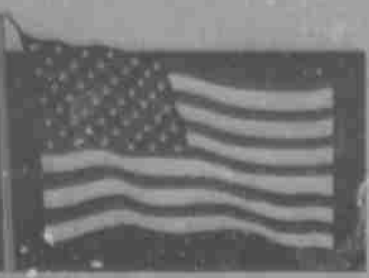


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State News

Strayhorn Proposes Surplus Rebutal Plan

New Sales Tax Holiday, Build Rainy Day Fund

AUSTIN - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn proposed a new plan dubbed "Returning the Favor" to divide any future state budget surpluses into a rate for taxpayers and a boost for the state's Rainy Day Fund. She also endorsed a tougher spending cap proposal, and said both concepts are necessary fiscal discipline tools for Texas' state budget.

"Our last Sales Tax Holiday saved Texas families about \$30 million. If we had 'Returning the Favor' and a limitation in place two years ago, Texas families would have saved about 20 times that amount - each of the last two years," Strayhorn said. "Times like these, just imagine the benefit 'Returning the Favor' would have been for Texas families, Texas merchants and the Texas economy."

"It may seem unusual to be talking of returning tax dollars to their rightful owners - the taxpayers - at a time of budget shortfalls," Strayhorn said. "But today's headlines mask the fact that just two years ago, the Legislature started out with a surplus of nearly \$3 billion and then spent every dime available to boot."

Strayhorn has been a consistent proponent of toughening state spending guidelines, beginning with her warning two years ago that, in spite of beginning the session with a \$3 billion surplus, the legislature had "grafted" its budget in such a way that created a shortfall for this legislature.

Strayhorn's "Returning the Favor" plan would take several steps to implement. First, each January, at the beginning of a legislative session, the comptroller's revenue estimate would not only predict how much revenue the state could expect in the upcoming session, but would also note any surplus that would be remaining at the end of the current biennium.

At the end of the biennium, the surplus would be split in half between the Rainy Day Fund and the Returning the Favor Fund. The "Returning the Favor" dollars will finance a new tax holiday during the following two Christmas seasons.

Strayhorn also endorsed Rep. Carl Isett's (R-Lubbock) legislation that would expand the state's current spending cap to cover all state-generated revenues and raise the bar to break the spending cap from a simple majority to a 2/3 vote (although she advocates requiring a 4/5ths vote).

Church Comes Out for Sex Education

In response to recent activism for sex education in Lubbock schools, First Unitarian Church, 2801 42nd Street will host a sex education conference, Y.E.A.R.S. (Youth Education and Responsible Sexuality) on March 1, 2003, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The conference will examine topics such as statistics for sexually transmitted disease, teen pregnancy, "abstinence only" curriculum and comprehensive sexuality education. National and international issues about human sexuality, including an examination of sexual violence and shame, also will be discussed.

A keynote speaker for the conference, Rev. Dr. Davidson Loehr of First Unitarian Universalist Church, Austin, Texas, will present "They Only Abstain at Disneyland," about why teaching abstinence is hopelessly naive and doomed. The Unitarian Universalist Association endorses comprehensive sex education, and has developed its own curriculum, Our Whole Lives. The conference is supported in part by a grant from the Unitarian Universalist Adult and Campus Ministry Program.

Conference speakers include Wilka Scott, Disease Intervention Specialist of the Lubbock Health Department; the scholar, writer, and activist Dr. Julia Penelope will speak on "Reality-based Sex Education: Sexuality," Betty Dotts of PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will offer her perspectives, and Dr. Andreas Schneider, TTU Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work will present "Shame as a Source for Sexual Violence."

The morning sessions include a forum for Lubbock youth to talk about sex education.

The conference serves as a means for our civic community to embrace its moral obligations to young people. The former Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher, pointed out an essential duty toward children, "it is important to recognize the responsibilities that individuals and communities have in protecting sexual health. The responsibility of well informed adults as educators and role models for children cannot be overstated."

The timeliness of the Y.E.A.R.S. conference is due in part to the recent activism of the Lubbock Youth Commission, which has raised public awareness about sex education issues within USD. Also, Newsweek Magazine's December 9, 2002 issue featured on its cover, "The New Virginity." Two articles delved into the pros and cons of sexuality issues, including federal funding for abstinence programs, condom use and threats to health through disinformation.

Also just last year, Human Rights Watch published an in-depth study on sexuality education, with a focus on Texas. The study points out that Texas does not mandate schools to provide HIV/AIDS and STD education; it is one of only 16 states that refuse such information to students. Instead, the Texas Governor's Office and the Texas Department of Health share responsibility for the "Texas Abstinence Education Program." By law, Texas school districts, the boards of Trustees, and local health education advisory

panels must select curriculum materials that emphasize abstinence as "the only method that is 100% effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, infection with human immunodeficiency virus... and the emotional trauma associated with adolescent sexual activity."

