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National News

Hospitals More Likely To Suspect Injuries In Black Children Are Child Abuse

Black children brought in to hospitals because of broken bones, due to accidents or other injuries, are likely to be examined for suspected physical abuse more than other children, according to a recent study.

The findings suggest that some doctors may be unfairly suspicious of minorities and a re-examining actual abuse among Whites, according to a report by the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The study involved 388 children under 3 who were treated for skull, arm or leg fractures at the Philadelphia hospital between 1994 and 2000.

Two child-abuse experts reviewed the injuries and determined which ones were accidental and which were caused by abuse.

Of the records studied, many of the children had been referred from other hospitals, and it was not always clear whether the referring hospital or Children's Hospital performed the survey or filed the report.

Minority children were more likely to be evaluated for physical abuse and reported to authorities than White children with comparable injuries, say researchers who studied hospital records at an urban pediatric hospital.

Florida Adoption Law Humiliates Woman

By Juleyka Lantigua

Call it the "Scarlet Letter" law. Florida's new adoption law requires women to publish their sexual histories in newspapers before putting a child up for private adoption. This change in the law punishes women — including mothers and rape and incest victims — for their sexual behavior.

The new law, ratified last October, requires a pregnant woman to publish names of partners, physical descriptions and locations where conception may have taken place if she does not know the father's identity.

Overall, there are more than 1.5 million adopted children in the United States, accounting for 2 percent of all U.S. children, according to recent census figures. Florida, which ranks fourth nationwide in adoptions, after California, New York and Texas, is the only state with such a law.

"We do these publications every week and they are horrible, degrading and they are reminiscent of The Scarlet Letter," Jeanne Tate, executive vice president of the Florida Association of Adoption Professionals, told Ms. magazine.

The main proponent of the new law, state Sen. Walter Campbell, asserts that without this law, "we have potential biological fathers coming back and taking children out of adoptive parents' hands."

But veteran adoption lawyer Alvin M. Coen says this is not the case. "In my experience, it is very unlikely that the father of the child will make any effort to block the adoption or attempt to get custody of the child himself."

The irony in all this is that a woman in Florida does not need to consult the biological father to get an abortion.

The emotional burden of disclosing your sexual history to your entire city — your neighbors, your coworkers — will only complicate the moral dilemma some women experience when deciding whether to have an abortion or to put their children up for adoption.

Women who still opt for adoption will have a strong incentive to go through unofficial channels. This could lead to a burgeoning underground market for illegal and unregulated adoptions.

Also, this new law could discourage potential adoptive families because the adoption process is not as private as was formerly guaranteed by federal and state laws. Florida's law used to state, "All adoption hearings (must be) held in closed court." It further stipulated that "identifying information regarding the birth parent, adoptive parent or adoptee cannot be released from the record."

This 180-degree change acts a dangerous precedent.

It does not encourage safer sex, or monogamy or faithfulness, which is what's really needed to stem the tide of unwanted and fatherless children. Instead, it publicly brands women and castigates them for their private behavior. This was barbaric in Nazi-occupied Poland's ghettos. It's even more so today.

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Meredith Returns To University Of Mississippi

Article and pictures courtesy of JET Magazine.

Forty years after James Meredith was escorted through an angry mob of Whites to become the first Black to enroll at the University of Mississippi, he recently returned to the campus to be honored for his historic action.

Meredith, 69, was saluted along with the soldiers and U.S. marshals who risked their lives four decades ago helping to end the riots at the college in Oxford, MS.

The ceremony was a kickoff of a yearlong commemoration of the university's integration, called "Open Doors: Building On 40 Years of Opportunity In Higher

Education."

More than 3,000 people cheered as Meredith and the University of Mississippi Chancellor Robert Khayat and Oxford Mayor Rickard Howorth stood on the steps on the Lyceum, the building, the key site of the riot on the night of September 30, 1962.

"It has always been my dream that Mississippi would lead the way in this nation in full, first-class citizenship for everyone," Meredith said. Myrlie Evers-Williams, the widow of slain civil rights activist Medgar Evers, delivered the keynote address at the kickoff commemoration and said Meredith is an activist worthy of praise.

"James Meredith opened the doors of this university so that everyone who was qualified could have access to the best education possible," she told the crowd. Meredith's ties to the university continue through his son, Joseph Meredith, who earlier this year, graduated as the top doctorate student in University of Mississippi's business school, Joseph Meredith graduated first in his class and received the outstanding doctoral student award.

"I was never proud of going to Ole Miss until my son graduated. I was humiliated," Meredith recently said.

Meredith also said upon his son's graduation this past spring: "I think there's no better proof that White supremacy was wrong than not only to have my son graduate, but to graduate as the most outstanding graduate of the school."

His son's graduation had James Meredith recalling his own. "My father was there for my graduation and he made the com-

ment. These people can be decent," James Meredith recalled. "I think I can easily now make the comment, these people are decent."

Today, nearly 13 percent of the university's students are Black.

Meredith said during the recent festivities that he didn't pay much attention to the riot that erupted around him four

decades ago when he became the first Black man to enroll at the University of Mississippi. "It was an embarrassment for me to be there, and for somebody to celebrate it, oh, my God. I want to go down in history, and

have a bunch of things named after me, but believe me that ain't it."

Meredith didn't consider himself a civil rights crusader when he arrived on campus 40 years ago, escorted by federal troops called out by President John F. Kennedy as hundreds of Whites hurled bricks, rocks, bottles and racial slurs.

"It was of no concern to me basically," Meredith recalled, "because long before that I had accomplished my goal of forcing the federal government to use the U.S. military to assert my rights as a citizen." He defines his 1962 effort as an assault on "White supremacy."

He noted, "At that time, Mississippi ruled the nation. It was the training ground for the leadership of the Old South establishment. It was a queue of White supremacy that held up for a long time.

Though his presence on campus triggered the 1962 riot, Meredith was safe. He had been escorted to a dormitory by federal troops and enrolled the next day.



James Meredith



Joseph Meredith

Lubbock Man Protecting America

By John B. Dendy, IV

PAN MUN JOM, South Korea — The son of two Lubbock residents works in an area of clear and present danger at all times.

To top it off, Army Spec. Derek Owen Doe, son of Rick Doe, 91st St., and Theresa Lemons, 84th St., Lubbock, has enemies in his personal space every day.

