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Local News

Entries Still Being Accepted for 2 Annual CAC 600 Bike Race Jun 5-6 in Lubbock

Entry deadline has been extended until Friday, May 21, 2004, for the second annual CAC 600 Bike Race, slated June 5-6, 2004, at Buffalo Springs Lake near Lubbock.

Benefiting the Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains, this year's event will feature road races of varying lengths on Saturday, and a 10-hour mountain bike race on Sunday.

The CAC 600 is open to bike riders of all ages. The Saturday road race begins at 8 a.m. and includes races of 4-5, 21-5 and 50 miles. The Sunday mountain bike event will begin at 7 a.m. and features both an individual and two-person team competition.

In addition to the races, this year's event will include a "velo swap meet" Saturday afternoon, catered spaghetti dinner Saturday evening, group camp out and two mountain bike raffles.

Entry fee for the Saturday road races is a \$25 donation, and a \$50 donation for the Sunday mountain bike event. All entrants will receive a shine, raffle ticket and dinner Saturday evening. Entries must be postmarked by midnight.

Entry forms and additional information are available on the official race Website, www.cacrace.com or by calling the Children's Advocacy Center at 806-740-0251.

The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of the South Plains is a cooperative effort among city, county, and state entities interested in maintaining a cooperative, multi-disciplinary approach to investigations of child abuse. The center's goal is to lessen the trauma to the child by reducing the number of investigative interviews. The Center provides an environment that emphasizes the best interest of the child and provides investigative and rehabilitative services.

It is a member of Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc. and an agency of the Lubbock Area United Way.

Community Meetings

• Lubbock Area Chamber of Commerce, Second Sunday, 1:00 pm • Main Street Community Center • High City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00 pm, 1001 Street 16 • Chamber Alumni Association, 2nd Sat., 4:00 pm • Bookers T. Washington Association, Legion Post 808 2nd Street, 7:00 pm • West Riders, First Sat. 7:00 pm • T. J. Patterson Library • Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday, 9:00 am • Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St. • Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm • TCU Motor Club • Dunbar Methodist Church • Neighborhood Association of South Plains, Third Thursday, 7:00 pm • 1924 Ave. 24th Street (corner Community Bldg) • West Side • Northside Association • The Lubbock Chapter of the National Association of Public Administrators, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays, 6:00 pm • Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission, Lubbock, 4th Street, 4th St. • Patterson Branch Library, 5th Tuesday, 7 pm • West Texas Public Administrators Association, 2nd Sunday, 6:00 pm • Central Library, 5525 19th Street, 7:00 pm • West Chapter of 100 Black Men, 2nd Monday evening at 7:00 pm • The Parkway Neighborhood Center • The Parkway Goodwill & Charity-Park 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 get it to us in writing by mailing it to:

Community Meetings C/O: Southwest Digest
P.O. Box 28-53
Lubbock, Texas 79408
or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at
902 East 23rd Street

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Social Security Cuts Could Hit African-American Hardest



By Brian Gilmore

With President Bush's huge deficits looming over the country's budgets for the foreseeable future, Social Security is now a target.

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan recently made that clear. He strongly suggested that Social Security benefits should be cut in the future. Citing "demographic changes" due to the retirement of the baby boomer generation, he said "action is better taken as soon as possible."

Some pundits and politicians denounced Greenspan's comments, but African-American leaders were strangely silent. This is troubling considering that African-Americans have a large

stake in the ultimate future of the nearly 70-year-old retirement program.

Although African-Americans comprise 12 percent of the population, they represent 17 percent of the population that receives disability benefits through the Social Security program, according to the Social Security Administration.

For 37 percent of African-Americans who are classified as elderly, Social Security retirement is, in fact, their only source of income, compared to 20 percent of the general population. And without these benefits, the poverty rate for elderly African-Americans would more than double, from 24 percent to 65 percent, the Social Security Administration estimates.

As for African-American children, "23 percent of all children receiving Social Security survivor benefits are African-American."

Conservatives are calling for the replacement of the current system with private investment accounts. When confronted with the prospect that the private investment account proposal could present major problems for the average African-American, they allege the current benefit program is, and has been, detrimental to African-Americans.

There is little truth to this. In April 2003, the General

Accounting Office (GAO) reported that, on average, African-Americans and Hispanics, "get more for their money in Social Security than do whites."

It also reported that African-Americans and Hispanics have a higher incidence of career-ending disabilities, making them disproportionately reliant on the system. The report makes it clear that African-Americans and Hispanics receive a "better return" under the current system and that privatization of the program would, in fact, "hurt minorities."