Just as some Lubbock youth express discomfort with the USD abstinence only policy, teachers interviewed by Human Rights Watch told of their difficulty in being unable to share vital health information with students. For example, Jerry Ramirez, a health teacher in the Loredo schools, said that the districts' teen pregnancy rates indicated that students needed comprehensive sex education. However, under abstinence only policies, "I can't mention condoms or birth control."

Other events associated with the conference include a lecture by Rev. Dr. Davidson Loehr through the Honors College of Texas Tech. Loehr will present "A Theological Argument for Abortion" at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 27, 104 Holden Hall. A fund-raising dinner for Planned Parenthood will take place at First Unitarian on Friday, February 28, 7:00 p.m. The dinner includes a performance of Margaret Sang's Last Interview, performed by Sylvia Ashby. Tickets are \$25.

Fees for the March 1 Y.E.A.R.S. conference are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students; morning snacks and lunch are included. For more information, contact Marilyn Westfall, Programs Director, First Unitarian Church, 806-799-1617.

JJ's Sparkle Shop

Jahny James is a local entrepreneur that has proven that hard work and a good business mind can translate into success. Since May of 1997, Mr. James has been the owner and operator of JJ's Sparkle Shop, located at 1707 E. 5th Street. JJ's is a full-service auto detail shop with the majority of his business coming from local auto dealerships. Several of Lubbock's larger dealerships rely on the services of JJ's to prepare their stock of used cars for resale.

Through the Micro Loan Program offered by the City of Lubbock, Mr. James was able to renovate the inside of the business and purchase some much needed equipment. These improvements allowed JJ's to begin offering their detail services to individuals. The business has seen a steady growth rate during each year of operation.

There was one thing that bothered Mr. James. He was investing money and effort into a building that he did not own. Through another program offered by the City, Mr. James has obtained the funding that he needs to purchase his building outright. This program is called the Economic Development Funds Program. Mr. James was able to secure enough funding to purchase the building and make some additional renovations. These improvements will allow Mr. James to add one additional employee to his staff.

Once the renovations are complete, Mr. James feels that his building will be the "Pride of the East Side."

Information on Programs:
City of Lubbock
Community Development Department
Bill Howerton, Jr.
775-3081



EEOC Reports Discrimination Charge Filings Up

Fiscal Year 2002 Data Show Religion, Age, and National Origin Bias Leading the Increase

WASHINGTON - Charge filings with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) alleging employment discrimination in the private sector increased to 84,442 in Fiscal Year 2002 (which ended September 30), up 4.5% from the previous year, according to new data issued by the federal civil rights enforcement agency. The statistics also show that the average time for EEOC to process a private sector charge declined to 171 days (down 6% from FY 2001) and the pending inventory of private sector charges awaiting investigation decreased to 29,041 (down 11% from FY 2001). The new statistics are available on the EEOC's web site at www.eeoc.gov.

"We are operating at the most efficient levels in the Commission's history to eradicate employment discrimination," said EEOC Chair Cari M. Dominguez. "The EEOC is resolving charges faster and more proficiently, while simultaneously enhancing public outreach and education to proactively prevent discrimination."

The Commission resolved 95,222 private sector charge filings in FY 2002 - up 6% from the previous year - and recovered a record total of \$310.5 million in monetary benefits for charging parties through settlements, conciliation, mediation, and litigation. One out of every five charges filed with the agency resulted in a "merit resolution" with a favorable outcome for the charging party. The

industries that generated the most charge activity include retail, food services, and manufacturing. Chair Dominguez noted that expanded outreach and mediation were key priorities that contributed to the agency's success. During FY 2002, EEOC offices conducted more than 4,000 outreach, education, and technical assistance events nationwide to promote voluntary compliance - up 24% from FY 2001. Under the voluntary mediation program, the EEOC resolved a record-high 7,858 charges in an average time of 82 days - less than half the time it takes through the administrative process. "Voluntary mediation continues to play a vital role in resolving charges in an expeditious and non-adversarial manner to the benefit of all parties," she said. "We plan to build upon our mediation success in the current fiscal year and in the years to come."

Of the 84,442 charge filings with the EEOC in FY 2002, the biggest increases from the prior year were in allegations of religious discrimination (up 21%), age bias (14.5%), and national origin discrimination (up 13%). The total charge filings breakdown as follows:

- 29,910 alleged race discrimination (up 3.5% from FY 2001)
- 25,536 alleged sex/gender discrimination (up 1.6% from FY 2001)
- 22,768 alleged retaliation (up 2% from FY 2001)
- 19,921 alleged age discrimination (up 14.5% from FY 2001)
- 15,964 alleged disability discrimination (down 3% from FY 2001)
- 9,046 alleged national origin discrimination (up 13% from FY

2001)

- 2,572 alleged religious discrimination (up 21% from FY 2001)
- 1,256 alleged Equal Pay Act violations (unchanged from FY 2001)

(NOTE: Individuals may allege multiple types of discrimination in one charge filing.)