The 1998 graduate of Lubbock High School and his fellow soldiers are members of the U.S.-led United Nations Command Security Battalion that secures the only town in the Demilitarized Zone between South Korea and North Korea. When the President of the United States wants to visit, Doe has to be ready.

Some soldiers here take on ceremonial roles as bodyguards for heads of state who arrive to solve issues from the Korean War era armistice, and others are on security details. Everyone works for 26 days straight with four days off. Doe is an infantryman here.

"I escort and ensure the safety of tours and dignitaries into the DMZ and Joint Security Area. On a daily basis I come within a few feet of communist North Korean soldiers and North Korea," said Doe. "Every day I am entrusted with the lives of over 100 people. I also have the privilege of escorting our officers and government officials during talks between the North and South. Due to the prox-



Army Spec. Derek Owen Doe is one of 200 people who serve at Pan Mun Jom with the deepest U.N. security details inside the Demilitarized Zone between the two Koreas. (Photo by Jack Braden)

imity of the enemy and seriousness of the situation, I am armed every day."

The patrol zone is a 50-year-old field holding 1 million aging land mines and troop tunnels that make the Taliban's cave network in Afghanistan seem small.

Switching among ceremonial, training and combat modes in this wartime landscape is a yearlong test of Doe's patience. But the mission is significant to him.

"We maintain the armistice agreement by ensuring stability in the DMZ and upholding the stipulations of the armistice," said Doe. "Due to the fact that we are the most forward deployed unit on the Korean peninsula, and that we stand face to face with our enemy on a daily basis, the United Nations, Republic of Korea and the Army gave us our motto — 'In Front of Them All!'"

No two U.N. soldiers paint the same picture of the daily grind here. The troops are



A South Korean soldier assumes a judo stance as a North Korean soldier spies inches from both the inter-Korean borderline and the windows of the negotiating room used to mend relations between both Koreas since 1953. (Photo by Jack Braden)

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.

TML Past Presidents Visit With Sanchez

Past President of the Texas Municipal League (TML) T. J. Patterson, center, City Councilman of Lubbock, is shown with Tony Sanchez, Democratic nominee for Governor, left, during a noon luncheon of the Annual Conference at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Sanchez addressed the group of elected officials from throughout

the state of Texas. Also speaking to this body was Ron Kirk, Democrat nominee for U.S. Senate.

At right is Mayor Lloyd Neal of Corpus Christi, Texas. The Republican nominees for Governor, Rick Perry, and U.S. Senate, John Cornyn addressed the body of mayors and councilpersons.



World AIDS Day Announcement

The Balm In Gilead Encourages Churches To Speak Out Against Stigma

New York, NY., October 21, 2002 — The Balm In Gilead, a non-profit, non-governmental organization with an international mission to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS throughout the African Diaspora, launched a website campaign for World AIDS Day. The international theme for this year's World AIDS Day, Sunday, December 1, 2002, is "stigma and discrimination." The Balm In Gilead, through its website, www.balmingilead.org, will support Christian communities and encourage them to speak out against AIDS stigma and discrimination.

"Stigma and discrimination have destroyed more individuals and family lives than the actual HIV virus," says Pemessa Seale, CEO and founder of The Balm In Gilead. "The church has a major role to play in dismantling the prevailing belief that AIDS is a sin. The Christian community worldwide must lead the fight in tearing down the walls of fear, silence and denial throughout our global village."

Over the past fourteen years, The Balm In Gilead's pioneering achievements have enabled thousands of churches to become

leaders in HIV/AIDS education by providing comprehensive educational programs and offering compassionate support to all people living with HIV/AIDS. Today there are thousands of congregations that are on the front line of addressing HIV with effective outreach education programs, HIV testing programs and a multitude of services to support persons living with HIV and affected family members. These congregations are role models for all communities of faith to join the fight against HIV/AIDS.

On Sunday, December 1, 2002, congregations throughout the African Diaspora will speak out against the stigma of HIV/AIDS and educate their communities on issues regarding HIV prevention, treatment and care. The Balm In Gilead will support these congregations by providing through its website and toll free number, resource materials, which includes HIV/AIDS liturgical resources, HIV/AIDS facts, E-card, historical sermons on HIV and a collection of videos and printed materials. In addition, congregations can get assistance in planning AIDS education programs, prayer vigils and other events to commemorate World AIDS Day.

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Pioneers who has left their footprints in the sands of history in the Black community of Lubbock.

Forty-Years of History (1920-1960)

Who: _____
Year: _____
Reason: _____
Print Name: _____

Please send nominations to
P.O. Box 12202
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By November 11, 2002

Nominees, selected will be placed in the MLK Memorial Area located at the top of the waterfall.
Chairpersons
Donnie Wright
Eugene Lawson

Fashion Fun

by Shirley Johnson

Reading Vests

This is such a hot new item, it will certainly add a very relaxed sophisticated look to your wardrobe. The beaded netted vest is feather weight and so soft that it can actually fit in the palm of your hand.

This beautiful vest is designed with several positive benefits, it travels well, its carefree, wrinkle free, hand washable and ready to go when you are.

It comes in two styles...pull over round neck and button front V neck. Great colors, white, black, silver and gold. The beaded netting comes in various sizes, extra small, small, medium, large and extra large. The length of the vest is

a good length, not too short and that is a good thing.

It can easily be worn with so many different outfits, giving you several different looks.

Create your very own look!

The beaded netted vest will work for you and with you, have fun.

NEXT ISSUE...SKIRT DIPPING

FASHION TIP...ALWAYS WEAR A SMILE

FASHION, JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

Do You Know A Child Who Deserves To Be Recognized?

In 2002, The Avalanche-Journal And Its Make Kids Count Sponsors Will Keep The

SPOTLIGHT ON KIDS

Each Day The A-J Will Introduce You To A Local Child Who Is Going Above And Beyond To Do Good Things, The Right Things!

If You Know Of Such A Child, We Want To Know, Too. Be It Neighbor, Pupil, Friend Or Relation, Help Us Tell The World About These Special Kids!

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____ Grade: _____
Parents name: _____
PARENTS SIGNATURE: _____
Daytime phone (parent): _____
On a separate sheet of paper
1) briefly tell us about your nominee and
2) list the accomplishments of your nominee.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____
Relationship to nominee: _____
Daytime phone: _____
Do you want your nomination to be anonymous? _____
Did you include a good quality photo of the child? _____
(Photos will be returned only if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.)

