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## Local News



### Library Events

**Mother/Daughter Bookworms Discussion at the Godeke Branch Library**

The Mother/Daughter Bookworms group will meet at the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker on Monday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 792-6566.

**Monster Movie at Mahon Library**

The Mahon Library, 1306 9111 Street, will be showing a monster movie at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29. This 1968 film, directed by George Romero, is possibly the most famous zombie movie of all time. For more information, please call 775-2335.

**Scary Stories for Teens at Godeke Branch Library**

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, presents "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark" at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28. Teens are invited for an evening of scary tales told by the library staff. For more information, call 792-6566.

### Community Meetings

• Lubbock Area Client Council: Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center • Hub City Kiwanis: Every Tuesday Night, 7:00 pm, 1708 Avenue G • Dunbar Alumni Association: 2nd Saturday 4pm • Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 • Forgotten West Riders: First & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T.J. Patterson Library • East Lubbock Chapter AARR: Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St. • Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni: 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, T.J. Patterson Center • Dunbar/Madhattan Heights Neighborhood Association: 2nd Tuesday, Third Thursday 6:00 pm, 1303 East 34th Street (outreach center) • House of Hope: Native American Association: 1st & 3rd Tuesday on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on second Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm • Cultural presentations and dance performances • Texas Jurisprudence Club and Historical Commission: Lubbock AARR: House of T.J. Patterson Branch Library: 3rd Thursday 7 pm • West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Gateway Center, 5520 19th Street, 2:00 • West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 1st Monday evening at 7:00 pm, at the Parkway Neighborhood Center • The Parkway Graduate & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

We would like to publish your monthly meetings. If you would like for an announcement to appear in this paper, please call 762-3612 or write by mailing it to: Community Meetings C/O: Southwest Digest P.O. Box 2553 Lubbock, Texas 79408 or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at 902 East 23rd Street

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## Lubbock Dunbar Graduate Helps Fight Hostile Fires

By Jim Hughes

MISSOULA, Mont. - When the nephew of a Lubbock man received word he needed to pack up and immediately deploy to defend American lives and property in a hostile environment the soldier wasn't surprised. But when Army Staff Sgt. Michael D. Baldwin, nephew of Brady Baldwin, East 30th St., Lubbock, traded in his assault rifle, bulletproof armor and desert camouflage uniforms for an axe, a shovel, bright yellow fireproof uniforms and an all-expense-paid trip to Montana, he was a little taken aback. Mother Nature's volatile mix of an Aug. 9 lightning strike, high winds and 90-plus degree temperatures resulted in the Fish Creek Complex fires—eight separate fires in an area about 30 miles west of this city in southwestern Montana. When the fires started

to get out of hand and some residents in the woods were asked to evacuate, the National Interagency Fire Center called in the cavalry - more than 500 members of Baldwin's 1st Cavalry Division from Fort Hood, Texas. After a crash course in fighting forest fires and keeping safe out on the fire sites, the artillery unit chief surveyor spent three weeks as a firefighter working to keep the fires from spreading. "We spent three days learning to use the firefighting tools, about fire behavior and what to do in case of an emergency," said the 1979 graduate of Dunbar High School. "We were all well prepared by the time we first went out to the fire. I worked 10 to 12 hour days mainly clearing brush and trees to remove the fuel the fires needed to spread." The soldiers joined a group of about 700 civilian firefighters at a rancher's pasture that served as

the home camp for this out-of-the-normal version of Homeland Defense. The soldiers slept in two-man tents, ate meals catered specifically for firefighters, worked long hours and worried little about off-duty activities since they didn't have much down time. While living in a tent in a middle of a field isn't that different of an experience for Baldwin, trudging through mountainous terrain, swinging an axe and chain sawing trees made for a unique departure from his normal soldiering. "I oversee three surveyor teams that establish control over areas for the artillery pieces so

they can do their job—provide fire support to shape the battlefield for success and victory," he said. "Our motto is to get there, you have to know where you're at - we provide that information and much more to the commander." The Fish Creek Complex fires raged through 35,623 acres of the Lolo National Forest. When the soldiers pulled out in mid September, the fire was 75 percent contained and was totally contained in late September. And the local populace expressed their appreciation for the soldiers' efforts throughout the operation. School children sold their bicycles to buy care pack-

ages, people sent baked goods, and store owners and people on the street had nothing but good things to say about the work the soldiers were doing and their professionalism out on the town during their scarce days off. "We helped the people of Montana out and that's a great thing," he said. "But, as soldiers, we also benefited from this experience. We got a great view of how our basic team-building and problem-solving skills can help our nation, and we also had some positive interaction with civilian firefighters and the local population." While Baldwin and his fellow soldiers were a little surprised to find themselves battling Mother Nature in a forest rather than terrorists in a desert, they know the work they did was just as important. They fought to protect their fellow countrymen and they prevailed.



A helicopter drops water on a forest fire as a firefighter watches on. While no military crews flew missions to directly fight the fires, the Army did have two helicopters and medical crews on hand to provide medical evacuation of injured soldiers and firefighters. (Photo courtesy of Army 14th Public Affairs Detachment)



The soldiers and firefighters lived in this camp located in a rancher's pasture just miles from the fire. Locals gave the soldiers a lot of support and showed their gratitude in the form of care packages, baked goods, books and magazines, handshakes and a trip to a University of Montana football game in Missoula. (Photo by Gregory Kobashigawa)



Soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas, get one of their first glimpses of the forest fires they fought for three weeks. But the soldiers weren't there to be tourists; they trugged through mountainous terrain, cut down trees, put out hot spots and dug fire lines to quickly gain control of the fires. (Photo courtesy of Army 14th Public Affairs Detachment)

## Health Department Gets FluMist

The City of Lubbock Health Department has received FluMist Intranasal Influenza Vaccine. The vaccine is for healthy individuals ages 5-49 years. This is a liquid mist that is delivered into the nose. FluMist is contraindicated in

persons with any high-risk medical condition including healthy individuals who live in the household with someone who has a high-risk medical condition. FluMist will be available for \$50/dose. You can receive the

vaccine at the Health Department during immunization clinic hours. Please call 775-2914 for clinic hours or 775-2933 for more information. You may also visit the web at [www.flumist.com](http://www.flumist.com) for more information.

