH ALL THY STRENGTH. THIS IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

LORD, I HAVE BEEN SO MANY TIMES ACCUSED OF LOVING YOU, I HAVE NOT ALL WAYS DONE THAT, AND THIS IS THE TRUTH.

LORD, I WAS RAISED UP IN A CHRISTIAN HOME, PUT WENT TO THE HOG PEN (WORLD OF SIN), WHEN I GOT GROWN.

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

LORD, IN THE 60'S, THE WORLD SAID, ITS YOUR LIFE, DO YOU? THING, MANY SINFUL THINGS I DID OUT THERE, BROUGHT SHAME, SHAME, SHAME.

WHILE IN THAT HOG PEN, MANY TIMES I COULD HAVE DIED, FOR MANY TIMES AND IN MANY WAYS, CATAN TRIED TO TAKE MY LIFE.

ROMANS 6:23, FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

LORD, AS I LOOK BACK OVER MY LIFE, I CAN SEE YOUR GRACE AND MERCY, WHILE I WAS IN THE HOG PEN, YOUR LOVING HAND WAS WATCHING OVER ME.

1. 1961 A MAN PULLED A SHOTGUN ON ME—GUILTY.

2. 1963, PLAINS CO-OP OIL MILL BLOW-UP I WAS INSIDE—GUILTY.

3. 1966 I RAN BLOW OUR AT 110 M.P.H. WHILE TRYING TO GET 120—GUILTY.

4. 1972 A MAN PULLED A SHOTGUN, ABOUT HIS WIFE—GUILTY.

5. 1973 MOTHER AND I WAS COMING FROM DENVER, CO. AT 80 M.P.H. THE STEERING WHEEL BEGIN TO SHAKE VIGOROUSLY, THINKING THE BOLTS WERE LOOSE, I JACKED THE CAR UP AND THE TIRE FELL ON THE GROUND. SPENDLE WAS BROKEN OFF.

6. 1979 I WAS GAMBLING, BROKE THE HOUSE, MAN PULLED A SHOTGUN—GUILTY.

AFTER EACH EVENT I WOULD TELL SOMEONE WHAT HAPPENED; THEY WOULD ONLY SAY, BOY YOU ARE LUCKY.

HEBREWS 12:7-9, IF YE ENDURE CHASTENING, GOD DEALETH WITH YOU AS WITH SONS; FOR WHAT SON IS HE WHOM THE FATHER CHASTENETH NOT? BUT IF YE BE WITHOUT CHASTISEMENT, WHEREOF ALL ARE PARTAKERS, THEN ARE YE BASTARDS, AND NOT SONS. FURTHERMORE WE HAVE FATHERS OF OUR FLESH WHICH CORRECTED US, AND WE GAVE THEM REVERENCE; SHALL WE NOT MUCH RATHER BE IN SUBJECTION UNTO THE FATHER OF SPIRIT AND LIFE?

LORD, I THOUGHT I WAS LUCKY; BUT YOU WAS PROTECTING ME, I WAS BLIND WITH SIN, AND YOUR BLESSINGS I DIDN'T SEE.

AND NOTHING FRIGHTENED ME, I THOUGHT I WAS BRAVE AND COOL, I WAS WALKING IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I PLAYED THE FOOL.

PSALM 23:4, YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I HEAR NO EVIL.

LORD, I WOULD SPEAK FILTHY WORDS, THAT WOULD MAKE THE DEVIL FLINCH, I WAS FULL OF CURSINGS; ALL OF MY VOCABULARY WAS FULL OF STUNCH.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15, THIS IS A FAITHFUL SAYING, AND WORTHY OF ALL ACCEPTATION, THAT CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS; WHOM I AM CHIEF, ****YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN!!!

LORD, BUT THE DAY OF NOVEMBER 23, 1979, WHEN YOU SHOWED ME MY DEATH, THIS WAS MY FIRST DAY OF FEAR, AND THE FIRST DAY OF PEACE AND REST.

LORD, WHEN I CRIED OUT, PLEASE, DON'T LET ME DIE; I'M NOT RIGHT, YOUR SPIRIT BREATHED ON ME, AND FROM THAT DAY, I WAS GIVEN NEW LIFE.