SPOTLIGHT ON KIDS RULES

- 1) No purchase necessary. Nomination forms will appear periodically throughout the year in the Avalanche-Journal and at Make Kids Count sponsor businesses, around town. Forms also are available at the A-J Information Center, 710 Avenue J.
- 2) Nomination forms can be mailed to: Spotlight On Kids, P.O. Box 491, Lubbock, TX 79408, or can be dropped off at the A-J Information Center, 710 Avenue J.
- 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.
- 4) Only one Spotlight On Kids nominee will appear in the A-J each day.
- 5) Selection will be made by A-J personnel based on the completeness of information, parental approval and the merits of the nominee, including family considerations, citizenship, volunteerism, classroom activities and accomplishment, good behavior, church involvement, caring for others, etc.
- 6) All nominees agree to allow their names, and photographs to be published in the Avalanche-Journal without further compensation.
- 7) The Avalanche-Journal is not responsible for submitted entries that are forwarded, late, lost, misdirected, damaged, illegible, incomplete or postage due.
- 8) By entering, each contestant or their representative acknowledges acceptance of the rules and agrees to be bound to them.

JAY'S CORNER

This writer, Ruby Jay, at this report, is a patient at Lakeside Covenant in Room 215. She has been there for several days, and tests are to be done this week. Your prayers and concerns will be most appreciated. She is a Christian woman and has always wanted to make a positive contribution to her community and church as well as her family.

Her daughter, Clarissa Jay, will be reporting in this column from time to time. Keep Sister Ruby Jay in your prayers. As she would say, "God is able!"

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor. If you looking for a place to worship, then come by New Hope Baptist Church. You will glad you did so.

As was reported last week, if you are unable to attend church services on any Sunday morning, take time and tune in the New Hope Baptist Church Broadcast over Radio Station KJAK, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Sunday mornings. Tune in!

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with all teachers at their post of duty. Students received thirty minutes of instruction, and at 10:15 a.m., all teachers and students marched to the main auditorium where highlights of the morning lesson were presented.

The morning devotion was conducted by Sister Margaret Moton and Brother Robert Cork, and was assisted by the Praise Team. Praise the Lord!

The Senior Choir marched in the morning procession singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Wilson. After a selection sung by the Senior Choir, the morning scripture was read by Sister Doris Wilson. The morning prayer was prayed by Brother Virgil Johnson. There was another selection by the Senior Choir. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother Harry Stokley.

After the singing of the morning hymn, Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. Another selection was sung by the Senior Choir. Pastor Melon's sermon was entitled "Our God is Our Refuge; Our Strength and Our Help." His scripture text was Psalms 46:1-3. It was another dynamic sermon.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Anita Henry. All visitors were welcomed by Sister S. Smith.

Let us not forget our special effort for tonight, Thursday, October 31st, for our children. There will be a Harvest Home Festival from 6:30 p. m. until 8:30 p.m. This not a Halloween celebration, but a means for making things safer for our young people. Costumes are welcome, but no witches, ghosts, monsters, etc. We are in the need for some candy, donuts and cake donations. If you want to help, please contact either Sisters Cynthia Hatcher, Kim Brickey, Pam Moton, or Keisha Johnson.

The members of the New Hope Baptist Church will honor their Pastor and Family with their 13th Annual Appreciation which is set for Sunday afternoon, November 3, 2002.

Getting closer and closer! THAT IS, THE Annual Women In Red Banquet set for November 15, 2002, at the University Medical Center's McIrturf Center. The theme is "Cleansed By The Blood."

Let us not forget those in our community who are sick and shut in. Also, those families who have lost loved ones need our prayers. God is able!

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The Fifth Bible School of Ministry has scheduled a series of Saturday classes October 12 through November 23, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. John Baptist Church, 1312 East 29th Street. These classes are for those interested in serious Bible study for the purpose of obtaining personal enrichment or a degree in Bible studies.

The classes will include: (1) The Tabernacle in the Wilderness (2) The Pentateuch Part II and (3) Thoroughly Furnished Part II (a basic Bible study for all faiths).

For more information call Dr. Murry Peppers at 762-4546.



CHURCH DIRECTORY



WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS
THE LUKE WARM CHURCHES

REVELATION 3:14 JESUS SAID, HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

MATTHEW 16:18, JESUS SAID, I SAY ALSO UNTO THEE, THAT THOU ART PETER AND UPON THIS ROCK (MYSELF) I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL (OVERPOWER) AGAINST IT.

JESUS STARTED THE CHURCH. IT WAS A PEOPLE SENT OUT WITH GOOD NEWS, BUT HIS BUSINESS IS ON HOLY. NOW THIS COUNTRY HAS THE BLUES.

JEREMIAH 6:13, FROM THE LEAST OF THEM EVEN UNTO THE GREATEST OF THEM, EVERYONE IS GIVEN TO COVETOUSNESS, AND FROM THE PROPHET EVEN UNTO THE PRIEST EVERY ONE DEALETH FALSELY.

TO THE CHURCHES WHO WANT TO PREACH, WOMAN WEARING JANTS, GOD IS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT CLOTHES, SAYS THE AMEN.

REVELATION 3:15, IN JESUS SAID, I KNOW THY WORKS, THAT THOU ART NEITHER COLD NOR HOT, I WOULD THOU WERT COLD OR HOT, SO THEN BECAUSE THOU ART LUKEWARM, AND NEITHER COLD NOR HOT, I WILL SPUE (SPH) TILL OUT OF MY MOUTH.

TO THE CHURCHES THAT PREACH, YOU'RE NOT TO WALK WITH SINNERS, JESUS WALKED 33RS WITH 12 OF THEM, AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE WINNERS.

LUKE 10:23, JESUS SAID, THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW. PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WOULD SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST, GO YOUR WAYS, BEHOLD! LOOK, I SEND YOU FORTH AS LAMBS AMONG WOLVES.

TO THE CHURCHES THAT PREACH, THE NEED TO CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, JESUS WANTS TO BE THE HEAD OF ALL WORSHIP, HE SAID, I'M THE WAY.