## Ex-Slave Writes Book on His 10 Years in Captivity

BOSTON - In the first full-length slave narrative of the 21st century, anti-slavery activist Francis Bok writes of his 10 years spent enslaved in his home nation of Sudan and his journey to becoming a prominent abolitionist working with the American Anti-Slavery Group. ESCAPE FROM SLAVERY: The True Story of My Ten Years in Captivity - and My Journey to Freedom in America, was released Oct. 14 by St. Martin's Press, is a harrowing reminder that 27 million people remain enslaved worldwide. But it also reveals the power of the human spirit, detailing the work of Bok and other heroes of the abolitionist movement to overcome an evil system the rest of the world largely ignores. This memoir is the modern-day counterpart to *My Escape From Slavery*, penned by 19th century slave-turned-abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Bok chronicles his escape, his journey to a new life, and his rise to becoming a key figure in the modern anti-slavery movement, even meeting with the president of the United States. At age seven, Bok was abducted

by Arab militiamen during a raid on his village in South Sudan. After witnessing countless deaths at the hands of his captors, he was taken to his new master's home, beaten by the children, fed rotten meat and forced to sleep next to the same animals he tended. For ten years, he waited for the right moment to escape, his life constantly in danger. At age 17, he succeeded, only to be imprisoned for speaking publicly of his enslavement in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum. After seven months in a cell without ever facing charges, Bok was released, fleeing to Egypt and finally relocating to the United States via the U.K. Refugee Program. Today, he works with the American Anti-Slavery Group to liberate not only his fellow, enslaved Sudanese brothers and sisters, but those in bondage everywhere. In 2000, he was the first escaped slave to speak on Capitol Hill, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. In 2001, Bok was a torchbearer for the 2002 Winter Olympics. And on October 21, 2002, President

George Bush invited Francis to witness the signing of the Sudan Peace Act (SPA), a bill that formally condemns the Sudanese government for the use of slavery as a weapon of genocide. Through this book, Francis places a human face on the issue of modern slavery; his words give voice to the 27 million in bondage worldwide.

## "Home for the Holidays"

The Parks and Recreation Department and Southwest Airlines announce the 2003 "Home for the Holidays" program, which provides complimentary airline tickets to visit family and friends over the holidays. Applicants from the Lubbock area who are 65 years of age or older are encouraged to apply. These applications can be obtained at any of the Lubbock Senior Centers and are due by Thursday, October 23rd. Decisions will be based on economic need and reason for wanting to travel. If chosen, you will be able to travel between December 1, 2003 and March 31, 2004. There will be a celebration 10 award [the winners with their tickets at the Mae Simmons Senior Center on December 9, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. "The City of Lubbock is pleased to partner with Southwest Airlines in this worthwhile program," said Johnny McLellan, Indoor Recreation Supervisor for Lubbock Parks and Recreation. Since the program began in

1979, thousands of senior citizens have been given the opportunity to go "Home for the Holidays." Camille Keith, Vice President of Special Marketing at Southwest Airlines, has nurtured the program through the years. "I have been proud to watch the Home for the Holidays program grow tremendously as Southwest Airlines has expanded," said Keith. "I am grateful for our loyal Customers and hardworking Employees that allow Southwest Airlines to continue to give back to the community." Applications can be picked up at these Lubbock Senior Centers: • Lubbock Senior Center, 2001 19th Street, 767-2710 • Copper Rawlings Center, 213 40th Street, 707-2704 • Mae Simmons Center, 2004 Oak Avenue, 767-2708 • Trejo Senior Center, 3200 Amherst, 767-2705 or online at [www.LubbockFunClub.com](http://www.LubbockFunClub.com) under Senior Living;

## Lubbock Receives \$280,000 Grant

The City of Lubbock has received a \$280,000 grant from the Office of Domestic Preparedness. The funding is available under the Nunn-Lugar-Domenici Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program. This program provides money for the purchase of specialized training equipment for hazardous materials (hazmat), fire services, law enforcement and emergency medical services. Lubbock is one of the nation's 120 cities identified in the federal

1997 Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction act. This is also known as the Nunn-Lugar-Domenici Act, and it required the Department of Defense to develop a program to provide training and advice to federal, state, and local agencies regarding response to a weapon of mass destruction incident or threat. The 120 Nunn-Lugar-Domenici cities are all U.S. cities with a population of more than 144,000 according to the 1990 census. These 120

cities represent about 22 percent of the U.S. population and cover at least one city in 38 states and the District of Columbia. Twelve states and the U.S. territories have no cities in the program, and 25 percent of the cities are in California and Texas. There are 11 other Nunn-Lugar-Domenici cities in Texas, including Amarillo, Garland, Irving, Fort Worth, Dallas, Arlington, El Paso, Austin, Houston, San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

## Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

### Moon Chenille Jackets

This is a fantastic jacket, lightweight and strikingly beautiful. Multicolored patch work, richly designed to capture your heart. This jacket boldly and proudly reflects style, it will most definitely demand a lot of attention. A classic round neck that looks great with both turtle neck and mock neck sweaters. Warm and cozy, yet its not big and bulky. Chenille jackets are extremely



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## CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

The Male Chorus of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will present Miss Pam Moton of New Hope Baptist Church in a concert on Sunday afternoon, November 9, 2003, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

According to Brother Samuel Curtis, director of the Male Chorus, this will also be a few Sunday activity as all members of the Male Chorus will be inviting their many friends to attend.

Rev. Danny Poe is host pastor.

Also at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday morning, November 16, 2003, the Rev. Ella McDonald will be guest minister during the Cornucopia Harvest of Plenty Celebration beginning at 10:45 a.m.

Our prayers go out to those who are sick and shut-in in our community.

Brother Harry Stokley is a patient in CICU at Lakeside Covenant Hospital at this report. God is able.

Wayne Davis, a former resident of Lubbock and now resides in Atlanta, Georgia, was released as a patient at University Medical Center last week. Keep him in our prayers.

Also, C. L. Harris is still a patient at University Medical Center. He is reported to be suffering from a leg ailment.

Let us not forget the Women Missionary Society's Fourth Annual Musical which will feature the Male Chorus of the Community Churches on Friday evening, October 24, 2003, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sister Joan Y. Ervin is president.

The New Hope Baptist Church Family will be celebrating their Pastor and Family's 14th Appreciation on Sunday afternoon, November 2, 2003, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The Women in Crimson and Silver Banquet will be held Friday evening, December 5, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the McInturff Conference Center. This event will be hosted by the Women Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church.

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 are looking for a church home, then visit New Hope Baptist Church or any church of your interest.

Services began last Sunday morning with Meditation and Prayer. Scripture was read by Brother Curtis Gipson. Brother Ernest Swain offered the morning prayer.

After several selections by the New Hope Choir, Rev. Mercelle McCutcheon brought morning sermon. Her subject was "You Have To Trust God In Spite Of." Her scripture text was Job 13:13-15. She

made it clear you must trust God in spite of what's going on in your life. She says: "God sees everything!"

After the invitation to discipleship was extended, Sister Joan Y. Ervin read the morning announcements. Brother Napoleon Cooper welcomed all visitors.