JOHN 20:21, 22, JESUS SAID, PEACE BE UNTO YOU; AS MY FATHER HATH SENT ME, EVEN SO SEND I YOU, RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST.

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



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
"God's Forgiveness"

I was reading an article about a small town in the state of Alaska named "Nome." I found it to be the commerce and transportation center for Northwest Alaska. The immediate area is rich in gold and mineral potential. The City of Nome is one of Alaska's oldest continuous cities, being incorporated in 1901.

The City of Nome has 12 churches, two libraries, one museum, one bank, one credit union, a convention center, indoor swimming pool, one veterinarian hospital. The city also has medical facilities that include 19 bed-8 physician hospital, 15 bed elders long-term care facility, one outpatient clinic, two dental clinics, one eye clinic, one pharmacy, one chiropractor. There are other "com-

munity health services." Among the unusual of this city is no "road system" connects Nome to any major city. There is no bus nor rail service. The principal provider of transportation is through air service and ships.

This city that set on the edge of the Bering Sea, is like many villages of the Arctic. The ground on which the community sits is frozen, sponge-like tundra. Burying the dead is a real challenge. Until recently, sanitation landfills are unheard of. The method of sewer treatment is primary with screening and anaerobic digestion in a lagoon which is being converted to aerobic digestion system. Garbage trucks do not haul off the kind of refuse we leave in the alley. A typical front yard displays broken washing machines, junked cars, old toilets, scrap wood, and piles of

nondegradable refuse.

It is reported that some 20-23,000 visitors come to Nome each year, the majority during the summer season. These tourists are said to be amazed at the debris and shake their heads in disbelief at the living condition of these people. How could anyone live like in such conditions, they wonder? What those visitors do not realize is that for nine months of the year Nome sits under a blanket of snow that covers the garbage. During those months, the little town of some 2000-3,505 people is a quaint winter wonderland of pure white landscapes.

What happens in this little town and where it is located also could be likened to our lives. There are many pits and pitfalls during a lifetime. They vary in degrees of seriousness and consequences, even in degrees of responsibility, how-

ever they have one thing in common. They are potential barriers of vision, to seeing the eternal light. They plunge us into darkness. They are also barriers to hearing. Submerged beneath the atmosphere where sound travels, we can be cut off from the sounds of the word of God. Without that spiritual sight and hearing we can become completely and irretrievably lost, were it not for the divine Sentinel who is always watching and alert for signs of distress.

The reality of grace is that the garbage of our lives has been covered by a blanket of forgiveness. The prophet Isaiah declares that the blight of our sin, once red as crimson, is now white as freshly fallen snow. And unlike the situation in Nome, our sin is covered forever.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

-Prayer For The Body of Christ-

Father, we pray and confess your word over the body of Christ. We pray your people will be filled with full, deep, and clear knowledge of your will in all spiritual things. We pray they live and conduct themselves in a manner worthy of you, Lord, fully pleasing to you and desiring to please you in all things, bearing fruit in every good work, and steadily growing and increasing in and by the knowledge of you, with fuller, deeper and clearer insight.

We pray the body of Christ will be invigorated and strengthened with all power, according to the might of your glory, to exercise every kind of endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to you. Father, who has qualified and made them fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints, God,

Holy People, in the light. You, Father, have delivered and drawn them to yourself out of the control and the dominion of darkness, and have transferred them into the kingdom of the son of your love, in whom they have their redemption through his blood, which means the remission of their sins. Father, you delight at the sight of the body of Christ, standing shoulder to shoulder in such orderly array and the firmness and the solid front and steadfastness of their faith in Christ.

Christ, leaning on him in absolute trust and confidence in his power, wisdom, and goodness as they walk-regulate their lives and may they conduct themselves in union with and conformity to him, having the roots of their being firmly and deeply planted in him, being continually build up in him, becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in faith. Your people, Father, clothe themselves as your own picked representative, your chosen ones who purified and holy and well beloved by you, by putting on

behavior marked by tender hearted pity and mercy, kind feeling, gentle ways and patience. They have a grievance or complaint against another. Readily they pardon each other. As you, Lord, have freely forgiven them, so do they also forgive.