ROMANS 1:22-25, PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS, AND CHANGES THE GLORY OF THE UNCORRUPTIBLE GOD INTO AN IMAGE MADE LIKE TO CORRUPTIBLE MAN, AND TO BIRDS, AND FOURFOOTED BEASTS, AND CREEPING THINGS, WHEREFORE GOD ALSO GAVE THEM UP TO UNCLEANNES THROUGH THE LUST OF THEIR OWN HEARTS, TO DISHONOUR THEIR BODIES BETWEEN THEMSELVES, WHO CHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD INTO A LIE, AND WORSHIPPED AND SERVED THE CREATURE MORE THAN THE CREATOR, WHO IS BLESSED FOR EVER AMEN.

***** ARE THE CHURCHES ROBBING GOD? *****
WHILE THE LUKEWARM CHURCHES, ARE PLAYING THEIR GAME, THE CULTS ARE MOVING VERY VERY FAST, SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!

MARK 1:17, JESUS SAID, IS IT NOT WRITTEN, MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED OF ALL NATIONS THE HOUSE OF PRAYER? BUT YE HAVE MADE IT A DEN OF THIEVES.

TO THE CHURCHES THAT GO ALL OUT, FOR THE PREACHERS ANNIVERSARY, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO PLEASE THAT PREACHER, HE IS FULL OF GREED.

ISAIAH 56:10, 11, THE LORD SAID, HIS WATCHMEN ARE BLIND, THEY ARE ALL IGNORANT, THEY ARE ALL DUMB DOGS, THEY CANNOT BARK, SLEEPING, LYING DOWN, LOVING TO SLEEPEE, YEA, THEY ARE GREEDY DOGS WHICH CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, AND THEY ARE SHEPHERDS THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND.

THEY ALL LOOK TO THEIR OWN WAY, EVERY ONE FOR HIS GAIN FROM HIS QUARTER.

TO THE CHURCHES WHO WANT TO MARCH, SO TO BE SEEN ON T.V. GO TO THE HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES AND JAILS, AND GIVE GOD THE GLORY REF.

MATTHEW 5:14, JESUS SAID, YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, A CITY THAT IS SET ON AN HILL CANNOT BE HID.

I'M JUST A NOBODY TRYING TO TELL SOMEBODY ABOUT HIS BODY, THAT DIED, FOR THE SIN'S OF EVERYBODY.

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

from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Relying on Faith"

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

—Galatians 2:20

The headlines of the past week read:

- U. S. senators were warned this week that those who play golf may be targets of al Qaeda snipers on golf courses and were given tips on how to protect themselves.

- Local high schools have moved or postponed many athletic events.

- Federal investigators plan to question suspected al Qaeda detainees at Guantanamo Bay Cuba, and elsewhere to see if any of

them have any information about the sniper attacks in the Washington area.

We live in a world that is constantly giving away to violence and the ever increasing list of degenerative sins that destroy human dignity and values and challenge our faith in a Holy and righteous God. Many in our society have lost faith in government and the religious establishment appears to be a joke. They believe like Whittier, "The steps of faith fall on the seeming void and find the rock beneath." Consequently, that what makes our society wholesome and promotes righteousness is weakened by a lack of faith.

The story is told of a house that caught fire one night and a young boy was

forced to flee to the upper porch. The father standing on the ground below with outstretched arms called out for his son to jump. He knew the boy had to jump to save his life. What the boy only could see were flame, smoke, and blackness. As can be imagined, he was afraid to let go as his father kept yelling, "Jump! I will catch you." But the boy protested, "Daddy, I can't see you." The father replied, "But I can see you and that's all that matter."

Let me with A Holy guidance take to the task those Christians whose faith seems to be waning in our present era of moral crisis. You are to keep relying on faith. You have to believe!

Augustine said, "God does not expect us to submit our

faith to him without reason... our reason make faith a necessity."

From the earliest days of the Christian church, faith has marked men and women of God. Out of weakness they have emerged with a supernatural strength and overcome their difficulties by faith.

Faith is always a valuable resource, but sometimes its advocates are describing an optimistic attitude or positive thinking that whistles away the gloom and leads to achieving one's goals. That is not what the Bible means by faith. Faith is an important resource, but it is the object of faith that makes the difference. And the object of our faith that makes a difference is Jesus Christ.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

-NEWS ALERT-

In the 10th chapter of St. John, Jesus said the thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. We know the thief to whom he is referring to is Satan. Since Satan is a thief by nature, he steals. That is the nature of a thief. Jesus says that Satan is a thief so it shouldn't be uncommon for him to go around trying to steal things.

Nor should it be surprising to us that he does. He is after something. The Bible says he is after the word in our hearts. St. Mark 4:15 -- He's after your joy, your power, your peace, your courage, your faith, and your comfort. Not only that, he is after your goods.

One way Satan discourages many of God's people is through affliction and perse-

cution. If that doesn't work, he attacks your materials and physical possessions. He will attack your finances and your physical body. We need to realize something about healing, because they see healing as something to be attained, something out there somewhere. As for as God is concerned, we already have healing. It was given to us through the work of the Cross.

Devine health is something we already possess. When symptoms come and they will, it is nothing more than the their trying to steal the health which is already ours. We eat the world's diet, and they cause many problems as we all can see. Devine health is not something we're trying to get from God. It is something the devil is trying to take away from us. Isaiah 53:

5 and 1 Peter 2:24. The minute he attacks, immediately begin to confess God's word that healed by the stripes of Jesus. Rebuke Satan, and refuse his lying symptoms.

This is not trying to get something we don't have, but keep something we already have. Healing through the word. If you think the Old Testament is effective, when it reads, he was wounded and bruised for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace, and with his stripes, we are healed. Also written in the New Testament, who his own self bore our sins in his own body on the cross that we begin dead to sin should live unto righteousness by who's stripes were healed.

Let us not major on the devil or demons. Let's major

on the victory that is ours in Christ Jesus. You will prosper as your soul prospers. This does not mean all money.

Precious people; lets live unto righteousness.

Having problems??? God is bigger than any problem you have. Trust Him. He will see you through with victory. He is a healer. Bless His name.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, November 2, 2002, in the home of Sister Annie Mae McBride, 402 Walnut Avenue, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come and be blessed.

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

Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing

12 noon, Tuesday, November 5 at the Downtown Transfer Plaza
Citibus will be accepting public comment on the following proposed service changes.