General Mission at New Hope Baptist Church will be held on Monday evening, October 27, 2003, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The Annual Conference for Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be held at Smith Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Dallas, Texas November 4, 2003. This is the Northwest/North Texas Annual Conference.

Brother E. J. Donaldson will be the "Man of the Year" from this conference.

## Texas Tech Vietnam Center to Host Conference

LUBBOCK-Texas Tech university's Vietnam Center annual conference will focus on "The Rise and Fall of Ngo Dinh Diem," the first president of South Vietnam who served from 1955 until his assassination on Nov. 1, 1963. Sessions of the two-day meeting, which is open to the public, will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, (Oct. 24), at the International Cultural Center, located on Sixth Street and Indiana Avenue.

"Our conference presents a healthy mix of academic papers and reports from actual participants in events relat-

ed to the conflict in Southeast Asia," said James R. Reckner, Ph.D., director of the Vietnam Center. "We anticipate some very lively discussions that will most certainly add to our overall knowledge and understanding of the Vietnam era."

Speakers will include former North Vietnamese Army Col. Bui Tin, who accepted the unconditional surrender of South Vietnam. Other speakers will include former South Vietnamese Prime Minister and Head of State Gen. Nguyen Khanh, and former South Vietnamese Ambassador and Minister of

State Nguyen Xuan Phong, now a senior research associate at the Vietnam Center.

"The papers will examine a range of topics relating to Diem's presidency, his relations with key Americans, Buddhist uprisings against his government, reactions of the American press to the coup and the widening conflict, and even personal observations of Diem offered by family members and friends," he said.

One paper to be presented at the conference is authored by two anti-Communist Vietnamese colonels who par-

ticipated in an unsuccessful coup against Diem in 1960. Their paper will break forty-plus years of silence on their reasons for the attempted coup, said Reckner.

The Vietnam Center was established in November 1989. Events such as this year's conference help fulfill a goal that the center encourages continued study of all aspects of the American Vietnam experience, he said.

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The classes are scheduled: November Classes: Wednesday, November 19, 2003, at Godeke Branch Library, located on Quaker Avenue. From 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. RSVP/ASAP to (806) 799-7322 or 791-3991. December Class: Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at Godeke Branch Library, Community Room. From 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Donation is \$35.00. RSVP/ASAP to (806) 799-7322 or 791-3991. Seating at each session is limited.



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LUKE 11:19, JESUS SAID, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HATH ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE DOOR, HE HATH SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PREACH DELIVERANCE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THEM THAT ARE BRUISED, TO PREACH THE ACCEPTABLE YEAK OF THE LORD.

JESUS IS SAYING, COME UNTO ME; ALL THAT HAVE TROUBLES AND SINS, AND TROUBLES AND SINS EVERYONE HAVE; AND JESUS WANT TO COME IN.

ROMANS 3:26, FOR ALL HAVE SINNED, AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY (GOODNESS) OF GOD.

JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO GO INTO THE WORLD; AND LIFT HIM UP, CHURCHES IS SO LUKEWARM TODAY; THE WORLD WANT THEM TO SHUT UP!!

JOHN 6:37, JESUS SAID, ALL THAT THE FATHER GIVETH ME SHALL COME TO ME, AND HIM THAT COMETH TO ME I WILL NO WISE CAST OUT.

PEOPLE THINK THEY HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS; IT CAN'T EVER BE TRUE, GOD IS THE ONE WHO CAN GIVE THAT, AND ITS BEEN GIVEN TO ME AND YOU.

JOHN 3:3,17, JESUS SAID, VERILY (TRULY), VERILY (TRULY), I SAY UNTO THEE,

EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD, FOR

GOD SENT NOT HIS SON (JESUS) INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.

PEOPLE THINK THEY ARE EQUAL TO OTHERS; WHITE, RED, AND BROWN, LIVING IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS; BUT WHAT IF LOVE IS NOT AROUND???

1 JOHN 2:15, LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD. IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM.

(GRACE AND MERCY; IS THE ONLY THING IS THE ONLY THING GOD GIVES

TO ALL, RED AND YELLOW BLACK AND WHITE; ALL ARE PRECIOUS IN GOD'S EYE SIGHT)

HAVE YOU TRIED THE BIG HOMES, CARS, AND MONEY; YET YOU ARE IN MISERERE.

YOU REMEMBER ELYS TRIED THE SAME THINGS; BUT IT WAS JESUS HE NEEDED!!

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

ARE YOU LIKE THE WOMAN WHO'S BLOOD ISSUE IN LIFE; AND IT WOULDN'T STOP?

WHAT ISSUES OF LIFE THAT IS KILLING YOU? DRUGS, LYING, STEALING, AND YOU CAN'T STOP!

ROMANS 6:23, FOR THE WAGERS OF SIN IS DEATH; BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

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WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY BJ, MORRISON, 111, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST



## from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Make Everyone Happy

old Hindu parable that tells the story of an adopted tiger cub. The motherless cub was adopted by goats and brought up to speak their language, emulate their ways, eat their food. In fact the little tiger cub believed he was a goat.

However, there came a day when a King Bengal tiger weighing in at 550 pounds, ten feet long, thick yellow fur with dark stripes happened along and all the goats panic and absconded in terror. But the little cub lingered behind, afraid and yet somehow unafraid. The tiger cub brayed a bit and then nervously nibbled at the grass.

The King Bengal tiger laughed and asked the small tiger what he meant by this masquerade. He said, nothing, only bleating like a goat once again. So the King Bengal tiger took him to a

to look at the two reflections' sides by side. But the little one failed to see any significance in it.

When this failed, the King Bengal tiger hunted down a young deer and brought some of the raw meat to the young tiger. He said to the young tiger, "notice you nibbling grass, what I have brought you is what tigers eat along with a diet of cattle, frog and fish."

At first the cub cringed from the strange taste. But he kept licking and soon sunk his teeth deep into the raw flesh. His tail began to swing in the wind and his claws began to dig into the soft earth.

A roar began to swell in the young tiger's throat. He glanced over at the King Bengal tiger and he began to realize he was a cool cat.

An incident similar to the parable unfolded in American politics several days ago. The United States Congress was sworn in with an overwhelming white male

Representative 37 blacks (8.5 percent) were sworn in even though blacks make up 12 percent of the U. S. population. There were no blacks sworn in the 100-member Senate, nor were there any black Republicans in the House.