"While race discrimination led all charge filings in 2002, the year's largest increases occurred in the religion, age, and national origin charge categories," said Chair Dominguez. "I urge employers to be diligent in rooting out discriminatory behavior that is morally and monetarily costly to our nation."

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

Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area Client Council Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center
- Hub City Kiwanis Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm • 1301 Assanie G.
- Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 508 2nd Tuesday - 7:30
- Forgotten War Reunion Post 3 Third Monday, 7:00 pm • J. Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter SARP Every 3rd Tuesday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, 2nd and 5th St.

We would like to publish your monthly messages. If you would like for your announcement to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing by mailing it to:
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City Employee Wins Statewide Scholarship

Jose Madrigal, an administrative intern in the City's Planning and Transportation division, is one of two students in the state to receive the prestigious Clarence E. Ridley scholarship for graduate study in public administration.

Presented by the Texas City Management Association (TCMA), the \$3,500 Ridley scholarship will fund two additional semesters of study for Madrigal in the Texas Tech University MPA (masters in public administration) degree program.

In awarding the scholarship, the selection committee told Madrigal it "was impressed by your personal and academic achievements" and "by your public service commitment and concern. We are convinced that you will continue to reflect credit upon yourself as well as our Association and the city management profession in general."

The annual TCMA conference is in Lubbock this June, and Madrigal will be introduced to the TCMA membership at that time.

Craig Farmer, Planning and Transportation Manager, said, "Jose has an excellent future in city management if he chooses to pursue a career in municipal government. He has been an important addition to my division, and the experience he gains here will serve him well anywhere else he goes."

Assistant City Manager Tommy Gonzales, also a graduate of the Texas Tech MPA program, is a former winner of the Clarence E. Ridley scholarships.

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

FISH NET DENIM

Refreshing, enticing and alluring... exactly what these denim jeans and skirts are. The light weight net add just enough flare and excitement to your already popular and stylish denim wear. The net is loosely attached to the waist, falling, generously and unconstructed. The beautiful fish net comes in different shapes and colors, some are multicolored with magnificent jewels, sequins and beads. Sassy, sassy, sassy. Some jeans are netted from the knees down, its really fasci-



inating to know that in the fashion industry, it only takes a little to make such a powerful statement.

Ladies, wearing the fish net denim is just another way of saying... I AM WOMAN, EXPLORING, EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING AND HAVING FUN

Tip... Always wear a smile FASHION, JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

Upcoming Events at the Public Library

A Very Buggy Storyhour at Mahon Library

The Mahon Library, 1206 9th Street, will hold a special evening program of bug-themed stories for children and their parents at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 3. This is a free program. For more information, call 775-2838.

Book Discussion at Groves Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the book *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6. Copies of the book are available for checkout at all Lubbock City-County Libraries. All are invited to attend this free program.

For more information, please call 767-3733. Share a Book with a Child Join us for "Share a Book

with a Child," a storyhour for children and their parents, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4 at the Harwell Elementary School library, 4101 Avenue D. Each family will receive a free book, courtesy of the Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy. This is a free program. For more information, call 775-2838.

The World's a Stage at the Godeke Branch Library!

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, will present the program "The World Is a Stage" at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4. Learn about community theater in Lubbock, and how you can get involved. Actress/director Jane Prince-Jones and the cast of "Honky Tonk Angels" will perform a scene from their production. For more information, call 792-6566.



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Planned Parenthood Global Partners

Planned Parenthood Association of Lubbock will host two members of the MEXFAM clinic in Durango and Santiago, Mexico from Sunday, March 2 until Saturday, March 8, 2003. Dr. Patricia Aranda Wong, the Director of the MEXFAM program in Durango and Concepcion Samanago Castrejon the Program Director of the MEXFAM clinic in Santiago, Mexico will be coming to learn about the reproductive health services and the education program of Planned Parenthood. They will also visit the YWCA breast cancer health initiative program, the YWCA Challenger Program, and learn about the ob-gyn nursing classes from Dr. Linda Brice, from a presentation at a biology class at Texas Tech University, visit the Lubbock City Health Department, visit the Texas Tech Wellness Clinic with Fred Ortiz, and meet with the Lubbock Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

The partnership between the Lubbock Planned Parenthood and the MEXFAM Program in Durango is one of seven partnerships between Texas Planned Parenthood affiliates and clinics in Mexico. The purpose of the Global Partner Program is improve family planning programs and renew a commitment to international family planning in the U.S. Global Partners works through the country to educate Americans about the benefits of international family planning for women, children, and the environment, the unmet need for these and related reproductive health services, and the positive role we can all play to ensure that every child around the world is a wanted child.