Your people put on love and enfold themselves with the bond of perfectness, which binds everything together completely in ideal harmony. They let the peace from Jesus act as umpire continually in their hearts, deciding and setting with all finality all the questions that arise in the body. In that perfect state to which they are called. May the body be thankful, appreciative, giving praise to you always, and whatever the body does in words or deeds, they do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, and depend upon him, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray! Hallelujah!

Thank you for your precious Holy Spirit that's going to abide in our places of worship, and in the hearts of our Sisters and Brothers. AMEN.

Scripture References
Romans 10:9-10 S 13;
Hebrews 4:14-16; Matthew 18:18-19; I John 4:4; I Corinthians 6:12; Romans 8:4-9; II Corinthians 10:4-5; Romans 12:21; Ephesians 3:16; Romans 13:14 and Ephesians 6:10-17

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, December 7, 2002, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the home of Brother and Sister James Jones, 2416 East 30th Street.

This is all the invitation you need. Come!

If you were not pleased with your life in 2002, our Lord will hand you a clean sheet in a few days. What are your plans? God bless you!

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Covenant Presbyterian church, located at 47th St. & Salem, invites the public to "EXPLORE THE VILLAGE" at a gift festival sale featuring handcrafted items from around the world.

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this sale. The purchase of these gifts provides artisans around the world with vital, fair income for their handicrafts. The sale showcases handcrafted items marketed by Ten Thousand Villages. Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit alternative trading or organization and a program of the Mennonite Central Committee. Covenant Presbyterian church has held the sale for the last 4 years and opened it to the public for the first time last year.

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In Remembrance...



Mary Douglas

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary L. Douglas were held Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at the Hope Deliverance Temple Church in Lubbock with A. R. McNeal officiating.

Burial was held in Terrace Cemetery in Post, Texas under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She died Thursday, November 21, 2002.

She was born March 31, 1943, in Timpson, Texas. She married Andrew C. Douglas in 1963 in Post, Texas. She attended Timpson public schools and lived in Post before moving to Lubbock. She was a mother of Faith Deliverance Church.

She is survived by her husband, Andrew C. Douglas; three daughters: Mary Douglas,

Ardella Woodberry and Teresa Douglas, all of Lubbock, Texas; three brothers: Edward L. Osby and Jim H. Osby, both of Lubbock, Texas; and Edgar E. Osby of Post, Texas; a sister, Nettie Osby of Rochester, N. Y.; and seven grandchildren.



N.E. Gant

Funeral services for N. E. Gant were held last Saturday afternoon, November 30, 2002, at the A. W. Wilson Chapel of Jamison Funeral Home with Elder Otis Cook and ReVi Johnny Barnes officiating.

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

Mr. Gant passed away Saturday, November 23, 2002.

He was born January 3, 1917, in Grimes County, Texas. He married Birda Welch on May 15, 1964, in Lubbock. He moved to Lubbock from O'Donnel, Texas 35 years ago. He was a Baptist and worked as a farmer and mechanic.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Helen.

He is survived by his wife, Birda Gant; two sons, Henry Welch and Ishmeal Welch, both of Lubbock, Texas; two daughters, Mary Ollie of Las Vegas, Nevada and Arnita Lloyd of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Ella Ree Gipson of Las Vegas, Nevada; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Johnny Johnson, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Johnny Johnson, Jr. 1st Saturday morning, November 30, 2002, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Fordy pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

He died Monday, November 25, 2002.

He was born August 20, 1949, in San Angelo, Texas, where he attended elementary school. He attended Dunbar High School in Lubbock. After moving to Lubbock, he worked for Rainbow Bakery, Texas Instruments, and Industrial Molding.

He is survived by his long-time companion, Joyce Freeman; nine sons: Bruce Freeman, Danny McKenzie, Michael McKenzie, Kenneth Johnson, Kevin McKenzie, Jeffery Whitfield, Johnny Taylor and Rod Coleman; two daughters, Carla Johnson and Syreeta Taylor; his mother, Ida Mae Knox; and eight sisters: Cleeta Johnson, Blenda E. Hatcher, Genevieve A. Brown, Frances L. Allsbrooks, Gloria J. Inman-Giddens, Uyvonne J. Scott, Donna K. Inman and Rita Judie.