Ironically, the King Bush tiger had brought a piece of fresh political meat from the kill of Senator Lott and waved it before the Baby Tennessee Republican tiger, Frist. Frist licked the political flesh of King Bush tiger economic growth packages of \$674 billion which is said would eliminate taxes on most dividends paid to shareholders, speed up across-the-board cuts in tax rates and offer more tax relief to married couples and families with children; he licked the stench from a white Mississippi male named Charles Pickering who allegedly would let white cross burning Klu Klux Klans terrorize black Americans by freeing

colors of King Bush tiger when he renominated this sinister character named Charles Pickering to become a judge on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans which hears cases even from Lubbock; he realized he was a cool cat and heightens his tail and elevated it in approval for two Appeals Court nominees opposed by civil rights groups: Jeffery Sutton, a pro-states' rights attorney, for the 6th Circuit in Ohio, and Terrence Boyle, a Jesse Helms protegee, for the 4th Circuit in Virginia.

A roar began to swell deep in Frist's throat on "Fox News Sunday" (January 12, 2003) as he kissed up to the King Bush tiger's plan in perhaps hoping he will be King Frist tiger in 2008. Then this Southerner can sink his teeth really deep into black meat. There are presaging political troubles for black Americans on the horizon.

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"America, Please Bless God!"  
"A Prayer For Our Nation"

Lord, forgive us of our sins. Please heal our land, help America to get back to the trusting in you. They tore down the Ten Commandments the other day to get them out of the sight of your people, but Lord, as we read your word where you still say "thy shalt have no other gods before you." We join together in prayer for those who govern and serve in our great land. We pray for our President, His Cabinet, Congress and their Families. Give them divine protection and favor with all nations and the courage of a champion to prevail by doing what is right and overcoming evil with good all over the United States of America.

Father, we pray for Texas, the Governor, Texas Agencies, their staff, News Media, Fire Fighters,

Policemen, Rescue Workers, and all their Families. Give them the minds of Christ and wisdom to govern in the days of uncertainty, divine courage and protection. Our Sons and Daughters who are in harms way now, we pray for them as we, as families of victims of the war, terrorist attacks, suicide bombers, and anyone who is involved in evil acts. Comfort those who recover and anoint them with joy and praise to lift their heavy burdens and restore their souls and meet their needs.

We pray for the U.S. Military and U.S. Allies. Strengthen them and protect our Military and Country and other countries from attacks. We ask you to please deploy your Heavenly Hosts to camp about them as a Shield of Protection. Lord, this world needs a means to triumph

over evil and glorify your name.

We pray for communities, missionaries and ministers. Father, unite believers in the communities and churches for your name sake. Protect them from every deadly and evil act of the enemy, and every attempt to commit harm. Conform your word among the true Christian Community, and show the world that you're the true and living God. Help our ministers and missionaries to realize they have mission fields sitting in their congregations. Give them divine favor and protection and forewarn them of any impending dangers and direct their steps. Allow our servants of God to rule in the midst of their adversaries for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for victory. We pray for the enemies of the

United States of America. Father, give us the mercy and grace to forgive our enemies as you forgive us. Vengeance belongs to you alone. Lord, unite us in prayer to stand. Touch the hearts of every evil individual and pour out your Holy Spirit in this world, and may you yield a mighty harvest, Lord, for your glory. AMEN.

Thought of the Week: "At the name of Jesus, demons tremble!"

For all of you who are hurting all over this city, God is the answer to any problem you may have. Read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26. Try Him!

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

**Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
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Intercessory Prayer 8:30am  
Church School 9:30am  
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Wednesday Bible Study 12:00 Noon and 6:00pm

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### Shake Yourself Loose

Sunday, OCTOBER 26, 2003 - 11:15 AM & 7:00 PM  
ELDER G. CRAIGE LEWIS OF FT. WORTH, TEXAS will be conducting a one day revival at Agape Temple Church of God in Christ 4510 Ave. Q. Lubbock, Texas, Pastor Bishop W. H. Watson. Elder Lewis is the founder of EX Ministries. EX Ministries has been established to open the eyes of the body of Christ. This ministry is lead by Eld. G. Craig Lewis and specializes in exposing the enemy. Eld. Lewis travels the country, spreading the message of the enemy's deception and thousands are healed, delivered, and set free from the powerful message that he carries. This is not just a ministry for youth, but it is an eye opener that is essential to protecting the foundation of our churches and our relationship to God. we are asking everyone to dress down and /or wear your favorite jersey.

### Male Chorus of Community in Concert Friday Night

The Women Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church will present Male Choruses of the Community in Concert will be held Friday evening, October 24, 2003, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Churches participating include: New Hope Baptist Church, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, First Progressive Baptist Church, Agape Temple Church of God in Christ, and St. James Baptist Church. The public is invited to come and enjoy this great Gospel musical program.

### Mr. & Ms. Greater Mt. Zion Pageant /Banquet"

Crosbyton, Texas - The "Mr. and Ms. Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church Pageant and Banquet" will be held Saturday evening, November 1, 2003, at the church, 411 North Front Street. A very tasty menu is being displayed. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance; \$9.00 at door; \$12.00 a couple in advance and \$15.00 at door. For ticket information, call (806) 5271; Rev. Herman L. Phillips or Sister Elsie Phillips at (806) 744-1800 or Brother Rickey C. Turner at (806) 785-6990. Sunday, November 2, 2003, Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church will be celebrating its 90th Church Anniversary. Services will begin at 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

### St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, October 19, 2003, services were great at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. The day began with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. The morning Lesson was taught by Rev. Sister Nina Davis. It was reviewed by Pastor Edward Canady. What a lesson it was, and it will provide substance for all of us during week and days and months to come. The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a.m. with Rev. Sister Nina Davis delivering morning sermon. Her theme was "Do You Have Faith?" Her scripture text was Hebrews 11:1-6. The Sunday School Department sponsored a short program immediately following the morning services. After this special presentation, members fellowshiped with Pastor Canady and others in Fellowship Hall. October is designated as "Pastoral Month," so the members had a wonderful time together. Thought For The Week: "To avoid being tempted by forbidden fruit, stay away from the Devil's orchard."

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## In Remembrance...



**Earther Hardaway Thomas**

Seguin, Texas—Funeral services were held for Sister Earther Hardaway Thomas on Saturday afternoon, October 4, 2003, at the Bethel Pentecostal Church of Christ. Bishop Elroy Smith, Sr., pastor, officiated.

Interment was held in McKeller Cemetery in Gonzales, Texas under the direction of D. W. Brooks Funeral Home of San Antonio, Texas.

Active pallbearers were J. T. Thomas, Bennie Thomas, Michael Thomas, Shawn

Henderson, William Sexton, John B. Sexton and Fred Henderson, III.

She was born to the late Phillip and Matilda Crockett Hardaway in Gonzales County, Texas. She attended public school in Gonzales County.

Her parents, seven brothers and three sisters precede her in death. Her husband, Joe Thomas, passed away on August 30, 1978. A son, Albert Thomas, passed away on January 10, 1983.