Proposed Service Changes

- No change
- Route 1 - Dunbar Area
- Route 2 - East Broadway
- Route 7 - Grandlake Area
- Route 14 - Cherry Point
- Hourly service during mid-day, Monday-Friday
- Hourly service until mid-day, Saturday
- Route 3 - Tech Slide Road
- Route 12 - Arnett Benson/4th Street
- Hourly service mid-day, Monday-Friday
- Hourly service all day on Saturday
- Route 4 - 82nd Street-South Plains Mall
- Route 5 - Boston/South Quaker
- Route 6 - Ave H/50th Street Cross-town
- Route 9 - Ave Q/South University
- Hourly service mid-day, Monday-Friday
- Hourly service after mid-day on Saturday
- Route 11 - Frankford/South Plaza Mall
- Hourly service all day, Monday-Friday
- Route 25 - East/West Express

Proposed Route Changes

- Route 4 - 82nd Street-South Plains Mall
Eliminate the portion of the route south of 82nd Street along University Avenue, 91st Street, Detroit Avenue, and Boston Avenue.
- Route 5 - Boston-South Quaker
Eliminate the portion of the route through the Tech campus.
- Route 11 - Frankford/South Plains Mall
Eliminate the portion of the route along J Corp 289, 31th Place, Inis Avenue, Wayland Plaza, Frankford Avenue, and 34th Street.
- Add service on Chicago Avenue from 34th Street to 13th Street, on 13th Street from Chicago Avenue to Slide Road, and from Slide Road between 13th Street and 4th Street.
- Route 25 - East/West Express
Add service to Wayland Plaza.

Proposed Service Elimination

Effective Monday, November 11, 2002, the Evening Service will be eliminated.

Additional Information

The changes to the fixed route system will be effective on Monday, January 13, 2003.

Maps showing the proposed changes may be accessed at www.citibus.com or at the Citibus offices, 801 Texas Avenue.

Public Hearing

The Lubbock Public Transit Advisory Board will conduct a public hearing on these proposed changes on Tuesday, November 5, 2002. The hearing will be held at the Downtown Transfer Plaza, 801 Broadway at 12 noon.

Citibus will also accept written comments until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2002. They may be submitted to info@citibus.com or by mail to Citibus Planning Department, PO Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas, 79407.



water wisely

Q. What is water run-off?

A. Water run-off is typically caused by over-watering, aiming sprinklers in the wrong direction, or watering on a windy day. Your lawn is like a paper towel. It can only absorb so much water in a given period of time. If you apply too much water too quickly, the water that your lawn is unable to absorb will become water run-off. It is critical that you visually observe your lawn to verify your sprinklers are watering the grass and not the sidewalk or street and to observe that you are applying the proper amount of water to your lawn. Also, shut off your sprinkler system on windy and rainy days. By following these simple tips, you will help us prevent water run-off.

Q. How do I know how much water to apply on my particular kind of grass?

A. This applies during the growing season. See chart below.

Types of Grass	Watering Frequency
Buffalo Grass	Every 2 weeks
Tex-turf-10	Every 7 to 10 days
Bermuda	Every 4 to 6 days
Fescue	Every 4 days

With the exception of Fescue, which needs to be watered approximately every 2 weeks during the winter months, the above grasses go dormant in the winter and do not need to be watered.



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In Remembrance...



Lela Young-Davis

Funeral services were held for Lela J. Young-Davis last Friday afternoon, October 25, 2002, at the Unity Baptist Church with Rev. Robert D. Adams, pastor, officiating.

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

She died Saturday, October 19, 2002.

She was born January 5, 1949 in Lubbock, Texas. She attended public schools in Lubbock and graduated from Dunbar High School. She attended Merriman Business College and the Lubbock School of Nursing, where she received her licensed vocation nurse certificate. She later joined the U.S. Air Force and served for 14 years and five months. She is survived by her mother, Ilean Young of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, Shannon Victoria Thomas of Palatka, Florida; four sisters: Katy M. Edmonds of Austin, Texas, Luher Ann Matthew of Dallas, Texas, Cecille Waiker of Las Vegas, Nevada and Eunie I. Young of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, R. B. Young of El Paso, Texas; and three grandchildren.



A. Washington, Jr.

Slaton, Texas — Funeral services were held for Alexander Washington Jr. last Tuesday morning, October 29, 2002, at the Mount Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Alfred Washington officiating. He was assisted by Rev. C. C. Peoples, pastor.

Burial was held in the Englewood Cemetery in Slaton under the direction of Jamison's Funeral Home.

Mr. Washington died Wednesday, October 23, 2002.

He was born February 4, 1950, in Slaton. He graduated from high school in Lubbock, Texas in 1967. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and was a cook for many years. He is survived by his father, Alexander, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas, his mother, Elizabeth Jefferson of Lubbock, Texas; a son, Alexander, III of Slaton, Texas; a daughter, Rachel Woodson Johnson of Lubbock, Texas; eight brothers: Leroy, John, Ervin, Billy, Aldred, Stonewall and Marvin, all of Lubbock, Texas, and Paul Jefferson of Austin, Texas; four sisters: Ethel Ansley, Modesta Clemmons and Alice Doss, all of Lubbock, Texas, and Josephine Humphrey of Slaton, Texas; and three grandchildren.



Emma Mae Wilson

Memorial services were held for Mrs. Emma Mae Wilson last Wednesday, October 23, 2002, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses in Lubbock with Isaiah Garner officiating.

Private burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Wilson's Funeral Directors to Wolfforth, Texas.

She died Monday, October 21, 2002.

Born December 23, 1920 in Athens, Texas, she married Pete Wilson on February 25, 1940, in Athens. He passed away December 25, 1987. She was a housekeeper and a nanny. She was a Jehovah's Witness.

She preceded in death by a son, Marco on April 9, 1990.

She is survived by two daughters, Danielle Anderson and Dianne Jenkins, both of Lubbock; four sons, James, Jr. of Virginia Beach, Va, David of Texas City, Texas, Lambert of Dallas and Rob of Lubbock; ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Question: Why does it seem like churches are dying and not growing?

Answer: (Part two) The church is declining because people desire to please self rather than please God. Pleasing self instead of God is not a new problem. Satan desired to have his place above Jehovah. "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." (Isaiah 14: 13,14). This is a quotation from Satan exalting himself above God. Here is where the problem of pleasing self rather than pleasing God began.