African-Americans — and everyone, for that matter — should closely monitor the coming debate over the program and speak forcefully for its survival. There is simply too much at stake.

Alan Greenspan and George Bush do not need their Social Security retirement benefits.

Most of us do not have their luxury.

Brian Gilmore is a lawyer and poet with two collections of poetry, including "Jungle Nights and Soda Fountain Rags: A Poem for Duke Ellington and the Duke Ellington Orchestra" (Karibu Books, 2000). He can be reached at pmproj@progressive.org.

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American Legacy Travels to Destinations Rich in African-American History

New York, NY (May 2004) — In the summer travel issue of *Amena, Legacy*, author Gene Smith takes a historical tour through the small Ohio River town of Ripley and reflects on the presence of the Underground Railroad in "Climbing the Hill to Freedom" (p. 20). Ripley marked the first step in many a slave's journey to freedom as they lied their Kentucky masters and crossed the river into Ohio. With a population of barely 1,800 the town has remained virtually unchanged for over 150 years. Smith highlights some of the town's newly restored museums, beginning with the home of Rev. John Rankin. Located near the riverbank, Rankin's home always had a lantern burning in the window so slaves could see to make their way to safety. Nearly 2,000 slaves eventually found refuge there while slave hunters searched to return them to their masters, and the story of one of them became the basis for the character "Eliza" in Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Today, the home remains a symbol of

the Underground Railroad, where slaves were said to vanish in the passageways under the earth.

The cover story, "Surprising Hampton" (p. 45) by Editor Audrey Peterson, details a trip to this Virginia harbor city revealing an early free black population a treasure-filled museum at its famous university, and a New Deal experiment for black people that went terribly right.

Other Stories Include: • Black Gettysburg (p. 35) — While Gettysburg is the best-known battlefield in the Civil War, it also holds a momentous history of the everyday struggle of African-Americans.

• Aunt Harriet's Home (p. 63) — Known as the "African-American Moses" Harriet Tubman lived for 50 years after Emancipation and fought for women's rights, joined the temperance movement and donated 25 acres to establish a nursing home.

For more information, please contact Meffhan Womack at (212) 367-4157 or mwomack@forbes.com

Second Printing For "Paperboy"

FASTEST SELLING BOOK IN MORTON BOOKS HISTORY

Paperboy, the phenomenal popular children's book by 13-year-old Omari Jeremiah, has gone into a second printing after only two months in print. According to Rob Morton, President of Morton Books, one key reason why the book did so well, in so quick a time, "was because a number of schools picked up on it."

They saw, as I saw, that the book made a perfect teaching tool to encourage young people, especially young black males, to read. The schools know that if you read one book you like, you might just want to read another one, and another one. Omari in "Paperboy" spoke directly to these young people. They could relate to him, and where he was coming from in his book."

In addition, the book also received a number of stellar reviews. Noted art critic Celeste Parcell, writing in *The Buckeye Review*, "loved the book."

"I also greatly admired Bemie Rollins illustrations," Parcell wrote. This is fine artistic craftsmanship and he fully brought to life Omari's imaginative characters. If there

is an award somewhere for collaboration between artist and writer, both Rollins and Omari Jeremiah clearly deserve the prize."

Tec C. Royal, of the R.A.W. SISTAZ Book Club gave the book a rating of five out a possible five. She writes in her review that Paperboy is a wonderful, delightful story. Omari pegged what could be a great cartoon/comic strip. The humor, adventure, and excitement in the book along with the determination and focus on doing what's right...were wonderful lessons that all children should be taught early on."

Morton said that he was now offering discount rates to teachers and school districts.

"I can't believe," Morton chuckled, "that a 13 year-old black kid from the Bronx upstaged Morton Books' other high flying stars like the critically acclaimed Fred Beauford and the best selling J.T. O'Hara. But he is clearly our rising star."

Paperboy can be purchased directly at www.robmorton.com or amazon.com or ordered from your local book store.



OMARI JEREMIAH
Author
Paperboy



ROB MORTON, President/CEO
Morton Books

James T. Braxton Day

On Sunday, May 23 at 11:00 A.M., Mt. Vernon Church and the Lubbock community will honor Mr. James T. Braxton, noted educator, violinist and community leader. Mr. Braxton, now retired, has provided music to Mt. Vernon Church and several other groups in Lubbock community, for nearly half a century."