Sister Thomas was loved by all who knew her. She accepted Christ at an early age. She joined St. James Baptist Church in the late 1940s, and was a faithful member. She served as an usher and she sung in the choir. Later, she moved her membership to Bethel Pentecostal Church of Christ and was a faithful member until her health began to fail.

She was united in Holy matrimony to Joe Thomas in

Gonzales County, Texas. To this union, twelve children were born.

She passed away Friday, September 26, 2003, in Seguin, Texas.

She leaves to cherish her memories: nine daughters: Joe Anna Jackson of Austin, Texas; Ethel Walker, Earther Anderson and Rosie L. Johns, all of Lubbock, Texas; Matilda Sexton of Seguin, Texas; Sarah Henderson, Betty Thomas and Anninas Carner, all of San Antonio, Texas; and Mary L. Taylor of Lincoln, Texas; two sons, J. T. Thomas of San Antonio, Texas and Bennie Thomas of Seguin, Texas; a sister, Bessie Mitchell of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, Phillip Hardaway of Houston, Texas; 38 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, 15 great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Graveside services were held for Michael Briscoe last Saturday afternoon, October 18, 2003, at the City of Lubbock Cemetery with Rev. Joe Nelson officiating.

Mr. Briscoe died Thursday, October 9, 2003, in Marion County, Texas, outside of Longview, Texas.

He was born April 15, 1970, in Abernathy, Texas. He graduated from New Deal High School in 1988, and was a member of the Texas Tech University Red Raider football team from

1989 until 1991. He married Melissa Kempf in April, 1999.

He is survived by his wife, Melissa Kempf Briscoe, and their 10-month-old daughter, Zoe Elizabeth Briscoe, of Longview, Texas; and his son, Michael, 13, of Lubbock, Texas; his mother, Catherine Briscoe of Lubbock, Texas; his siblings: James Briscoe, Tammy Fleming, Brenda Wallace, and Gregory Briscoe, all of Lubbock, Texas; and two nephews and a niece of Lubbock, Texas.



**Michael Briscoe**

## Neugebauer Secures Department of Defense Funding for Texas Tech

Washington, DC—Congressman Randy Neugebauer has secured federal funding for two important projects for Texas Tech university in a federal funding bill.

Neugebauer secured \$3.5 million for the Texas Tech Institute of Environmental and Human Health (IEHH) and \$1 million for the Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. National Program for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats. The funding is part of the Department of Defense (DOD) Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

The mission of IEHH is to develop risk-based approaches that address the effects of toxic chemicals on human health and the environment. IEHH's research program is tied to operations at U.S. Air Force bases, such as Reese. Specifically, IEHH is developing remediation strategies through research for the clean-up of ground water contaminations associated with base closures. This research has resulted in the development and evaluation of toxic chemicals in order to make remedies less costly and more efficient.

"This partnership between IEHH and the Department of Defense is reflected in their expansion of an outstanding team of scientists addressing DOD site-specific remediation and evaluation of toxic chemicals. With the increasing threat of bio-terrorist events and the specific threat of chemical or biological agents not only on military populations, but at home too, programs such as this at Texas Tech have become a high priority in the defense community," Neugebauer said.

"Continued funding for our program from the Department of Defense represents an outstanding effort by Congressman Neugebauer, our Administration at Texas Tech and our program. Moving forward will contribute new science and technology to military readiness and homeland security, specifically biological and chemical terrorism threats," according to Ron Kendall, Director of the Institute and Chairman of the Department of Informational Toxicology.

Mr. Kendall continued, "In addition to assisting the Department of Defense with toxic

material cleanup on military operation areas, this support will also contribute to the institute's efforts and economic development in the Lubbock area at its operational base at Reese Center. We are very appreciative."

These funds will be used to publish new papers and train future scientists. The Zumwalt Program will continue to build upon its work with DOD to conduct basic and applied research, education and training in order to improve the ability of DOD and other federal agencies to address chemical or biological terrorism.

Before his death, Admiral Zumwalt was a tireless advocate of the National Program for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats Program at the Texas Tech University System and the University of Texas System and provided tremendous input into this project.

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 was approved by the U.S. House of Representatives on September 24, 2003 and became public law on September 30, 2003.

## The American Legion 19th District

19th District Commander Eldon Erickson and Oratorical Chairman Robert Bland kicked off The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest at this year's Fall Convention.

Contestants must be students under the age of 20 and presently enrolled in a high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, private, or state accredited home school) commencing with grade nine (9) through twelve (12). The contest consists of two parts, the oration and an assigned topic.

The subject to be used for the Prepared Oration must be on some phase of the Constitution of the United States which will give emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. If a quotation is used it must be indicated. The Prepared Oration must be between 8 and 10 minutes in length.

The Assigned Topics for 2004 are: (1) Article 1 Section 3 clause 6; The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside; And no person shall be convicted with-

out the concurrence of two thirds of the members present. (2) Article 4 Section 2 clauses 1,2; Clause 1: The citizens of each state shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states. Clause 2: A person charged in any state with reason, felony, or other crime, who shall flee from justice, and be found in another state, shall on demand of the executive authority of the state form which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the state having jurisdiction of the crime. (3) Amendment 14 Section 1: All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law, which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, with due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. The Assigned Topic must be between 3 and 5 minutes in length. The Assigned Topic will be given to each contestant just prior to delivery.

The 19th District contest will

be held on Saturday, January 3, 2004. Up to \$160,000 in scholarships will be given away. Scholarship awards will be \$300 for the 19th District winner, \$500 for the 4th Division winner, and the Department of Texas will award: 1st place - \$1,000; 2nd place \$750; 3rd place \$500, 4th place \$250. The Department winner will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship from National just for participating in a Regional Contest, and an additional \$1,500 if the participant advances to the Sectional Contest and does not advance to the National Finals. Competitors in the National Finals are awarded scholarships as follows: 1st - \$18,000; 2nd - \$16,000; 3rd - \$14,000.

The American Legion urges all schools to send at least one student. With college tuition costs going up every year do not deny your child or student the opportunity to earn valuable scholarship money. Participate, it's free and can give you a start to a college degree. Contact your local American Legion Post or Robert Bland, 806-747-2456, or Eldon Erickson (W) 806-761-4739 or (H) 806-763-5121.

# Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

**Question:** What is the difference between grace and mercy?

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

This question will be answered from the view-point of salvation. Obviously grace and mercy have other applications in the human experience. But, in order for me to answer the question within the length of this column I will restrict the answer to the salvation perspective. Surely, if anyone were to attempt to write a treatise on grace alone it would require every newspaper in this country to contain it.

Let me begin first by giving the definition of each word. Grace is receiving the favor of another. It is a free gift given to someone motivated solely by the love and or generosity of the giver. Mercy is the benevolent action or inaction that does not give a person a punishment that they rightly deserve. It is withholding the righteous vengeance that

should be given to those who do not do God's will. In effect, grace and mercy are the opposite ends of a loving and benevolent relationship. There is the free gift of grace that saves us from our sins.