Three persons from Planned Parenthood Association of Lubbock, Joe Love Nelson, Georgia Torres, and John Soto spent a week in November in Durango learning about their health services and education for youth.

Texas Celebration Day Set Here

The General James Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas announces a Texas Independence Day celebration to be held Saturday, March 1, 2003 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The celebration will be held on the Texas Tech University campus at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Historical displays, entertainment, silent auction, and a program, which concludes with the special recognition of an outstanding west Texan. A catered brisket sandwich lunch by County Line Restaurant will be served. Admission is free. For more information, please call Charlotte Moody at (806)795-7662.

Port-to-Plains Announces Corridor Funding

The Ports-to-Plains Coalition received another round of good news this week when it learned the Omnibus appropriations bill passed by Congress included some funding for the Corridor.

"This is great news for Ports-to-Plains and all our membership," said Ports-to-Plains Chairman Randy Neugebauer. "Our Congressional delegation is to be commended for all their hard work. We have been working with them and their staff to bring these projects to fruition since last year and it has paid off."

Mr. Neugebauer cited the efforts of Senators Hutchinson and Cornyn of Texas, Allard and Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado, Inhofe of Oklahoma, Dominici and Blumenthal of New Mexico as well as Chairman (Representative) Combest, and Thornberry, Stenholm, Smith and Bonilla of Texas, Udall of New Mexico, Lucas of Oklahoma as well as Musgrave and Schaffer of Colorado.

Mr. Neugebauer also stated that the Ports-to-Plains Task Force members, local elected officials and interested businesses from Laredo, Eagle Pass, Del Rio to Limon Colorado all played a role in this success. "Without our members and the local support we enjoy from one end of the corridor to the other we would not be standing here today with this good news. Last year we were able to garner \$9.2 million in project funding along the Corridor. This years total of over \$11.6 million brings us just that much closer to completing the dream," Neugebauer said.

Projects funded in 2002 include:
Corridor Management Plan Planning \$1,700,000
Midland Reliever Route Engineering \$1,000,000
New Mexico US Hwy US 64/87 Engineering \$1,000,000
Big Spring Reliever Route Engineering \$2,000,000
West Laredo Multimodal Various \$3,500,000
TOTAL \$9,200,000

Projects funded for 2003 include:
Sterling County, TX Imp. to SH 158 4-lane \$844,475
Lamesa Reliever Route Engineering \$844,475
West Laredo Multimodal Corridor Various \$3,477,250
Wiley Junction, CO Imp. to US 287 Reconstruction \$2,980,500
U.S. 287 Corridor in Oklahoma Engineering \$1,490,250
Corridor Management Plan Planning \$1,987,000
TOTAL \$11,623,950

"As you can see these projects are well distributed all along the Corridor and are key pieces to the Ports-to-Plains puzzle", said Neugebauer.

The Coalition will be focusing their efforts on the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Current Transportation Law for America) in hopes of including major policy changes that will benefit the Corridor. Also, during the reauthorization the Coalition will attempt to garner additional funding for other parts of the corridor.



JAY'S CORNER

The name of this column will change next week. It will be called "The Chatman Hill Corner", and will feature news from the Chatman Hill area of the city or other parts of the community. This writer wants to keep going what the late Ruby Jay, her mother, did when she was reporting. It is so important to report what's happening in the community, and as your report, will do the very best. If you have any ideas, drop me a line to: Chatman Hill Corner, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408. We want to do the best we can to advise what is happening in the community as well as report those we are visiting the "Hub City."

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy K. Moton is pastor. Our doors remain open for those of you who are looking for a church home. Come and be blessed. Morning services began at 10:45 a.m. with our devotional services.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with all teachers at their post of duty. All students received thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a.m., all teachers and students marched to the main auditorium where high points of the morning lesson were given. Prayer was also given.

The morning devotion was conducted by Brother and Sister F. J. Jennings, and were assisted by the Praise Team. What a time we had!

The New Hope Choir marched in the morning procession singing out of their hearts and souls. Altar prayer was offered by Brother Ernest Swain. After a selection by the choir, Sister Shireatha Chase read the morning scripture. Brother David Williams gave the morning prayer. There was another selection from the choir. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Annetta Phillips. The morning hymn was "What A Mighty God We Serve."

After Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observation, the New Hope Choir sang another selection. Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Neighbor, That's What Jesus Did For Me." His scripture text was St. Luke 10:25-37.

Announcements of the morning were read by Sister Brenda McKnight. Sister Keisha Johnson welcomed all visitors to New Hope.

The Christian Education Department of New Hope Baptist Church will meet Friday evening, February 28, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be about planning for the 77th Church Anniversary of New Hope. All leaders of auxiliaries are asked to be in attendance.