Homer Pitts, Sr.

Funeral services for Homer Pitts, Sr. were held last Saturday morning, November 30, 2002, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Alford James Washington officiating. Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor.

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

Mr. Pitts died Sunday, November 24, 2002.

Mr. Pitts was born November 26, 1934, in Matador, Texas. He married Clara Lee Phillips on February 19, 1955, in Matador. She died October 12, 1999. He attended public schools in Matador and moved to Lubbock about 47 years ago. He was a truck driver for many years.

He is survived by a son, Homer, Jr., of Lubbock, Texas; three daughters: Darlene Pitts and Antionette Wilson, both of Lubbock, Texas and Thelma McBrewer of Dallas, Texas; a brother, Robert of Lubbock, Texas; eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Helping Hands: A Housing Ministry Open to All

Human beings need many things, on a physical level, shelter is a basic human necessity. We all need some place to live, hopefully in a place which is comfortable. Spiritually, helping others is a basic human value, as human beings, we instinctively want to help one another. How wonderful it is to combine both these elements, Helping Hands, a program in which neighbors help neighbors, does exactly that. The purpose of Helping Hands is to care for those in need by helping to repair and maintain their dwellings. We strive to do so in humble service and Christian love, we are guided by scripture: "Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ

to be a part of the program. Nobody should have to live in a home where the walls let in the cold and the rain. Other problems with houses can cause problems and need fixing. People who need help with repairs to their homes and are not able to afford the work are encouraged to apply for help from Helping Hands. A confidential private application can be obtained from the church or by calling 762-3546. Applicants must be owners of the home, and the repair work should be done for the purpose of making the home more safe and comfortable. Any contribution of labor, material or money from the homeowner is welcome, but there is no fee and no payment is required. The services of Helping Hands are free to those in need.

Everybody can help, one person could be good with a hammer, another can let his neighbor borrow his electric saw, yet another can cook. Special training in plumbing or electrical work can be a blessing. It is said that "You are a tool in God's hand." Helping Hands can use your gifts and talent, every donation or skill or ability is helpful. Some can do the labor, others can donate materials, some can give money, and others can offer support.

There are many ways to help: volunteer labor, loan tools, purchase goods and materials, provide expert service, give financial support, supply drinks and snacks, keep records, and pray with and for homeowners and workers.

Why help? There are at least two good reasons, which are made clear by the following statement: First of all, "a little work can make a big difference in someone's life." Secondly, any thoughtful person has to agree with the idea that "because God has given to me, let me give to someone else." Helping Hands tries to fill a need in our community. The program aids homeowners who need help keeping their homes safe and comfortable. It brings helpers together to repair and maintain dwellings of neighbors in need. Helping Hands encourages each of us to give to others. Every person has much to offer, and is able to give in one or another way. We are blessed to be able to share our skills and our material goods. Please join us, it is wonderful to fill human

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Texas Tech University Appoints New Director for International Affairs and Center

LUBBOCK - A new executive director for the Texas Tech University Office of International Affairs and the International Cultural Center has been appointed and will assume post in June 2003. Ambassador Tibor P. Nagy, Jr., the United States ambassador to Ethiopia, will succeed Idris Traylor, current executive director of the Office of International Affairs and the International Cultural Center. Traylor has been at Texas Tech for 37 years and will retire in June.

"Tibor Nagy will be an excellent asset to Texas Tech because of his understanding of Texas Tech's place in the world and the world's place at Texas Tech," said Jim Brink, Ph.D., vice provost at Texas Tech. "His ability to promote the university around the world will bring new opportunities to students, faculty and staff."

Nagy was born in Budapest, Hungary and arrived in the

United States as a political refugee. He received his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech and his masters degree from George Washington University.

Nagy joined the Foreign Service in 1978 as a management analyst in the Bureau of Personnel. His first overseas assignment was as a general service officer in Lusaka, Zambia from 1979 to 1981. After that, Nagy was assigned to Victoria, Seychelles, for two years as administrative officer.