Followed up by mercy that does not send us to hell for sins we have committed against our Lord. Both grace and mercy only apply to those who are saved (see discussion about those who are saved in two previous issues). But, when

one has been saved, that person has received grace and mercy. Paul tells us that faith introduces us to grace. "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ..."

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

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

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

Grace and peace,  
Gerald P. Jackson



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# Parental Involvement Means More Than Just Paying Child Support

By Greg Abbott  
Attorney General of Texas

When parents are involved in their lives, children have a better chance at growing up healthy, happy and well adjusted. Most parents instinctively understand this and do what is needed to provide the foundation for success. However, sometimes a healthy reminder, doesn't hurt. President Bush recently set aside "Family Day" for the nation to engage in activities "to strengthen the relationships between parents and children."

In issuing his proclamation, the President noted that parents play a central role in steering their children toward healthy behaviors and clear of harmful ones. Simple activities such as sharing a meal or going to a ball game together provide ideal opportunities for this kind of interaction. While the September 22 observance has passed, parents really can choose any day — ideally, all

days — as their own Family Day. As the case charged with ensuring that Texas children receive the financial support they need from parents, I see every day the need for fathers and mothers to be involved in their kids' lives. This starts with regular child support payments. Children depend on child support to provide basic needs like food, shelter, health care, and clothing. Research shows that children who receive regular child support reap intangible benefits as well, such as making better grades in school, being more likely to finish high school and attend college, and even having fewer behavior problems at school. Without a doubt, paying child support is one critical way parents can demonstrate their love for their children.

But money is only part of the equation. Too often, children would benefit from more, not less, involvement from the parent who pays their child support.

My office is working across Texas to encourage parental involvement through such programs as the Parenting and Paternity Awareness Program (P.A.P.A.), which teaches middle and high school students about responsible parenting and the skills needed to build strong, stable families. We are partnering with teachers and other groups in many communities to bring P.A.P.A. to students in area school districts.

President Bush noted that children from two-parent families have increased chances for success in life because they are less likely to end up in poverty, become addicted to drugs, suffer abuse, or have a child out of wedlock. I agree with his assessment, and so does social research. In some instances where the safety of mothers and their children is in danger, marriage may not be suitable. But where appropriate, programs produced by my office — such

as P.A.P.A. — extol the benefits of getting married before becoming parents. Parental involvement can thrive the most where both parents are present.

I am thankful that most parents faithfully carry out their responsibilities to their children, doing such things as paying court-ordered child support each month. All children deserve the security that comes from knowing their parents care enough to make regular child support payments. For those parents who need extra encouragement, I have several enforcement measures at my disposal that can remind them of their duty to pay.

My hope, however, is that more parents will truly understand just how necessary they are to the success of their children. I look forward to the day when we won't have to have a Family Day to remind us of that.

# CBFC-ALC Town Hall Meeting Breaks New Ground in the Campaign to Boost Voter Registration

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - Getting out the right messages to the African-American electorate is in large measure going to increase the level of participation of the Black vote in the 2004 presidential election, according to officials who headlined the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference (CBCF ALC) Town Hall Meeting, Voter Mobilization: Preserving Our Legacy, Strengthening Our Base. The special event was seen by tens of thousands of concerned citizens across America over the Internet, with live audiences in Jacksonville, Fla., Birmingham, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Houston and Atlanta.

Viewers from each site asked the expert panelists questions via E-mail. This new cyber-audience augmented the ALC audience of more than 500 people at the new Washington Convention Center. "Embracing new communication technologies while fully utilizing older media vehicles is absolutely essential to reaching our key stakeholders, which include the largest group of inactive African-American voters, young people between the

ages of 18 and 25," said CBCF President Weldon J. Ruzeau. "Our Webcast of today's Town Hall Meeting builds on the CBCF's unique capacity to convene the brightest African-American thinkers and doers, and engage them in substantive dialogue about the issues most important to the survival and advancement of our people."

Moderated by Emmy-award-winning broadcast journalist Ed Gordon, the meeting challenged the panel of 11 nationally renowned public policy-makers, political strategists, educators and civil rights activists to go beyond describing the problems of voter apathy and disenfranchisement, and begin developing and implementing effective ways to motivate, activate and protect the African-American electorate.

"This Town Hall Meeting is a major step toward achieving our mission to stop the newest trend of African-American disenfranchisement in the U.S., which began with Florida in 2002 and continues today with the gubernatorial recall election in California," said ALC Chairwoman Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA).

"This proceeding will help us convey the seriousness and urgency of our situation and find the means to enlarge and energize the African-American electorate. Our people must understand that they have the power to change things by exercising their precious right to vote. Without higher levels of participation, Democracy cannot realize its potential to advance the cause of freedom," she continued.

"The vote is as crucial to us today as it was when Dr. King and I marched on Washington 40 years ago," said Town Hall panelist Dr. Dorothy Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women. "We have to get back to the basics and do things the way we used to do when we were fighting for the right to vote in the 1960s. If we do this, we will fulfill Dr. King's dream."

Panelist Wade Henderson, Executive Director, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, told the audience that African Americans must understand that the failure to maximize their vote is equivalent to being complicit in their own demise. Many other panelists echoed the sentiments of Henderson and Dr. Height, calling on the audience to

go back to the proven voter mobilization tactics of tirelessly knocking on doors and working the phone banks. Former Gore 2000 Campaign Manager Donna Brazile, who is now President of Brazile and Associates called for the aggressive enlistment of more foot soldiers, especially young people in the campaign to get out the vote. Other solutions offered by the panel included the following:

- > Take time to understand the reasons why African Americans are not voting and develop specific communication initiatives to address the reasons.
- > Do a better job of teaching youth the history and evolution of the African-American's life-and-death struggle to gain the right to vote.
- > Engage young people in the political process before they reach voting age.
- > Establish an oversight body and verification system to ensure that Black votes are counted.
- > Do a better job of demonstrating to African Americans how voting can make a difference in their personal lives.

# COOKING CORNER

## Apple Crock Coffeecake

1 package Bridgford Frozen Porkerhouse Roll Dough  
1/2 cup melted butter  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1 cup finely chopped apples (cored and peeled)  
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)

For this recipe oven-safe ceramic crocks or bakeware work the best. You can use the larger ramekins or even large coffee mugs or bowl, or just place all of the coated dough pieces in a greased bundt or tube pan for a large coffeecake. Just be sure the bakeware you use is oven-safe.