Satan's rebellion against the Lord and consequent sin infected other angels with the desire to please self. In Jude 6 we read that, "angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day." There is some difference of opinion among scholars about what is meant about this statement but, there is no disputing the fact that these angels were disobedient. They wanted to please themselves and not God.

Satan's influence also affects us. When we choose to do what we want instead of what God wants to do it is obedience to Satan. "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that your body should obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you." (Romans 6:12-14). We must choose to obey God rather than Satan. "Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness." (Romans 6:16). We must choose to obey God. In doing so we will not only be active in His Church, but we will encourage others to be there also.

Within the desire to please self there is a component of self-assurance that also contributes to the declining numbers in the church. It comes from those who may have grown up in the church. There is a tendency for those who have been raised in Christian homes to take for granted the love

and blessing of a good home. Sometimes the sense of well being that these Christians experience may cause them to take for granted the blessing of salvation in Christ. Consequently, they may lack the fervor and dedication, that is demonstrated by others who came from unseemly backgrounds. Of course I am not saying this is the case with all who were raised in Christian homes but this does speak to some who have had this experience. A warning to these in this circumstance should be sufficient to encourage their faith and help them guard against the complacency that could set in as a result of their background.



PARKWAY DRIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Health Care-Based on Good Will, Not Profit

By Ruth Oron, Meryl Simon, Miriam Weiss

In recent months, with revelations about Enron, Worldcom, Tyco and other corporations, people are more conscious than ever that the profit motive is against their well-being and happiness. Never has there been a greater feeling of betrayal by the American people regarding such crucial things as jobs, pensions, and medical insurance. And there is growing outrage at how people are seen as a means for profit by the pharmaceutical industry.

It is unconscionable that in our rich country—the only industrialized nation without universal health coverage—millions, including children, are uninsured, and, senior citizens are often forced to agonize between paying for extremely costly medicine or food.

Drug companies charge outrageous prices to cover, as they claim, the cost of research and development of new drugs. But, Michigan Democratic Senator Deborah Stabenow noted:

"...drug companies get a tax break for research and development costs, and also get to use, for free, the results of basic research done at taxpayer expense by the National Institutes of Health. They get the write-off. Then we give them a 20-year patent, Stabenow said. "We protect them from competition for 20 years. And what do we get in the end, the American taxpayers? The highest (drug) prices in the world?" (Reuter's 7/18/02).

"Profiting from Pain: Where Prescription Drug Dollars Go," (a report also issued last July by Families USA), gives the following information:

"The pharmaceutical industry has been the most profitable industry in America for each of the past 10 years and, in 2001, was five-and-one-half times more profitable than the average for Fortune 500 companies."

We have learned from Aesthetic Realism, the education founded by the great American philosopher Eli Siegel, that the profit system is based on contempt, which he denned as, "the addition to self through the lessening of something else." And we have seen as true what Ellen Reiss, the class chairman of Aesthetic Realism/ describes: "Once you are after profit, you can't be too interested in what people deserve.... It will

cramp your ability to make money from them....Economics," she stated, "has to be different from what has been in the world before," and she pointed to what Aesthetic Realism shows: the central thing in economics: how fairly people want to see other people. "...It has to be in keeping with the Justice to people described in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution." (The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known Nos. 925,1517).

We have to ask: should persons be seen in terms of how profitable their illnesses can be for a drug maker, or in terms of what will make for their strength? We love Eli Siegel's passion on this subject: "The idea of people worried about their health [and] worried about money is barbarous," he stated. "It is ego corruption."

The ill will drug companies have can also be seen now in the great worry parents have because in 2002, after many decades of successful prevention of deadly diseases like diphtheria and polio, there is a shortage of vaccines for children, putting their very lives in danger. "Some pharmacists and doctors say the government needs to provide better scrutiny when firms halt production of key drugs or vaccines," wrote Julie Appleby in USA Today, and she continued:

"At the root of the issue is a clash between...drug makers deciding to stop making unprofitable products and public health needs."

Medicine should be for the benefit of people's lives not for profit.

In a series of historic lectures in May of 1970, Mr. Siegel explained that the world had come to a point where the ill will of profit economics, where the very goods and services that people need in order to live are controlled privately, could no longer work. He stated:

"Men live with more difficulty and incompleteness, and the world is saying: We don't want ill will to hurt and poison our lives any more.... That sense of justice, which is a name for good will, is tremendously powerful..."

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TSU Debate Team in Big Win at Purdue, Outranking Notre Dame

The Texas Southern University, internationally acclaimed, award winning Debate Team, the 2002 International Forensics Champions, returned to the campus recently, after having participated in the 16th Annual Boiler Forensic Tournament, held at Purdue University, in Lafayette Indiana, the weekend of Sept. 19-21, 2002. The team was one of thirty schools in attendance, at the mid-western meet, including such schools as Notre Dame, Illinois, Eastern Michigan, Indiana, Arkansas, Truman, Purdue, Eastern Kentucky, Ball State, Carson Newman, DePauw, and Wabash College. After two days of high level competition, the team accumulated enough points to rank it first in Parliamentary Debate Sweepstakes, amassing through the preliminary to the final rounds, a total of 125 points. Second place was won by the University of Arkansas, with a total of 100 points, while third place was taken by Notre Dame, with 100 points. With the points accumulated in individual events added to the 125 points in debate, the team earned a total of 205 points to win the First Place Overall Team Trophy, presented at the Awards Assembly. Second place, with 175 points, was Western Kentucky State, third place with 139 points was Central Michigan State, while fourth place with 109 points went to the University of Arkansas.

All teams debated using the Parliamentary style, patterned after the English Parliament. Each team was given the topic fifteen minutes prior to the round, the period of time to be used for preparation of the case for or against the resolution, after which the one hour debate would be conducted. As the round proceeded, each team alternated, from the government position to the position of the opposition, or from the position of the opposition to the position of the government. Such topics as the following were debated in the preliminary rounds:

This house believes that the best course of action is the tastiest. This house believes that this house should quit memorializing. This house believes that it should rock mob style. This house believes that the Johannesburg summit has no comparative advantage. This house believes that science is greater than or equal to art. This house believes that the federal government should support a program of clean air. This house believes that pragmatism has little value over humanism.