The Pastor's Aid of New Hope Baptist Church is sponsoring a special Mothers Day Book of Tribute to honor or memory to mother, grandmother, great-grandmother. God mother, daughters, sisters, wives, aunts, niece, prayer partners, or any special female who is or has been an inspiration in your life. The deadline is March 30, 2003. For more information, contact Sister Dori Dailey, Sister Elmore Dyer, or Sister Elaine Lindsey.

There are those who are ill among us. Don't forget them with your precious prayers and visits. Your telephone calls are very helpful.

This week's special prayer requests are from the following: Raymond S. Oval, father of Sister Dorothy Stovall; Sister Rosie Reddie, Sister Marion Allen, Sister Maggie Runnels, Sister Dorothy Diamond, Benny Johnson, who is a cousin of Sister Perlean McDaniel, and Sister Nicole Henderson.

If you have news for this column, please let us be advised by Friday of the upcoming publication of the Southwest Digest. We need your help. Will you help in this effort? Thank you in advance.

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MARK 1:1, THERE CAME A VOICE OUT OF HEAVEN (GOD), SAYING, THOU ART MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.

BEFORE I READ AND STUDY THE BIBLE, AND SAY THEY BELIEVE WHAT I SAY, AND THAT SOUND SPIRITUALLY, BUT IT DON'T EVEN WORK THAT WAY.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15. TO TRY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEED NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH AND WHEN YOU STUDY, PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE YOU HIS WISDOM, HE WILL GIVE IT TO ALL THAT WANT IT, AND NOT TO JUST SOME.

JAMES 1:5. IF ANY OF YOU LIKE WISDOM, LET HIM ASK GOD THAT GIVES TO ALL MEN LIBERALLY, AND UPBRAIDETH NOT, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN HIM. JESUS IS NOT GOD, BECAUSE THE BIBLE SAID, HE IS GOD'S SON, EVEN THE DEVIL KNOWS THAT HE IS GOD'S BELOVED ONLY ONE.

LUKE 4:34. IN THE SYNAGOGUE THERE WAS A MAN WHICH HAD A SPIRIT OF AN UNCLEAN DEVIL, AND CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, SAYING, LET US ALONE, WHAT HAVE WE TO DO WITH THEE, THOU JESUS OF NAZARETH? I KNOW THEE WHO THOU ART, THE HOLY ONE OF GOD. JESUS TOLD US WHY HE WAS SENT INTO THIS MEAN OLD WORLD.

TO SAVE THE SOULS OF ALL THE MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND THE GIRLS. LUKE 4:18, 19. JESUS SAID, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HATH ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR, HE HATH SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PREACH DELIVERANCE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, AND SET AT LIBERTY THEM THAT ARE BRUISED, TO PREACH THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.

THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES ARE RIGHT, KNOWING JESUS IS THE LAMB OF GOD, AND HE DIED FOR MANKIND'S SINS, DID YOU LET HIM INTO YOUR HEART?

JOHN 3:17. JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON (JESUS) INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.

YOU SEE JESUS CAN'T BE GOD, HE HAS POWDER, AND HE IS GOD'S SON, DID YOU BELIEVE THE VOICE FROM HEAVEN? WHO DID IT COME FROM?

MATTHEW 3:17. LO, A VOICE FROM HEAVEN (GOD'S), SAYING, THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED (IF JESUS WAS ON EARTH), AND THE VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN, WHO IS IT THAT IS ON EARTH? WHEN GOD SPOKE FROM HEAVEN!

DON'T BE MAD AT THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES, THEY ARE RIGHT YOU SEE YOU CAN'T KILL GOD, THEN IT WAS HIS BELOVED SON WHO DIED ON THE TREE. MARK 16:7. AT THE NINTH HOUR JESUS CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE, SAYING,

'E'LOI E'LOI LAMA SABACH' THANI' WHICH IS, INTERPRETTED, MY GOD MY GOD,

WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME, AND JESUS CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE, AND GAVE UP THE GHOST.

GET AN UNDERSTANDING, IN THAT WAY YOU WON'T BE CALLED WRONG, WHO IS IT THAT IS SITTING ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD'S THRONE?

MARK 16:19. SO THEN AFTER THE LORD HAD SPOKEN UNTO THEM, HE WAS RECEIVED UP INTO HEAVEN, AND SET ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.

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



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "A Simple Word to Black Males"

For a couple of months or more I have chided the white male of America for political social economic, etc. sins of omission (Sins that results from a failure to act) and commission (Those sins which are carried out by actions) in their relationship with their black brothers in America.

In my own way I have tried to reiterate through simplicity of heart and soul and the kind of tropes that would stir the readers of the Southwest Digest to a sense of oneness as human beings. I believe certain causes and actions in the life of humans are willed by the Supreme Being for continued human development whether it is spiritual or physical.

The buying and selling of slaves, whether they were black or white, was evil and cast a blight on America. However, I believe it was a necessary evil at the time for the economic and social development of a country to be free from all types and forms of bondage and oppression.