A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mr. Braxton is married to Mrs. Bernice Roberts-Braxton, also a retired school teacher. They are the parents of two children.

Mr. Braxton followed in the footsteps of his late father who was also a school principal and musician in Tulsa, Oklahoma and was known throughout Oklahoma and the entire Southwest.

He has served in several official capacities at Mt. Vernon Church and is now serving as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. The entire community is invited as accolades, letters, gifts and other presentations will be made to the honoree.

Refreshments will be served following the morning worship.

Brianna Gant

Recent contestant in the Lubbock Area Baby Pageant is Brianna Gant. Brianna is 3 years old, and the beautiful daughter of Daquisha Johnson. The pageant was sponsored by Teen Publications/World Baby Pageant

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

Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

Be the One that Sparkles

GO AHEAD, HAVE FUN ...

Beaded shells, sequin tank sweater, vibrant satin hand bags, gleaming bronze draw-string bags, metallic shoulder bags, chandelier earrings, silver dial leather watches, rhinestone and satin sling backs, rhinestone citi-

fied jumpsuits.

Remember ladies, this is daytime; any time wear!!

Shimmery, metallics, sequins and dangling, crystal, will certainly bring out your flirty side.

Fashion Tip.....Always wear a smile



Fashion.....Just for the fun of it

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF SANDOVAL
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

LEA BOWSER

Petitioner,

No. DM-2003-153

vs

MICHAEL GENE BOWSER

Respondent

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Respondent, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named (Petitioner) has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being

Dissolution of Marriage

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 21 day of March 2004, judgement by default will be entered against you;

Name and address of Petitioner Attorney:

Julita Ann Leavell, Esq.
P. O. Box 40025
Albuquerque, NM 87196
505/232-2270

WITNESS the Honorable Violet C. Otero, DIV. VI, District Judge of the 13th Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Sandoval County, this February 5, 2004.

COURT SEAL

TERESA VALENCIA
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By CHRISTINA MONTOYA

Deputy

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To Jose M. RODRIGUEZ
and to all persons claiming to be the father or mother of: VANESSA RENE RODRIGUEZ
minor(s) name(s)

By order of this Court you are hereby cited and (required to) (appear) before the Judge Presiding in Department 10 of the above entitled Court, located at 4030 MAIN STREET RIVERSIDE CALIFORNIA on 6-7-04 2:00 PM of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why said person should not be declared free from the control of the / her / their parents according to the petition on file herein.

For failure to attend, you may be deemed guilty of a contempt of court.
You are required to have said minor child present at this hearing (FC 7500.5).
You are hereby notified of the provisions of Family Code § 7860 which provide the judge shall advise the minor and the parents, if present, of the right to have counsel present. The court shall also advise the minor whether or not the minor is able to afford counsel, and if they are unable to afford counsel, shall appoint counsel for the minor.

The petition filed herein is for the purpose of placing the subject child for placement for adoption.
Date: **MAR 18 2004** By: [Signature] Deputy

You are advised of your constitutional rights.
 You are served on behalf of:
Under: CCP § 416.50 (minor)
 CCP § 416.70 (nonparent)
 CCP § 416.50 (individual)
 Other

The fee when a citation is deemed served on a party may vary depending on the method of service. For example see Code of Civil Procedure §§ 413.10 through 415.40.
Persons having custody or control or with whom said child is, are required to appear, unless cited may appear.
A published citation requires appearance of all persons cited (FC 7500.5).
(See reverse side for Proof of Service)



CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

This column is anxiously awaiting news and announcements from families and churches that is important to the community. If your church, family, or organization has any announcement please send them to Southwest Digest, C/O The Chatman Hill Corner, P.O. 2553, Lubbock, TX 79408. Remember, "News is only news if it can be a resource for others."

New Hope Baptist Church is "The Church where The People Really Care." Last Sunday serves were a blessing to all that attended. Serves started with Prayer and Meditation, followed by the Praise Team rendering a few selections. The scripture reading was read by Rev. Mercelle McCutcheon and the Morning Prayer was given by Rev. Charles Wilson.

Pastor B.R. Moton's message was entitled "Learning to Jesus will Change Your Life". The message was taken from Luke 5:12-16. We thank God for Men of God that boldly stand and proclaim the truth. THANK YOU PASTOR MOTON. Keep those that are sick shut-in our prayers. May the spirit of peace dwell richly with families the may be grieving.

Thought of the Day

When you are in a place where God wants you to be, you will be healed.

If you are graduating from high school or college this year and a member of the New Hope Baptist Church, please give your name and address to Mrs. Kinner.