The success of the TSU team was realized with a relatively new team, consisting of only three varsity members, and seventeen novices, eight of whom are first semester freshmen, in their first semester of intercollegiate competition. The participating team included the following students:

Varsity members
Noel Dean, Montre Johnson, Margaret Fehnbullch

Novices
Sir Charles Black, Michele Southers, Deondre Samuels, Sarah Jackson, Marquita Gill, Rashawn Carrington, Janita Rasaud, Ruth Quionnes, Robert Whitehouse, Larcaux Thompson, Leah Robinson, Merjorie Sheriff, Uchechi Nwosu, Kimberly Patrick, Shameka Greer, Adrien Gibson, Tanya Belle

The team was accompanied by the coach; for the last fifty years, Thomas F. Freeman and the assistant coach, and former debate team member, who has just returned from Paris, Maurice Roberts.

The debate team is open to any undergraduate student, with or without previous training or experience in the forensic arts, including first semester freshmen. Interested students are invited to consult the coach in Ed. 112, at anytime.

The next tournament in which the team will participate will be the Schnoor Forensic Tournament to be held at Mankato State University, in Mankato, Minnesota, the middle of October.

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

From interested agencies, organizations, or individuals within the COUNTY OF LUBBOCK interested in applying for FY2003

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- CSBG Intake Form
- Central Client Service Record
- Income documentation (CSBG income guideline)
- Eligibility determination (Lubbock County residents)
- Copy of bill and copy of check or voucher
- Declaration of income
- Program Policy and Procedure

Other requirements may be applicable depending on type of program.

Applications may be picked up beginning Oct. 21, 2002 at The Community Development Office. For more information contact 775-2301.

Applications Due by November 5, 2002 at 5:00pm

To: Community Development
1625 13th Street, room 107
PO Box 2000
Lubbock, TX 79457
No late applications will be accepted.
Funding must be spent by December 31, 2003



GRUB Team Will Represent Food Bank In Saturday's City Cleanup Campaign

The South Plains Food Bank's "GRUB" kids will make the rounds this Saturday (26 October) in Lubbock, competing with other groups in a citywide cleanup campaign. GRUB, which stands for "Growing Recruits for Urban Business", is a youth program designed to teach production and marketing of farm produce.

When GRUB delegates attended a national "Rooted in Community" conference in Florida this past summer, they accepted a challenge to take part in a "National Day of Action" on October 26; and they decided to make this Saturday's cleanup their form of action.

The cleanup is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday under sponsorship of City of Lubbock departments. Make Lubbock

Beautiful, Lubbock Public Schools, Make Kids Count, and the Volunteer Center. Residents may take unwanted furniture, appliances, trash, yard waste, and up to four tires to ten disposal sites at junior high school campuses: 219 Walnut, 5401 Ave. U, 210 N. University, 2010-E 26th, 4211 38th, 3102 Canton, 5214 74th, 5402 12th, 1602 32nd, and 4402 31st.

Groups, which signed up in advance, will be rated on the quantity of trash they collect and winners will be awarded cash prizes of \$500, \$300, and \$200. GRUB team members say any money they win will help finance their trip to next year's "Rooted in Community" conference, which will be held in New York.

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"If"

By Eddi C. Richardson

ences. One where land is running out and other areas with vast amounts of vacant land. It may be one wonder why the potential is not being fulfilled equitably across the city. The eastern shores of Lubbock has the prettiest natural terrain and natural beauty. What a shame to go to waste. But life is like that. These are the changes we must go through, and if you do not understand, my friends, I am sorry for you. It is really a shame when the total city cannot participate equitably in a tax-paying basis and not be able to compete at the marketplace with its goods and services. For Lubbock to totally be Lubbock for all of its citizens, it has to be Lubbock for all of its citizens across the board with access to all of its resources for all of its citizens. We cannot play racial games for Lubbock to truly move ahead. It will have to move into the future collectively working together for the good of all of us.

The city as a whole is a body and when one part of the body is not well, the total body is not well. The depressed areas need help from the non-depressed. Help, not

leadership, help such as any necessary resource, guidance, advice, support, in general. Hands not handouts. That's the problem now. We need to stop addressing the symptoms and get to the causes and start rectifying them together. We can make it happen. Rich, poor, Black, Brown, White and others working together for the betterment of the total city, not part or parts, but the total city.

If I could wave a magic wand, I would wave it over Lubbock and create a perfect total city but I can't so I'll have to do the best I can. With the help of God and concerned citizens of Lubbock, it can be accomplished. But most of all, if I could wave a magic wand I would wipe out all drugs, and want-to-be, think-I-am, would-like-to-be gang hangers.

I would put them on the super-highway and Internet and take them off the corner trying to claim turf that they never paid taxes on. Wouldn't it be grand to refocus their minds in the right direction and rechannel their actions in a positive direction.

If I could wave a magic wand and make all parts of Lubbock equal to south and south-west Lubbock, I would.

If I could make all parts of Lubbock competitive self-sustaining market places, I would, but I can't. Wish I could. If I could utilize land in the eastern one-third of the city, the under-utilized land, I would also develop the undeveloped areas of the eastern one-third of the city. I would also

do the same for downtown Lubbock and the Overton area as well as north and northeast Lubbock, and see the differences in the appearance, development at different points of Lubbock and try to figure out why the differ-



In Cinque

by Reneta W. Howard

For weeks now, and months in some instances, we have seen the billboards on the highways and streets of the states, and posted in private yards, filled with signs urging us to vote for various candidates for governmental offices, along with their motives or basic beliefs as to why they are best for the particular office for which they are running. Much of what we see is politics at its best. We often choose one political party over the other. Even when we vote for independent candidates we are still being political. We are telling the other parties that we do not like what they are standing for.

Regardless of what we believe, or

do not believe, we NEED TO VOTE. Voting is the only way some of us have to make our desires known as to who we want to hold public offices in our governing bodies. This is also true for legislative propositions which are put before us for which we need to vote for acceptance or rejection. Failure to vote often results in that we wish had not taken place.

Too often, we feel that our vote will not count, but we must begin to feel that every vote counts.

True, the Florida fiasco of the last presidential election is not an ideal example of reasons to vote, but rather a good reason to make sure that YOU DO VOTE. There have been some voting irregularities in many states as long as Americans have been voting, but we must still get out and vote! Another good way to insure accuracy in voting is to get involved in the process by attending voter registration and polling seminars and participating in

the polling procedures and watching for irregularities.