Lightly grease 8 (8oz capacity) ceramic crocks or 4 (16 oz capacity) ceramic crocks. Place crocks on baking sheet. In a small bowl, mix together sugar, apples, nuts, cinnamon and nutmeg, set aside. Dip each dough piece in melted butter and roll in sugar/apple mixture. Place 3-4 pieces of dough in 1-cup cavities (6 pieces in 2 cup cavities). The pans should be 1/2 to 2/3 full of dough; Let the dough rise until double in size or until it comes to top rim of pans. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30-25 minutes or until golden brown. Serve in pans.



## Meatloaf Boats Teach Kids How To Cook

(NAPS)—Choosing the right recipe for your young chef can mean smooth sailing to delicious results, along with a boost of cooking confidence.

Mini Meatloaf Boats, made extra-moist by the addition of whole-grain oats, are easy and fun to make and eat. Measuring and mixing reinforce basic cooking skills, while building the cheese "sails" is pure fun. Sail these meatloaf boats on a "sea" of mashed potatoes alongside a vegetable raft.

- 6 thin pretzel sticks  
Salsa or catsup, as desired
- Heat oven to 350 F. Combine meatloaf ingredients; mix lightly but thoroughly. Divide into 6 equal parts. On rack of broiler pan, shape each into a 4 x 2 3/4-inch oval loaf. Press the back of a measuring tablespoon into top of each loaf to form a depression. Bake 25 to 28 minutes or until meatloaves register 160 F on an instant-read thermometer. Remove from oven; drain off any juices. Cut each cheese slice in half diagonally. Form "sails" by carefully inserting pretzel stick into cheese triangle. Attach "sails" to meatloaves; fill indentations with salsa.
- NUTRITION INFORMATION** (1/6 of recipe): Cal. 340, Fat 20g, Sat. Fat 8.5g, Chol. 110mg, Sodium 470mg, Carbo. 13g, Fiber 2g, Protein 26g.
- MINI MEATLOAF BOATS**
- 6 Servings  
1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef  
1 cup tomato juice  
3/4 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1 egg  
4 to 6 teaspoons Mexican seasoning blend  
Toppings  
9 slices American cheese



If you would like to submit a recipe of your own, please mail it to the Southwest Digest, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408 or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at 902 East 23rd Street. If you would like, you may also send a picture of yourself or a picture of the prepared dish.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Compiled and Edited by Dr. Michael Ward  
October 19 - October 25

**It Happened ...in the Month of OCTOBER**

- \* On Wednesday, October 28, 1886. The Statue of Liberty was formally dedicated as gift of friendship to the U.S. from France and a symbol of freedom and opportunity to millions of immigrants who passed through neighboring Ellis Island. The statue was built in France, then disassembled and pieced together again in New York.
- \* On Tuesday, October 1, 1918: The Spanish influenza epidemic reached its peak, with the death toll over 548,000 people dead in the United States and over 70 million in the world.
- \* On Tuesday, October 29, 1929: Often referred to as "Black Tuesday," the stock market crashed as investors lost \$74 billion on Wall Street. Bread lines and worldwide demonstrations for social revolution followed the crash, which marked the beginning of the Great Depression.
- \* On Monday, October 3, 1949: The first black-owned radio station, WERD, opened in Atlanta, GA. On Monday, September 29, 1975, the first black-owned television station in the US, WGPR-TV Detroit, began broadcasting.
- \* On Monday, October 1, 1951: The US 24th Infantry Regiment, the last all-black military unit, was deactivated. The 24th, established by Congress shortly after the Civil War in honor of the sacrifices of nearly a quarter of a million blacks who fought for the Union and known as the Buffalo Soldiers, was segregated but integral part of the Army. The Buffalo Soldiers of the 24th fought Indians and outlaws on the Texas frontier in the 1870s and 1880s, and distinguished themselves in several subsequent military campaigns. In 1951, the unit was disbanded, amid questions of racism and the effects of segregation, after 8th Army high command agreed with allegations of

incompetence and unreliability

- \* On Monday, October 22, 1962: President Kennedy ordered the "Cuban Blockade," a naval blockade to stop Soviet ships from transporting nuclear armaments to that country. Global tension mounted until an agreement was signed in which the Soviet Union reluctantly complied with US demands to dismantle and remove the missiles.
- In Sports History:**
- \* On Saturday, October 6, 1945: The Chicago Cubs' "Curse of the Goat" began when tavern owner "Billy Goat" Sianis bought a seat for his govt for Game 4 of the World Series between the Cubs and the Detroit Tigers, but was escorted out of Wrigley Field. He cast the goat curse on the Cubs, similar to the Boston Red Sox's "Curse of the Bambino," vowing that the Cubs would never win another World Series. The Cubs lost the 1945 World Series that year 4-3. The Cubs last won a World Series in 1908, when they beat the Tigers 4 games to 1. Their World Series record is, in fact, worse than the Boston Red Sox, who last won a World Series in 1918, when they beat the Cubs 4 games to 2.
- \* On Sunday, October 18, 1953: Willie Thrower became the National Football League's first African American quarterback in modern times when he appeared in a game for the Chicago Bears, losing to San Francisco. The rifle-armed Thrower, who played in another game and was cut by the Bears the next year. He died in February 2002.
- \* On Wednesday, October 16, 1968: Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their gloved fists in the black power salute while being awarded gold and bronze medals on the Olympic victory stand, symbolizing the struggle for black freedom in the US.
- \* On Thursday, October 9, 1975: Frank Robinson, the only player to be Most Valuable Player in both major leagues, led the Cleveland Indians in

his first game as major league baseball's first black manager. On the same date in 1989 Art Shell led the Los Angeles Raiders in his first game as the National Football League's first black head coach, as the Raiders beat the New York Jets 14-7 on Monday Night Football.

**It's A Fact!**

On Sunday, October 4 in 1535, the first complete English translation of the Bible was printed in Zurich, Switzerland. In fact, the first major book printed in the west was the Bible. The Gutenberg Bible was published on Wednesday, September 30 in the year 1452. In the mid-fifteenth century Johannes Gutenberg invented a way of mechanizing the production of printing type, as distinct from individually engraved or cast letters. This was the beginning of the mass production of books. Until that time, books had been written by hand. The Gutenberg Bible, printed in Mainz, Germany, was the first major book printed in the west. About 180 copies were printed and significant parts of 43 copies still survive. On Sunday, October 4 in 1535, the first complete English translation of the Bible was printed in Zurich, Switzerland. In fact, the first major book printed in the west was the bible.

The well-known Gideon Bible is purchased by members of a Christian organization (Gideons) and placed free in hotel rooms, hospital wards, and similar places. The oldest Christian business and professional men's association in the United States, the Gideons have been placing Bibles in hotel rooms for more than 100 years. The Association began when two traveling salesmen shared a room in a crowded hotel on Wednesday, September 14, 1898, in Boscosel, Wisconsin. Today, the association numbers more than 140,000 members in 175 countries. The Gideons claim to distribute more than 56 million Bibles and New Testaments every

year. This averages out to be one million books every seven days, or 107 per minute.