Nagy served as systems administrator for the African Bureau in Washington from 1983 to 1984 and then returned overseas as administrative officer in Addis, Ababa, Ethiopia from 1984 to 1986. For the next eight years, Nagy was Deputy Chief of Mission at Lome, Togo; Yaounde, Cameroon; and Lagos, Nigeria. Before Nagy was ambassador to Ethiopia, he was the ambassador to Guinea from 1996 to 1999.

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COOKING CORNER

Soup in a Jar—Tasty Christmas Gifts to Make in Your Kitchen

Here's an idea for a great gift that's quick to make for all your hard-to-buy-for friends and neighbors—and it won't break your budget. You can buy the ingredients you'll need during your regular grocery-shopping trip. The culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand, producers of a variety of gravy mixes, have developed two new soup recipes that are perfect for gift giving. Plus, your friends and neighbors will truly appreciate these thoughtful and tasty gifts from your kitchen. Simply fill quart jars with a pretty layered "arrangement" of ingredients to make Soup in a Jar. Each soup mix starts with gravy mix as its base. Additional seasonings and pasta complete the mixes, which cost about \$3.25 each.

Since filling a dozen jars is just about as easy as filling one or two, why not purchase a case of the quantize wide-mouth jars (found in grocery or hardware stores) and make a dozen of these soup mixes. Better yet, get your children to help you make your gift jars. In one evening, you can have all your Christmas preparations for your friends and co-workers completed.

In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, taking a moment to deliver creative gifts from your kitchen brightens the season for everyone. Thoughtfulness takes on a special meaning. So when you give gifts from your kitchen, you'll want them to look as nice as they taste. Shop craft stores for small tie-on kitchen utensils and decorations. Generate recipe cards on the computer using colored paper stock and designs. Add a colorful cloth, a ribbon and a card with the simple instructions for simmering the soup, and you've got a great gift. If you like, prepare the jars up to a month before Christmas.

"Dreaming of a White Christmas" Soup in a Jar 1 package (2.75 oz.) regular or no-fat country gravy mix (Pioneer Brand recommended)

2 tablespoons chicken bouillon granules
2 tablespoons dried minced onion
2 tablespoons dried celery flakes
2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes
2 1/2 to 3 cups uncooked wide egg noodles or other pasta

Pour gravy mix into wide-mouth quart jar. In small bowl, stir together bouillon granules, onion, celery and parsley. Pour into jar to make second layer. Add noodles. Close with lid. Attach gift tag (below) and decorate jar as desired.

Gift Tag: Empty contents of jar into a 4-quart saucepan or Dutch oven. Add 8 cups water; heat to boiling on high. Reduce heat to medium; add 1 (10-oz.) or 2 (6-oz.) cans cooked and chopped chicken. Cover and simmer for 5 to 6 minutes or until noodles are tender; stirring occasionally. Makes 8

"Christmas Is Love" Soup in a Jar

1 package (1.61 oz.) regular or no-fat brown gravy mix (Pioneer Brand recommended)
2 tablespoons beef bouillon granules
1/4 cup dried minced onion
1/4 cup dried celery flake
1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
2 cups rotini pasta (or tree shapes, farfalle, gemelli, or heart-shaped pasta)

Pour gravy mix into wide-mouth quart jar. In small bowl, stir together bouillon granules, onion, celery and parsley. Pour into jar to make second layer. Add rotini. Close with lid. Attach gift tag (below) and decorate jar as desired.

Gift Tag: Brown 1 lb. ground beef in a 4-quart saucepan or Dutch oven. Add contents of jar, 7 cups water and 1 can (16 oz.) chopped tomatoes, undrained; heat to boiling on high. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 5 to 7 minutes or until pasta is tender; stirring occasionally. Garnish with shredded Cheddar cheese. Makes 8 servings. *Stir in 1 cup frozen peas or green beans, if desired.

Tip for filling jars: Use a funnel to pour the dry ingredients into the bottom of the jar.

Decorating Tip: Cut an 8-inch circle or square out of Christmas or other festive fabric to decorate the tops of the jars. For extra padding, cut a 4-inch round of polyester batting and place on top of lid, then cover with fabric and tie with ribbon.