From the yokes of oppression

our forefathers were able to acquire land, build cities, institutions of higher learning, banks, medical schools, and much, much more to help America progress where it is today. The black church of yesterday sought and demanded the best of black Americans. From my communion there was "character passing" at the Annual Conference. If your character was of such that it did not meet the "holy and righteous" test, you were left without a church and sanctioned. The preacher was expected and charged to help lift the people to a life of excellency.

This standard of high living did not rest exclusively with the preacher. At the Quarterly Conference—the church members life were robustly call to high moral standards and ethical living. I realize that there is a new generation of black Americans. This generation as a whole does not seem to understand nor do they react positively to the premise that they are standing on the shoulders of those who have shed sweat blood and tears so that their generation may have a better life. How quickly has this generation of blacks sold the land and played

the "prodigal son?" Little do they know that the man who owns the land is the boss. The lack of funds and property in today's America put you at risk of being a modern day slave.

We would encourage young black Americans to be all that you can be. However, in your being, you must not forget the past or neglect the present in anticipation of the future. My generation is standing on the Solid Rock who is Jesus and my generation believes that all else is sinking sand.

We believe that every man must take care of his family. We believe that you must work and work is mandated by God. We believe that you must share with your partner that you have chosen for life and not be dominating. We believe that drugs are evil and pushed by agents of Satan to destroy the hope, dream, and aspiration of those who could be leaders in the present generation. We believe that a person who sells drugs to others for their own gratification and cause others to go astray should pay the harshest penalty that the law allows.

We would encourage young black males in this month of cele-

bration of Black History to be diligent in all things. Take care of your children. Don't molest or neglect your children. They are part of you! God frowns on such behavior, CPS acts, the District Attorney's office prosecutes, and someone in the penal system is looking for a new "girlfriend." Don't get deep in debt with credit cards for they are the new legal "loan sherk" way of putting people into slavery. Don't get all broke up because you can't drive a vehicle with those pretty wheels. There is a price to be paid when a young black male drives a \$45,000 SUV and does not have a job. He soon will join others in the Texas Criminal Justice System and become the slave of Mr. Gilmore.

We encourage young black males to give your best to America. This is your country. Serve your country well by being a volunteer. Own a piece of the rock! Vote! Join a political party and learn how it works! Find out why the MAN would raise a half a million dollars to be elected to a job that pays \$160,000 a year in the U.S. House of Representatives!

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

-Hour Of Power-

Believers, lay aside your badges of identities and come together in prayer for the world. This is for all denominations: Adventist, Ananias, Baptist, Bible Church, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Community of Christ, Roman Catholic, Roman Catholic Latin Mass, Christian (Disciples), Christian Independent Christian Science, Church of Christ, Church of God, Church of God in Christ, Episcopal, True Worshipers Church of God in Christ, Foursquare Gospel, Inter-Denominational, Islamic, Jehovah's Witnesses, Jewish, Lutheran, Methodist, Messianic, Nazarene, Non-

Denominational, Charismatic, Orthodox Christian, Pentecost (Christian) Pentecostal Holiness, Presbyterian, Presbyterian Church in America, Quaker, Reformed Salvation Army, Unitarian Universalist, United Church of Christ and Unity Church. Various Denominations: Bahai Faith, Bible Missionary, Calvary Full Gospel, Faith Temple, Metropolitan Community Church, South Plains, Words of Life, Tabernacle, McDonald Evangelist Association and South Plains Christian Fellowship.

We've found there is so much hate in this world. We're not saying there is any hate in these various groups. If there is

anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. I John 3:15. Just wondering,

Lay down your flags of identity for a moment, fall on your knees, and pray for our world.

We will all wind up together one day in eternity with Him or eternal damnation with our Him. Think about it, precious people.

Are you involved in a lot of church work with out value?? If you have unforgiveness in your heart while doing your thing, your work is in vain. Mark 11:25-26.

Keep those drive by prayers going. Shoot to kill Satan's strong holes wherever they exist with the power of the

Holy Spirit..

Thanks for reading, Saints! For all those who are sick and bereaved. Its fe your time for a miracle. Seek God's face.

Here are some important scriptures to read: II Chronicles 7:14; Mark 11:22-26 and Acts 1:8.

Members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet in the home of Sister Christene Burleson, 2407 East 9th Street, on Saturday, March 1, 2003, beginning at 9:00 a. m. Come and be a part of this group. You will be blessed.

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In Remembrance...



Ethel Blake

Funeral services were held for Ethel Blake last Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor of St. John Baptist Church, officiating. Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, assisted.

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

She passed away Friday, February 21, 2003.

She was born April 5, 1916, in San Augustine, Texas, where she married Melvin Blake in 1946. He preceded her in death in 1956. She moved to Lubbock in 1947. For many years she worked as a private domestic engineer until retiring.