We would like to thank those that went to the Polls the past Saturday to exercise their right to vote. Overall, it was a low voter turnout. Please get out and vote in the June 26, 2004 runoff election. We would like to take this time to say that their are many positive thing on the horizon for North and East Lubbock. Please let your voice be heard by voting.

I open my heart and mind to be aware... how my ABCs will lift my spirit,

Almighty Creator of the Universe;
Beloved Father and God;
Create in me a clean heart this today.
Deliver me from the limitations of the ego.
Exalt Your presence in my mind.
Forgive all that I have held against you, my self and others.
Grant me peace this day.
Hold me steadfastly within the boundaries of your truth.

Inspire my heart to know you. Justify me in the presence of all enemies.

Knead my heart with words of kindness.

Let no harm befall me or my love ones.

May all that I do this day glorify you.

Nourish me with you wisdom.

Open my eyes to know your truth.

Purge my heart and mind to all things that are offensive to your law.

Quiet my soul in the midst of confusion.

Renew my connection to you.

Save me from my secret fears,

Teach me to trust you at all times.

Use all that you have given you to serve you.

Victory for your cause is my desire.

Walk with me so that my strength will never be diminished.

Xamine my heart continually.

Your love and grace are my good fortune.

Zealously I commit my self to you will for my life.



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CHURCH DIRECTORY



WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS
"TELL IT LIKE IT IS"

MATTHEW 7:13. JESUS SAID, ENTER YOU IN AT THE STRAIT GATE: FOR WIDE IS THE GATE, AND BROAD IS THE WAY, THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY THERE BE WHICH GO IN AT.

JESUS SAID, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND WAY OF LIFE. THE CHURCH BELONGS TO JESUS CHRIST, NOT THE PREACHER OR HIS WIFE'S.

1 TIMOTHY 3:4-6 ONE THAT RULES WELL HIS OWN HOUSE HAVING HIS CHILDREN IN SUBJECTION WITH ALL GRAVITY, FOR IF A MAN KNOW NOT HOW TO RULE HIS OWN HOUSE, HOW SHALL HE TAKE CARE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD? NOT A NOVICE, LEST BEING LIFTED UP WITH PRIDE HE FALL INTO THE CONDEMNATION OF THE DEVIL.

****YES THE CHURCH IS ROBBING GOD****

YOU MAY WALK IN THE WAY OF YOUR HEART, OR IN THE SIGHT OF YOUR EYES, AND IF YOU DON'T TELL IT GOD'S WAY, THEN IT WILL BE ALL ABOUT LIES.

PROVERB 12:15, THE WAY OF A FOOL IS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES, BUT HE THAT HEARKENETH UNTO COUNSEL IS WISE.

A PREACHER TOLD ME BROTHER B.I. MY DEACON WORKED 3 YRS, AND UN-MADE, BUT THEN ONE DAY HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO CHRIST, AND TODAY HE IS SAVED.

(THE UN-MADE MAN HAS NO BUSINESS HOLDING AN OFFICE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD!!) FOR THREE YEARS HOW MANY PEOPLE WALKING IN THE CHURCH, KNOWING HE WAS UN-MADE, AND KNOW IT WAS WRONG, THE DEVIL GIVES THEM AN EXCUSE TO SAY I DON'T WANT JOIN THE CHURCH AND BE LIKE THOSE HYPOCRITES, NO MATTER HOW MUCH TITHES AND OFFERING THEY GIVE, GOD WANTS HIS HEART ONLY!!!

MATTHEW 23:13, JESUS SAID, BUT WOE(CURSED) UNTO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YOU SHUT UP THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AGAINST MEN: FOR YOU NEITHER GO IN YOUR SELVES, NEITHER SUFFER YOU THEM THAT ARE ENTERING TO GO IN, ANOTHER PREACHER TO ME: BROTHER B.I. YOU CAN'T TELL A MAN HOW TO RUN HIS HOUSE, YOU FOOL! THE MASTER LEFT RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND IT IS HIS HOUSE!!!

PROVERB 3:5,6, TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND LEAN NOT UNTO YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING, IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM(GOD) AND HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR PATHS.

THE CHURCH HAS CHOICES, RIGHT AND WRONG, GOOD AND EVIL, HEAVEN AND HELL, THE BROADWAY CHURCH IS NOT GOD'S, AND BY THEIR WAYS YOU CAN TELL!!!