Some of us who complain about the results of an election, fail to take that most vital step to voting because we have not registered to vote. It takes only a few minutes of the day whether you are employed or not, to register and become a qualified, genuine voter, to have your say about who and how our government runs. Having no say leaves little room to complain later. If you vote, you did your part just reflect on the trials, tribulations, constitutional amendments, civil rights laws and lives lost to secure the right to vote for all eligible Americans, and this alone is enough to make one feel compelled to go out and vote, or if not able to get out to secure the proper forms for absentee voting. It is time that we realize how important voting is in this country and get 'in cinque4 and VOTE!

THIS N THAT

JUST FIVE MORE DAYS LEFT BEFORE GENERAL ELECTION! THIS N THAT wants all of you who are REGISTERED VOTERS to think about the upcoming election which is only five days away and that you have an opportunity to become a part of history. It will be something you can tell your grand kids about one day but in order for you to do that... YOU MUST VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5TH. Or better still... tomorrow... FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST... is the last day you can EARLY VOTE. THIS N THAT was attending a meeting in Chicago last weekend and voting became a topic and those in the conversation were amazed that in TEXAS WE HAVE EARLY VOTING. Many were saying if they had such an opportunity how the numbers in their areas would change drastically THIS N THAT is only hoping you will think of the importance of VOTING, and be among those who will cast their vote this year. Just one more day to vote early, but if you miss that day you still have an opportunity on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH! THIS N THAT is hoping you will join us at the VOTING POLLS!

RON KIRK IS STILL OUR MAN! THIS N THAT wants you to know that our vote will go for RON KIRK for the U. S. Senate seat. He is more than qualified...quit listening to what those may say about him. In looking at his record you will find out he made a very positive to the CITY OF DALLAS when he was Mayor. Let us give RON KIRK our vote with hesitation. Lets be a part of making history in Texas. THIS N THAT believes that that our friend RON KIRK deserves your precious vote. Will you help RON KIRK BECOME U.S. SENATOR? Hope so! VOTE TONY SANCHEZ for GOVERNOR PENNY HASTINGS the BARBER SAYS: 'VOTING is very important for all of us so lets make sure we VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5TH!'

ARTHRITIS EXERCISE CLASS OFFERED! THIS N THAT attended an opening house for the MAE SIMMONS COMMUNITY OUT REACH CLINIC last Thursday evening. This is a project of the DUNBAR/MANHATTAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION and has begun sponsoring programs. One of their programs is the ARTHRITIS EXERCISE CLASS with the cooperation of COVENANT LIFESTYLE CENTER. Classes are available on the following days: MONDAY & FRIDAY BEGINNING AT 1 P.M. TUESDAY & THURSDAY BEGINNING AT 2:30 P.M. and TUESDAY & FRIDAY beginning at 1 p.m. For more info about this class call Emma Jackson at 747-8732 or 762-3350.

PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT has begun to hear those who are in the developing industry TALK ABOUT EAST LUBBOCK and as we have said many times this area of the city is coming back as it should be. EAST LUBBOCK regardless of what some may say is the place to be in this day and time. Sure there is a shortcoming in many areas but give it time and we will see many things in happening. THIS N THAT advises if you own property in this apart of the city it would be nice to keep it. Who knows what's around the corner. No doubt about it EAST LUBBOCK is on its way to many things.

HAVE YOU VISITED A PUBLIC SCHOOL LATELY! THIS N THAT along with our friend SISTER ANNIE DAY is still asking the same old question HAVE YOU VISITED A PUBLIC SCHOOL THIS YEAR? If you haven't done so don't you think it is about time you do so. After all these are our precious little people who need to see us from time to time. Lets hear from you.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE NOVEMBER 5TH! THIS N THAT is still asking that you go to the VOTING POLLS on Tuesday NOVEMBER 5TH from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Now if you don't go and vote remember you don't have anything to say when things don't go your way. GO AND VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5TH!!

CHRISTY MARTINEZ

On November 5, Christy Martinez will be seeking the office of Lubbock County Treasurer. Her intentions are to protect the Lubbock way of life by sustaining and revitalizing the Lubbock County Treasurer's Office and giving it a key role in meeting Lubbock County's modern economic, technological, and community challenges.

Her skills and experience qualify her for this office. As a graduate of Texas Tech University she received marketing, business, management, and communication training. Her on-hands experience in a wide-ranging public service career at City Hall, coupled with her multi-tasking ability and management know-how in a number of detailed programs, as well as her knowledge of managing and implementing government and non-profit budgets, will help her to sustain the consistency of the County Treasurer's Office.

Her strong commitment to the community is exemplified by her civic contributions to a number of agencies, causes, and organizations. She is an advocate of family issues, especially those impacting less empowered and under represented.

She is married to Frank Garcia, a professional, originally from Hale center. Together, they are the parents of an 11 year old honor student. A proven leader, Christy's tenacity and her dedication to the community will further allow her to take on additional opportunity to serve as an advocate for the citizens of Lubbock County. Please vote for Christy as your Lubbock County Treasurer.

On Tuesday, November 5, 2002, exercise your right to VOTE and select Christy Martinez as your Lubbock County Treasurer.

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The reception is set for Sunday afternoon, November 3, 2002, from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Parkway Neighborhood Center, 405 North Martin Luther King Blvd.

Lubbock Independent School Board of Trustee member, Ms. Vernita Holmes and City Councilman T. J. Patterson will make brief remarks.

Mrs. Phenix began working at Early Learning Centers on November 1, 1962. She started at Carver Early Learning Center as a housekeeper so she and her children could all be together during the day. She has spent the last 20 years as the Lead Teacher for the Toddler One classroom.

To this day, she often has grown adults come up and hug her, and remember her from the days they were in her care.

Mrs. Phenix has said working at the day care has never been about the money. It has always been about the children. Making sure they know

they are safe and loved is the most important job in the world.

A graduate of Dunbar High School, Mrs. Phenix's five children attended Carver Early Learning Center. Since then, she has had her grandchildren and great-grandchild attend the center as well.

Mrs. Phenix, who puts God first in her life, is a faithful member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she serves on the Board of Stewards and a member of the Chancel Choir.

After working all week with the Toddlers, she is always seen in the kitchen on Sunday mornings at Bethel preparing breakfast for the young people who attend



Ruby Phenix

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

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