**It's A Fact!**

Late on Sunday, October 11, 1492 the crew members of Christopher Columbus' three ships spotted land on the horizon. They had reached the New World of the Americas, mistakenly thinking they had arrived in Asia. In fact, on Monday, October 12, 1492 Columbus landed on Guanahani (Watling) Island in the Bahamas. There he was welcomed by the natives, the Lucayan people. Columbus and his crew had expected to see people native to India. They called the first people they saw "Indians." Columbus had missed Florida because he had changed directions and gone off course on Wednesday, October 7, 1492. The Italian explorer had set sail from the Spanish port of Palos, under the sponsorship of Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain on August 3, 1492. He commanded 90 sailors on three ships: the "Nina," the "Pinta" and the "Santa Maria." During travels to Cuba and Hispaniola after leaving the Bahamas the "Santa Maria" was wrecked. Columbus never accomplished his original goal, to find a Western route to India. He returned to Palos, Spain in March 1493. Columbus is honored for his success on his voyage to the New World. Columbus Day became an official US holiday by President Benjamin Harrison's proclamation in 1892. In October 1963 Yale University introduced the "Vinland Map," as being the first known map of America, drawn about 1440 by Norse explorer Leif Eriksson.



# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## Israeli Pilots Objects in Behalf of Justice

By Ruth Oron, Harriet Bernstein, Zehava Fishman, Z'ia Ratz, Avi Gvili, Rose Levy

As Israeli citizens, we are impelled to express our admiration and respect for the Israeli pilots who, on September 24th, wrote in an impassioned letter to Air Force Commander Dan Halutz:

We, who were taught to love the state of Israel and contribute to the endeavor of Zionism, refuse to take part in the Air Force attacks on civilian population centers. We, who see the Israeli Defense Forces and the Air Force as an inseparable part of us, refuse to continue to hurt innocent civilians.

These attacks are illegal and unethical, and are the direct result of an ongoing occupation that is corrupting the Israeli society as a whole. This ongoing occupation is disastrous to the security of the State of Israel and its moral fortitude.

We respect these pilots tremendously. That they no longer can participate and go along with the immoral occupation and attacks on innocent civilians, and want their objections known, is brave. Their objection is in behalf of justice and stands for the ethics of Judaism. They are true patriots.

In a lecture of 1968 given by Eli Siegel, the American philosopher and founder of Aesthetic Realism, he provided a definition of patriotism that we love and which has the emotion people in countries all over the world are hoping to feel.

"Patriotism," he said, "can be

defined as the sincere find large wish that the best things happen to the country you see as yours and the readiness to think about it." On that readiness depends the integrity of our very selves and the safety of the world.

There should have been the deepest inquiry as to why these men who are willing to give their lives to defend Israel are saying what they do. The fact that this inquiry is not being carried out, and instead there is fury and a desire to punish them, we see as coming from a determination to stop any questioning of one's ego, even if it means untold agony and death. This determination, we learned, comes from contempt "the disposition in every person to think he will be for himself by making less of the outside world.

In The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known, Class Chairman Ellen Reiss, explains the way of seeing needed by all people for the world to be civilized and kind. She writes:

There is no greater emergency in the world than for people to say: "As I object to something myself, as I feel there has been an injustice to me, I'm using that fact to see the feelings of a people as more real. I want to understand the objections, the grievances, of others—not dismiss them or decide in advance I know all about them. I won't take care of myself, won't deal with my objections well, unless I'm sure I want to see other human beings rightly, unless I see them as existing as fully as I exist."

The Israeli pilots' statement exemplifies what these urgent

beautiful sentences call for. A person wanting to see the full existence of another, can never justify killing a mother and child who happen to be in a place designated for "target killing" in the Gaza Strip or the West Bank. And he or she could never rationalize a suicide bomber blowing up a bus in Tel Aviv or in Haifa, killing innocent men, women, and children.

In Aesthetic Realism consultations and classes, we heard vital questions about the contemptuous way we once saw the Arab people. In the early 1980s, Ellen Reiss suggested in a class that persons from Israel studying Aesthetic Realism should write a 500-word soliloquy about what a Palestinian person might feel—what are his hopes and fears. Each of us wrote and came to see the person whom we had seen with contempt and as only different and inferior—a Palestinian mother, a student a girl—have more in common with us than we ever imagined. As a result, our unjust anger and feelings of superiority changed.

We passionately urge every Israeli and Palestinian to write this assignment in order for the killing to stop, and for understanding and the honest desire to know to begin. We should use the courageous stand taken by the Israeli pilots to be brave in seeing that the one way to take care of ourselves is by being fair to what is not ourselves. It is what will have peace—real peace—succeed in our dear land.

difficult to diagnose unless you are very close to the subject in most instances. There are however some blatant situations which should not go unobserved.

One very frequent form of neglect is when parents drop their children off on unsuspecting relatives for extended stays without any preparation on the part of either. Preparation in this instance refers to proper clothing, adequate sleeping arrangements and allowance for food. To these parents, age is of no concern, nor the disposition of the child in question. They feel free to do whatever they want to do, the way they want to do it, without the care and concern of their children. Very often, these parents do not set lim-

its for their children and these children then become another kind of statistic, 'at risk.'

When small children are treated this way, they respond accordingly to how they are treated by their new surroundings. If the caregiver is kind, gentle and loving, the children may want this to become their permanent surroundings. If the new caregivers are not kind, gentle and loving, children tend to develop resistance to their new and-old surroundings. They become problems at home, at school and in the community. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and help the agencies that help children to have a safe, healthy and happy life.



### In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

It is such a tragedy when we read or hear about children losing their lives due to negligence and/or abuse of and by a caregiver. It is rare when we consider the whole population, when we do lose children due to negligence and abuse and we should be happy about that. The other tragedy is that there are so many children who are neglected and abused who do not get attention from the media or Children's Protective Services until they become a statistic.

Statistics generally show that unfortunate children are noticed by neighbors and family friends who do not report what they see or know about, but feel that it is not any of their business and go on about their business. They fear reprisal from the parents of the abused children. There often are harsh words, even to caring relatives when they 'dip their noses' into another's business and try to tell them how to raise their children.

We need to do more dipping into the business of keeping children safe, healthy and happy. We need to report negligent and abusive parents/caregivers when we suspect that this is the situation. Negligence is often

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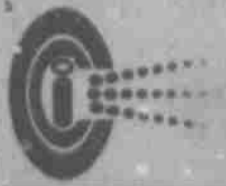
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