JOHN 10:2-5, JESUS SAID, HE THAT ENTERS IN BY THE DOOR IS THE SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP, TO HIM THE PORTER OPENS, AND THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE, AND HE CALLS HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME, AND LEADS THEM OUT, AND HE PUT FORTH HIS OWN SHEEP, HE GOES BEFORE THEM AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM: FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE, AND A STRANGER WILL THEY NOT FOLLOW, BUT WILL FLEE FROM HIM: FOR THEY KNOW NOT THE VOICE OF STRANGERS.

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



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Are Conservatives Running Scared?

Recently this columnist expressed his displeasure

with the action of those persons responsible for inhumane treatment of Iraqi prisoners. The displeasure was based upon what we as Americans are supposed to stand for as it pertains to human rights treatment.

As Americans we were also made aware that while we point fingers at those who have committed acts that go against the grain of our belief, major atrocities of inhumane treatment: are committed dailies and in numerous and varied ways in our valued religious belief society. The perpetrators of such acts do not wear a uniform representing our country but are citizens of every

walk of life who make those less fortunate than themselves "prisoners of humanity."

The people of the world are looking at Americans as fickle on our stance for anything. For example, the conservative supporters of President Bush that encouraged him to toddle the regime of Saddam Hussein has suddenly taken on "rabbit feet." They fear his domestic agenda is becoming swamped by the Iraq situation.

Suddenly, when the leader of the Republican Party, America and the free world needs their help, these Lilly conservatives are talking about the President should be putting more energies on domestic issues like same sex marriage, limiting abortion and doing something

about immigration and health care—translating to mean stopping Mexican and Latinos of other countries from coming across the Rio Grande River and getting food stamps and free health cares.

The thoughts and erratic behavior of these fickle people seen and expressed over modern media makes Americans look like scared rabbits running from the open prairie to the briar patch. People from other cultures see this as a sign of weakness. They know that with us "when things get tough we will thin out, run like the devil and bud our cherries by suppressing American of less fortune." We are coming to be known as "milk babies."

Conservative Americans

should realize that young men and women lives are still at risk in Iraqi. The people that kill Americans are not Sunday School students and could care less about their conservative are Christian beliefs. The proof is in the putting by the video showing on al-Qaida-linked Web the beheading of a 26-year-old United States civilian and throwing his body near a highway overpass in Baghdad. These people have no regard for innocent men, women, and children.

Instead of being yellow bellies, the Conservatives should support President Bush and the Administration as long as lives are being lost in Iraqi.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are saying it will take the efforts of a city wide unity to win the city wide war. Our separate efforts will not stop the tide of increasing evils in our city. If we as a people remain isolated from each other, all of this will continue to become a reality.

It was Jesus who said, "A house divided against itself shall not stand. To the humble, God will give grace. The only way to change, and change we must, we cannot speak to sinners with deep and lasting credibility of God's forgiveness while harboring enmity and strife against our fellow man. What value is it to be able to define the love of God. If, by our lack of love toward others, we bring dishonor to the Almighty.

The Lord is cleaning out His places of worship by re-arranging some of them. We are living in a time when thousand of dollars are being spent on saving the whole.

While many people are

dying, because they are unable to get the necessary medical attention they need. No money? This is the problem.

There are debates about the pledge, the words "Under God." Every knee will bow and confess that Jesus is Lord. The last part of the pledge is what needs to become a reality. Where it says: "With liberty and justice for all."

Isaiah 54:13-17 And all your citizens shall be taught by me, and their prosperity shall be great. You will live under government that is just and fair.

Your enemies will stay far away. You will live in peace. Terror shall not come near. If any nation comes to fight you, it will not be sent by me to punish you. Therefore, it will be routed. For I am on your side. I have created the Smith who blows the coals beneath the forge and makes the weapons of destruction. And I have created the armies that destroy, but in that coming day, no weapon turned against you shall succeed and

you will have justice against every courtroom lie. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord. These are the blessings I have given you, says the Lord.

Thanks for reading. If you get an opportunity, write to us:

Outreach Prayer Breakfast:
P. O. Box 1223,
Lubbock, Texas 79408.
We'd love to hear from you.
May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

Smiles don't cost you anything. Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Also, our bereaved families. God is able!

Our drive by prayers are always needed. So when you drive around the community, please do so.

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

St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, May 16, 2004, the St. Matthew Baptist Church again had a wonderful time in the Lord. Services began at 10:00 am with Sunday School. The morning lesson was taught by Minister Nina Davis, and reviewed by Pastor Edward Canady.