Mrs. Blake was a member of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, the Eastern Star and the Ruth Circle of Mount Gilead Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Matthew Roberts of Lubbock, Texas, a sister, Dorothy Day of Fresno, California, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



Cindy Bluiitt

Funeral services for Cindy L. Bluiitt were held last Friday afternoon, February 21, 2003, at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church with Rev. C.C. Peoples, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Slaton, Texas, officiating, and the Rev. Gloria Moore assisting.

Services were under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home in Lubbock.

She died Monday, February 17, 2003.

She was born September 6, 1958, in Tahoka, Texas. She married Arthur Bluiitt on February 28, 1976, in Lubbock. She moved to Lubbock in 1976. She attended the First Baptist Church of Tahoka. She was a certified nurses aide at Heritage Oaks.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur Bluiitt; a son, Andre Bluiitt of Lubbock, Texas; two daughters, Jennifer and Janice Bluiitt, both of Lubbock, Texas; three brothers: Milton Harris of Lubbock, Texas, Rayfro Harris of Tahoka, Texas and Charles Knight of Fort Worth, Texas; a sister, Ina Kipkoech; and two grandchildren.



Roosevelt Vernon Carroll

-A Hardworking Citizen-

Funeral services for Roosevelt Vernon Carroll, a hard working citizen for the Lubbock community, were held Wednesday afternoon, February 26, 2003, at 20th Street and Birch Street Church of Christ with minister Devon Shields officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Mr. Carroll died Thursday, February 20, 2003.

He was born April 28, 1928, in Caldwell, Texas. He married Verlina Gibbs on October 15, 1969, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He moved from Caldwell to Fort Worth, Texas and to Lubbock in 1958.

He worked for Hicks and Ragglin Co. as a maintenance manager. He retired after 35 years. He was a member of 20th Street and Birch Street Church of Christ.

Mr. Carroll loved his neighborhood, because he believed people would get along together. He was president of the 2900 Block East Colgate Neighborhood Organization in the 1980's.

He is survived by his wife, Verlina Carroll of the home; three sons: Ronald Carroll of Pasadena, California, Aundrea Carroll of Fort Worth, Texas and Burnett Smith of Lubbock, Texas; two daughters, Eulinda Lawson and Leivory Robinson, both of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, John W. Carroll; a sister, Mattie McGee of Lubbock, Texas; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The John Gambles

Graveside services were held for Tre John Isaiah Gambles, an infant son of John B. and Cheryl Ross Gambles of Lubbock, Texas, were held last Friday morning, February 21, 2003, at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park with Bishop W.H. Watson, pastor of Agape Temple Church of God in Christ, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Little Master Gambles was born and died Saturday, February 15, 2003, in Lubbock.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs John B. Gambles; two brothers, Samuel John L. "CJ" and Coland Gambles, both of Lubbock, Texas; maternal grandmother, Nettie M. Gambles of Denver, Colorado; and a paternal great-grandmother, Vivian L. Gambles of Lubbock, Texas.



Loyce Graves

Funeral services for Loyce Graves were held last Friday afternoon, February 21, 2003, at the 20th Street and Birch Avenue Church of Christ with Devon DeShield, minister, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors in Lubbock.

She died Tuesday, February 18, 2003.

She was born May 18, 1945, in Lubbock, Texas. She attended Lubbock Public Schools and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1963. She worked at Texas Instruments in Lubbock and Midland.

She is survived by two brothers, Connie Ray Graves of Richmond, Va. and Tommy Graves of Fort Worth, Texas; and two sisters, Gloria E. Graves of Houston, Texas and Nancy Planks of Phoenix, Arizona.



Charles Andrew Williams

Funeral services for Charles Andrew Williams were held at F. L. Lewis Memorial Chapel on Wednesday afternoon, February 19, 2003, with Rev. Glen D. Wilson, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Rosa L. Wilson, co-pastor.

Interment was held in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery under the direction of Lewis Funeral Home of San Antonio.

He was born in Douglassville, Texas on May 30, 1942. He was born to the union of Cleo Williams and Ethel Lee Cooks-Williams. At an early age, he and his family moved to Lubbock, Texas.

He attended the Lubbock Independent School District, and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1962. While attending Dunbar, he was a member of the varsity football and varsity track team. After graduating from high school, Charles joined the U.S. Army. He served tours of duty at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; Ft. Mead, Maryland and South Vietnam. Charles moved to San Antonio, Texas in 1980. He was a retired disabled veteran. He enjoyed restoring antique and collectible cars to their original beauty.