A Tasty Way to Enjoy the Flavors of Fall

Despite our busy schedules, most of us still want to enjoy the tastes and aromas that only come from turning on the oven and baking something wonderful. When the seasons change, it's no longer too hot to turn on the oven, but rather a welcomed "event" to take the chill off.

You'll enjoy the tantalizing tastes and aromas of fall when you bake pretty Harvest Shortbread Cookies. Ginger, cinnamon and cloves enhance the flavor of these buttery cookies. They are crisp and light—perfect served alone or with coffee, with fresh fruit or with bowl of vanilla ice cream.

"These shortbread cookies combine a minimum of ingredients—biscuit and baking mix, spices, butter and brown sugar—so they're quick to mix together," says Margi Walstrom, culinary professional for Pioneer Brand. Shape spoonfuls of dough into balls, roll the balls in granulated sugar and place them on a baking sheet. Now, the fun begins! Use a decorative cookie press to press your favorite seasonal design onto each cookie. Or, simply press each ball of dough with the bottom of a drinking glass. The more decorative the bottom of the glass, the fancier your cookies will be.

Harvest Shortbread Cookies
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
2/3 cup packed dark brown sugar
2 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
Granulated sugar (about 1/4 cup)
In large mixer bowl, beat butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add biscuit and baking mix, ginger, cinnamon and cloves, beat on low speed until mixture forms a ball. Roll dough into 1/2-inch balls (about 1 tablespoon each). Roll in granulated sugar. Place on baking sheet that has been coated with cooking spray. Using a decorative cookie press, press firmly to create design*. Bake at 325° for 12 to 15 minutes or until set and just beginning to brown. Cool completely on wire rack. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

*Or press each ball of dough with the bottom of a drinking glass.



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"You Make the Results: Either Negative or Positive"

By Eddie P. Richardson

Your personality is you. What you think, what you do, what you eat. This is you. How you treat people, and how you do things from day to day. Today is you, so try to be positive in everything you do, and the end results will only be positive. Sometimes, things come at you from every direction. It could either be financial, social, personal, and every

other source available, but you have to grin and bear it, because that's life. Just count to ten and turn around, and turn around again and count to ten at least for a while. Sometimes people can push you so far, you have to move, then count to ten. You have to walk away and pace yourself. You have to shake it off and just clear your mind and forget it. Okay?

Let's look at our surrounding scheme of things. Our city manager, known as Bob Cass, with the blessing of the City

Council, hired a new police chief who is Claude Jones. He had been interim chief, and took on a turbulent situation and did a very good job of holding the fort together. The job was very stressful for him, this writer believes but he handled it in a very professional manner.

This writer believes he, Claude Jones, is a team player. We will work with him as our new chief. He should do well!

Nuff Sed! Why Not?



In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

Once again, we have survived to witness another national holiday, Thanksgiving. As a child, I used to think of it as the 'little Christmas.' As an adult, I have learned that it is the official beginning of the Yuletide season. The day after Thanksgiving marks the onslaught of the hustle and bustle of shopping for Christmas. It is the time of year that merchants make the most profit. In times like these, we should be really appreciative that this has been a fairly peaceful year and the 'war' has not taken a toll on our annual and regular celebration, giving us much to be thankful for.

With the constant indications that some of the major corporations in the United States have been cooking their books and throwing the employees 'to the wolves', we can be thankful that they were discovered before

all of the affected personnel ended up in the poor house. The only deaths as a result of such actions have been self-inflicted by the corrupt administrators, though a few corporate heads are headed to the 'slammer.' Fortunately, there is unemployment compensation to help those who are without employment and income.

Thanks should be given for the stock portfolios that still have contents with some value. Many individuals lost money behind the 'book cooking' but most investors did not lose everything. It could have been like the great depression of the twenties when some people committed suicide because they could not adjust to such great loss. The stock market plunge caused many people to be depressed, but not suicidal. That deserves some thanks.

We can still be thankful because we have been on the brink of war with Iraq for quite some time now and have not completely ended the tours of duty in following the attacks in Afghanistan. Fortunately, the

causalities which have been reported were nothing like the reports in previous wars. That is something to be thankful for as well.