The Morning Worship services began at 11:25 am. Devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson. The Young Adult Choir provided the morning selections, and they sang out of their souls.

The morning message was delivered by Minister Nina Davis. Her subject was "Trials of Life". Her scripture was 1 Peter 1:6 and Revelation 3:10.

We had nine to be baptized. What a time, What a time!

Thought for the week: No matter how dark your past, with Christ your future is bright.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Pastor's study 806-741-0208
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Intercessory Prayer 8:30am
Church School 9:30am
Morning Worship 10:50am
Evening Worship 6:00pm
Wednesday Bible Study
12:00 Noon and 6:00pm



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

Celebrate! Celebrate! Celebrate!

It's a celebration for "What Happens When Women Pray" May the 20th 2004 will be one year of the date we started And God has blessed us and answered our prayers. Matthew 7:7 Ask and it shall be given you. President: Sis. Blanchie (Swisher) Lowe Secretary: Sis. Gladys Henderson Teacher: Sis Ollie Coleman

and Memberst, the Lord have answered 98 requests since we started.

"WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WOMEN PRAY"

"PRAYER CHAIN"

Philippians 4:6 Says be careful for nothing; But in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

We have come to celebrate !What happens when women pray. On May 20, 2003 at 10 p.m. the Lord gave me this vision I did not know what to do or how to do it. I asked the Lord to give me the names of seven ladies. When we met I told them what the Lord had given me.

May 20, 2004 it will be a year since the Lord gave me this vision we have prayed every Tuesday from 10 - 11 a.m. and have not missed a day. Our membership has grown from 7 to 18. The Lord has blessed each one of us through our prayers on one accord. The Lord has answered the prayer requests we have received.

Matthew 7:7 Says Ask, and it shall be given you.

All the honor and praise belongs to God and not us. We are having six week of prayer for the salvation of relatives and lost ones. We pray for love and action. I thank God for bringing us together. We want to let you know God does answer prayer.

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Gay Marriage Opponents Need to Adjust Their Sets

By Shatema Threadcraft

As we watch clips of same-sex couples declaring their love for one another, we should recognize there is nothing natural about the nuclear family. It is but a byproduct of the way the West developed it.

It was advanced capitalism that paved the way for the nuclear family, placing the obligation as chief breadwinner on the shoulders of the husband. Before this economic stage, extended families worked together on the same plots of land. Black American history, for one, is replete with examples of extended care networks that served to raise children instead of relying on one mother to tend to her own offspring.

And even in the nostalgic Donna Reed days, not everyone could conform to the imposed roles of the nuclear family. Many black women, for instance, were doing a lot to raise the 1950s sitcom family, and back then the maid's marital status wasn't a measure of the disintegration

of American society, as welfare policy would now have us believe.

Marriage itself is an evolving institution, something that women, in particular, should be grateful for. Few women alive today would have preferred to be Aristotle's wife over being a courtesan in the French royal court. In fact, perhaps quite a few women might consider the life a courtesan period, since the current status of wife is nowhere near as high as it should be.

But we need to recognize that our very notions of family and marriage and wife develop over time. They are not natural or inherent.

Nevertheless, the rightwing — and now our government — has been trying to dictate specific forms of marriage. In 1996, Congress passed the Defense of Marriage Act, which defined marriage as a contract between a man and a woman. Many conservatives want to enshrine that in an amendment to the Constitution. And the Bush administration, fol-

lowing up on President Clinton, welfare law, wants to prod poor people down the aisle. But nuclear, heterosexual marriage is not the only way to raise children. The best way does not conform to these narrow categories. The best way is with unconditional love for the long haul. For instance, a same-sex couple, together over the length of their kid's childhood, can make for a much better home than a nuclear family where the father is abusive or a foster care situation where there is neglect.

The fight against gay marriage depends on a static, idealized and distorted view of the institution. But life in America was never a grainy black and white sitcom, and the sooner we recognize that, the better.

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SBA Releases New Web-Based Interface E-Tran will allow lenders to submit multiple applications simultaneously

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that a new Web-based loan application solution developed by the agency is now available to participating lenders, creating an electronic gateway that will save lenders substantial time and resources when submitting a loan to the SBA.

In response to lender requests to the agency, the SBA opened the E-Tran technology to the software providers for the lending industry, allowing participating lenders to submit loans to the agency with little or no additional effort.

Now, in addition to submitting loans electronically directly to the SBA, lenders who subscribe to those services can submit loans directly to the SBA via these software providers.

With the introduction of E-Tran, lenders are able to have direct loan submission and immediate response from

the agency, thus reducing the 24-hour response time by the agency.

The SBA created E-Tran to allow lenders of any size to take advantage of the efficiencies of electronic application submission. For this reason the agency introduced a number of channels, including:

- A Web page where lenders can enter loan information for single loans;
- A secure Web site capable of accepting multiple applications simultaneously via an XML (Extensible Markup Language) file transfer; and
- Working with software intermediaries that have E-Tran loan submission functionality built into their program.

"We have worked very hard to develop an electronic interface to our lending program. By using technology, we are able to dramatically decrease the time and cost associated with originating a loan," SBA Administrator

Hector V. Barreto said. "We are being responsive to our partners, and in turn giving greater access to capital. We are also implementing President Bush's call to minimize burden on business by reusing data previously collected, or using XML or other open standards."

Bankers Systems, a leading provider of compliance resource solutions for financial organizations, will be the first provider in the SBA lending marketplace to take advantage of E-Tran through the company's proprietary software, which is being released to participating lenders.

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The Fall of a Republic

by Eddie P. Richardson

process of going through them, current World Com and others and Black people are in the middle of the heap at the bottom of the ladder.

THE FALL OF A REPUBLIC

When the thirteen colonies were still a part of England, Professor Alexander Tyler wrote about the fall of the Athenian republic over two thousand years previous to that time.

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Alexander Tyler

This article was written by Alexander Tyler. He lived during the establishment of the Original 13 colonies.

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by Renetta W. Howard

Last week, we discussed the option of purchasing a prescription drug discount card from a Medicare-Approved insurance company or keeping a card which you have obtained as a part of your Medicare supplement insurance program with which you already have prescription drug coverage. If you already have a discount card without supplement coverage, with a Medicare-Approved company, there is no need to get another card unless another company provides a greater discount than you already have. The other variable to assess is the monthly or annual cost of the plan you choose now. From observation, these plans will have various prices and even

perhaps different discount amounts. A plan which costs \$10.00 per month or \$120-per year, may not offer as much discount as a plan which costs \$20.00 per year, so this is what one needs to know to make an educated choice until such time as you may purchase the prescription drug coverage directly from Medicare in 2006.

In 2006, prescription drug benefits will be a part of Medicare and the plans may vary, but the cost will be \$35.00 per month with a \$250.00 deductible. That is, you will pay the first \$250, for your prescriptions. From \$250, and up to \$2,250. Medicare will pay 75% of your drug costs and you will pay 25% of these costs.

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According to the Social Security Administration, extra help will be available to people with low incomes and limited assets. Income limits will be set in 2005 and those persons with income below a certain level will not have to pay the premiums or the deductibles. Those persons will only have to pay a small co-payment for their prescriptions.

At \$35 per month, the Medicare coverage will cost \$420 per year. If your prescriptions cost \$50. per month, the cost will be \$600 per year. After you pay the \$250, deductible, only \$350, will be left for you to pay 25% of, which would be \$87, bringing your total out-of-pocket expenses to \$757.50. Without the Medicare coverage, it would have been only \$600, for the year or \$157.50 less. It would not be worth the premium.

On the other hand, if your prescription drugs cost \$1000. per month, or \$12,000 per year, you would spend \$420 for your premium and your deductible of \$250, or \$670. The cost between \$250 and \$2,250 would be \$500, making the total spent up to that point, \$1,170. You would pay 100% of the next \$ 1,350 until you reach \$3,600 and you would have spent a total of \$2,520 out-of-pocket money. After you have spent \$3,600. Medicare will pay 95% of the remaining cost and you will pay 5% or \$407.50 of the \$8,250 left, totaling \$2,927.50. Three-fourths of the total cost would have been paid by the Medicare insurance, making the premium worthwhile. So, let us get "in cinque" and make the right choices.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Compiled and Edited by Dr. Michael Ward
Expanded Edition: May 20 - May 26

It Happened ...