Even though the unemployment rates are up in many sectors of the country, we can be thankful that many of the people who are counted as unemployed have really retired and are no longer a part of the working community. Most have prepared for their retirement years and manage to 'get by' because that is exactly what one does when one retires. Very few people who worked on regular jobs and low-paying professions, got rich, therefore they make some sacrifices when they retire. Yet, to be able to 'get by' is something to be thankful for.

This is the time of year to continue to pray for peace and goodwill on earth. We need to get 'in cinque' and be thankful that 'we are yet alive' and have the strength to go forward to help to make this world a better place in which to live, for us and our posterity.



What Does Biotechnology Means to You?

by Larry Lucas

Biotechnology, which uses or mimics the body's own weapons to fight disease, is already helping some 250 million people to live longer, healthier lives. There are 96 biotechnology medicines already approved and available by a doctor's prescription. And the 371 biotechnology medicines in development may mean better treatments or cures in the future. Some 145 pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies and the National Institutes of Health are involved in cutting-edge research that may bring better medicines to you and your family.

The medicines already approved by the Food and Drug Administration include new treatments for heart attacks, stroke, multiple sclerosis, leukemia, hepatitis, rheumatoid arthritis, breast cancer, diabetes, congestive heart failure, lymphoma, kidney cancer, cystic fibrosis and other diseases. The medicines in the pipeline target AIDS/HIV, cancer, diabetes, eye conditions, heart disease, infectious diseases, asthma, Crohn's disease, lupus, and

other diseases. Several of these diseases, including heart disease, cancer, HIV/AIDS, asthma and stroke disproportionately affect African Americans.

The medicines in development make use of cutting-edge technologies to fight disease. For example, a medicine in the pipeline for lung cancer is an "epidermal growth factor inhibitor," which targets and blocks signaling pathways that are implicated in the growth and survival of cancer cells. Another type of biotechnology medicine, the monoclonal antibody, is a laboratory-made version of the naturally occurring protein that binds to and neutralizes foreign invaders. Medicines based on this technology are being tested for asthma, Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, various types of cancer, and other diseases. Therapeutic vaccines, designed to jump start the immune system to fight disease, are in development for AIDS, diabetes, and several types of cancer. Antisense drugs are medicines that interfere with the communi-

cations process that tells a cell to produce an unwanted protein. Medicines based on this technology are potential treatments for AIDS, several types of cancer, Crohn's disease, heart disease, and psoriasis. Gene therapies, which augment normal gene functions or replace or inactivate disease-causing genes, are being tested for hemophilia, several cancers, cystic fibrosis, heart disease, and other diseases.

These are only a few examples of new ways pharmaceutical scientists are attacking—and gaining on—disease. The 371 biotechnology medicines in development promise to push the frontiers of science and bring more and better treatments to patients.

For more information about biotechnology medicines in development, go to www.phrma.org.

Larry Lucas is Associate Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

THIS N THAT

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KENNY LATTIMORE: "READY FOR THE WEEKEND"!

By David Nathan

LOS ANGELES: It's a typically sunny morning in Los Angeles and Kenny Lattimore arrives for the interview. Untypical for many of the young, successful artists of his generation, he's on time, he's driving his own car - and there's no entourage of funkies and hangers-on. That speaks volumes about the Washington D.C. native whose recording career started in 1996 with his much-acclaimed eponymous debut for Columbia Records, which yielded the Grammy-nominated single, "For You."

Dressed casually, Lattimore is a down-to-earth, approachable man whose soulful, gospel-rooted style has earned him a solid audience - particularly among female music-buyers who appreciate his silky smooth sound and handsome good looks. He's easy going and articulate and his life-long passion for music becomes obvious as the conversation centers around the contents of his third album and label debut for Arista Records.

But before we delve into his comments on "Weekend," his impressive new record - which includes "Lately," a song co-written by neo-soul star Jill Scott and "Can You Feel Me," a duet with Arista labelmate Shanice Wilson - Lattimore addresses the tougher questions about the behind-the-scenes move from Columbia Records, who released his "From The Soul Of Man" album in

1998. In between bites of a healthy breakfast prescribed by his personal trainer to maintain Lattimore's slim physique, he shares: "In the fall of 1999, I started speaking with the folks at Columbia about what would have been my third record for them. At the time, I was on tour with Rachelle Ferrell and George Duke and I got a call from my management saying that the company had decided to let me go..."

Lattimore pauses to reflect for a moment, gathering his thoughts on the often-rough politics of the music business before continuing: "I was actually happy," he states. "I was grateful for what they had done but I didn't think the people at Columbia understood me as an artist and what it would take to propel me to the next level. Our parting was extremely gracious although it was extremely emotional - kinda like a divorce. But before I knew it, we were having meetings with (then-Arista head) Clive Davis. Clive generated a lot of excitement about me at the label immediately. Our goal was to make an album that could satisfy my existing fans but also appeal to a younger audience without compromising my integrity as an artist..."

Lattimore was all set and Davis was beginning to find songs for the project when word came that the veteran executive was leaving Arista. "He called me

one day and told me that the rumors I had been hearing were true and that if I had any questions, he'd be happy to answer them. I didn't really want to choose whether to stay at Arista with the new President, (hitmaking producer) L.A. Reid or go with Clive to his new company...I really wanted to be chosen by whoever. I felt that whatever would happen, it would be an incredible opportunity. When L.A. came to Arista, he told me he was excited about me staying with the company and it soon became obvious that I had fans at Arista and they were genuinely happy to have me there as an artist..."

There was gap between Reid's settling in at Arista and Lattimore's recording of his Arista debut but once the pair were in sync, the record was finished within a couple of months. "I had already done some work on it before L.A. got there," Lattimore recalls, "doing sessions with (producer) Shep Crawford who has worked with artists like Deborah Cox and Whitney Houston. I also had been down to Jamaica to record with (Philippines-based production team) A Touch of Jazz and most of the same musicians who had done sessions with Lauryn Hill, Erykah Badu and others. And I had done work with Raphael Saddiq (of Tony Tone Toni and Lucy Pearl fame)."



KENNY LATTIMORE

To finish off the album, Lattimore worked with (New York-based producers) The Characters (known for hits with Toni Braxton and Aaliyah) and George Duke: "We got that younger, vibey sound like 'Baby You're The One,' 'Can You Feel Me' and the title track of the album. 'Weekend' while tracks like 'Who,' 'Things I'll Do' and 'Don't Deserve' will please the folks who have been with me since the first album..."

Lattimore is particularly happy that Jill Scott was able to contribute her songwriting skills to the album: "We were in the studio in Philadelphia preparing to go to Jamaica," he recalls. "Jill stopped by just before she started

her promo tour for her own album and she heard this one track. She came up with the melody and lyrics for the song 'Lately' right there on the spot. I was flabbergasted!" No doubt, Lattimore's brief stay in Jamaica was helpful in creating the vibe for the entire album and he enjoyed "working there without any distractions or pressure. It was a really good place to work creatively and I think the whole direction of the album shifted after we went there."

Following breakfast, Lattimore - who collaborated as a songwriter on over half the songs on "Weekend" - sits back and smiles when asked how he would describe his latest project: "It's my fun album! It's funky, it has more energy and more uptempo music and more of a balance than my two previous albums. 'From The Soul Of Man,' my last record, made a statement about the things we don't say as men. It

was about being vulnerable, being real. This new album expresses another side of me..."

Speaking of the different aspects of his life, Lattimore is candid as he reveals that "the last few years have been an emotional roller coaster for me. I was in and out of a serious relationship and although we're still friends, I went through different emotions and changes. There are a couple of songs on the album that reflect that situation - 'Come To Me' and 'Lately.' Then, the last song, 'Healing' (produced by George Duke) really is my personal statement about all that I've been through since the last record. I always include a gospel-flavored song on each of my albums - I wrote this with George and I hope that when others hear it, they will be encouraged..."

LA.-based Lattimore, who says he's "single again!" and describes the imagery for his latest album as "more casual and carefree" is upbeat about the initial response to the first single from the album which happens to be the breezy title track. "I almost feel like a new artist again! I haven't been on the road since the tour I did with Rachelle and George so I've got to get my vocal chops back up. I'm going to be doing some shows in the major cities to promote the album and I can't wait!"

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