* May 26, 1872: Black inventor Thomas J. Martin of Dowagiac, Michigan received patent no. 125,063 for a fire extinguisher, useful for installation in dwellings, factories, and city structures
* May 24, 1916: The Lincoln Motion Picture Company was founded by two brothers, Noble and George Johnson, in Nebraska. It was the first movie company controlled by black filmmakers. Their first production was a drama. The brothers were unable to capture a wider audience beyond "The Realization of a Negro's Ambition" in 1916. The company made five feature films

by 1920, but unable to capture a wider audience beyond a few "colored only" theatres, the company closed in 1921
* May 20, 1927: Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field in Long Island, New York at 7:40 am, landing in France 33-1/2 hours later. He flew aboard the monoplane "Spirit of St. Louis." Lindbergh was not the first person to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. His distinction was making the flight solo. Fifteen years later, on May 20, 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland. After a 13-1/2-hour flight she landed in Ireland, becoming the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean

* May 23, 1962: The first transplant of a human limb was accomplished when doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital replaced a 12-year-old boy's right arm
In Sports History:
* May 26, 1956: Althea Gibson won the French Open, becoming the first African American player to win a major tennis title. Twelve years later, on
* May 26, 1968, Arthur Ashe became the first black male to win a major tennis championship when he won US Open
Born:
* May 25, 1878: Bill Bojangles Robinson, born Luther Robinson, in Richmond, Virginia. The

famed black tap dancer and entertainer danced for pennies from passers-by on the street as a child. He became famous for tap dance and soft-shoe routines, was a master of improvisation, and performed in motion pictures with Shirley Temple and Lena Horne. He died in 1949
* May 23, 1910: Scatman Crothers, born Benjamin Sherman Crothers, in Terre Haute, Indiana. The African American musician and actor, known for his distinctive voice and unmistakable smile, penned the songs, "Chattanooga Shoeshine Boy" (with Phil Harris) and "On the Sunny Side of the Street" He died in November 1986
* May 21, 1972:

Notorious B.I.G., born Christopher Wallace, in Brooklyn, New York. The award-winning African American rap singer and entertainer is credited with helping to popularize rap music. He was shot to death, said by many to be the result of a violent feud, in March 1997
Sign of the Zodiac:
GEMINI, the third sign of the zodiac, is symbolized by twins. Astrologers consider people whose birthdays fall between May 21 and June 20 to be born under the sun sign of Gemini. Gemini, which is an air sign, is ruled by the planet Mercury, named after the ancient Roman messenger god. According to

astrologers, Geminis tend to be quick-witted, changeable, talkative, versatile, and sometimes crafty or mischievous. Naturally bright and alert, the typical Gemini uses a good vocabulary and enjoys learning for its own sake. He or she has a retentive memory for facts and languages. Geminis are known for their ability to express themselves, and are witty, clever, and often well-read.
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12TH ANNUAL JR. GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 7, 2004



The Lubbock Boys & Girls Club is sponsoring our 12th Annual Jr. Golf Tournament for kids ages 17 and under. The Tournament will be held at Meadowbrook Golf Course. The entry fee is \$25.00 for each player. There will be three age divisions: 10 - 12, 13 - 14, and 15 - 17. Each golfer will receive a wonderful t-shirt, lunch and soft drinks. Trophies will be awarded to the first three places in each age division. We will have a "Closest to the Pin" and "Longest Drive" competitions. There will also be a putting contest in each age division. To register come by the Administrative Office at 3221 59th St. For more information call 792-2880.

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The New Orleans Wine and Food Experience showcases the city's world-renowned cuisine by uniting over 100 of the city's most notable restaurants, mixed with over 800 wineries from around the world.

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nized. Tons of options and activities. And more wine and food than you could ever taste."

On May 26, "Vintner Dinners" pair 38 fine dining opportunities with top wineries. The wineries coordinate their wines to each course, and spokesmen from the wineries are available to visit with restaurant patrons.

On May 27, the Royal Street Stroll offers participants shopping in the arts and antiques district of the

famous French Quarter street, with culinary and wine offerings at participating shops. On May 28-29, the Grand Tastings event offers food and wine sampling, demonstrations and seminars at the Mortal Convention Center.

On May 30, a Bubbles and Brunch champagne jazz brunch will be held at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel.

For details and registration information, call 504-529-9463 or visit www.nowfe.com.



Join us for the
Heart Matters
Breakfast Club

Because our hearts matter, Covenant Heart Institute invites you to attend our "Heart Matters" Breakfast Club. Our goal is to bring people together who are affected by matters of the heart, either personally or through a family member or friend. We hope you will come and be encouraged to share your feelings, ideas and knowledge with others who understand the issues of coping with heart matters.

Friday, May 21
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

"Diets De-Mystified: Atkins, South Beach and Mediterranean"

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Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside
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Arnett Room, 6th floor

Refreshments will be provided. The Heart Matters Breakfast Club is open to the public and free of charge.

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