Mr. Williams passed away on Wednesday, February 12, 2003.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his mother, Ethel Lee Cooks; a daughter, LaJoi Broadnax of San Antonio, Texas; a brother, Force Moses, Jr., Sherry, of San Antonio, Texas; five sisters: Mildred Mayberry (Harlen) of Belleville, Illinois, Famy Morgan, Joyce Ann Brown and Bridgette Rucker, all of San Antonio, Texas, and Loyce Sue Lyons of Lubbock, Texas; an aunt, Lee Ethel Williams of Douglasville, Texas, two uncles, Arona Williams of Douglasville, Texas and Travis Williams of Fort Worth, Texas; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

By Gerald Jackson

Should Christians go to war?
(continued)

If Christians value freedom then they should be willing to pay the price for freedom. Many Christian men and women have served in the armed forces for this country and other countries. Many have given their lives in

order that their families, friends and country can enjoy freedom. These were courageous people who understood the importance of self-sacrifice. They oughta write that down somewhere, maybe John 15:13 would be a good place to put it. The Bible says, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

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I believe those who pay the price for freedom should have the greatest influence in our free society. The spoiled, soft spine, selfish simpletons we hear speaking concerning freedom should be required to show their investment for the cause of freedom before they can expect

to have an audience. But, I digress.

War becomes necessary when evil attempts to spread. It is the nature of evil to seek and acquire power over others. It is the duty of Christians to oppose evil in every form. If this evil presents itself on the battlefield then we must oppose it there as well.

Take the time to investigate for yourself the causes of this present crisis. You will find the patterns of evil manifesting itself. It desires power and will stop at nothing to acquire it. The desire for power cannot be satisfied. If nothing is done to put down evil it will spread. "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing"

(Edmond Burke). Evil may attempt to disguise itself but it will always show similar patterns. Paul says, "...in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes." (2 Corinthians 2:11). Patterns of evil behavior are evident. If someone does not oppose evil it will spread.

War is never a desirable undertaking, but it may become a necessary undertaking. Let's avoid war at all cost, but if it becomes necessary let's not shrink back from our responsibility. If Christians see the need to serve in the armed forces to fight evil then they should do so.



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COOKING CORNER

Red Zinfandel BBQ Sauce

1 bottle St. Francis "Old Vines" Zinfandel wine
 1/2 cup blackberry or raspberry jam
 1 cup ketchup
 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
 1/4 teaspoon cloves
 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 teaspoon smoky paprika
 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco hot sauce
 Sea salt and freshly ground pepper

Boil wine in heavy saucepan until it is reduced to about one cup. Add jam and stir until combined. Pour jam and wine mixture through a fine sieve to remove any large

clumps or seeds. Set aside (this can be done up to a week in advance and stored in the refrigerator.)

When ready to make sauce, combine ketchup, vinegar and spices in a heavy saucepan. Simmer for five minutes. Add reduced wine and jam, simmer for 10 more minutes. Season to taste and set aside. Brush generously on ribs and chicken twenty minutes before they are done. Serve extra at the table for dipping.

Recipe courtesy of St. Francis Vineyards & Winery

Grilled Chicken with Zinfandel Sauce

Note: When grilling the chicken, make sure you are cooking over indirect heat, and that you keep the grill lid on at all times. Indirect heat means that the food is placed in the center of the cooking grate, while the heat source (lit burners or hot coals) is located at the edges of the grill. Using this method, the chicken will roast rather than burn.

Serve with: 1999 St. Francis "Old Vines" Zinfandel
 1 3-pound chicken, butterflied*
 1 teaspoon olive oil
 Sea salt and pepper
 Red Zinfandel BBQ Sauce (below)

Butterfly the chicken* or, have your butcher butterfly it for you.

Preheat grill according to manufacturer's directions. Brush chicken lightly with olive oil and season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook over indirect heat, with the

grill lid on, for 45 to 55 minutes or until the juices run clear and the skin is crisp.

Note: It is not necessary to turn the chicken over. If you like the look of grill marks, place chicken skin side down for five minutes at the beginning of the cooking time, then turn over and cook as directed. Do not lift lid while chicken is cooking, except to baste with sauce, as noted.

Twenty minutes before chicken is done, brush with Red Zinfandel BBQ Sauce. Remove and serve with additional sauce on the side.

* To butterfly whole chicken, take poultry shears or a sharp knife and split the bird lengthwise along one side of the backbone. With the skin side up, pull the body open, pressing firmly until the bones begin to crack and the bird lays reasonably flat.

Recipe courtesy of St. Francis Vineyards & Winery.

Roasted Red Peppers Pinwheels with Fresh Goat Cheese

Serve with: St. Francis 1999 Sonoma County Chardonnay.

3 whole red bell peppers
 1 teaspoon olive oil
 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
 Salt and pepper to taste
 12 ounces fresh goat cheese

Preheat grill on high, if using gas, or wait until coals are glowing and covered in a light gray ash. Place red peppers directly over the heat. Cover and cook until all sides are charred, turning frequently for about 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from grill. Place in a brown paper bag, close the top and let sit for 10 minutes. Remove from bag and charred skin will slip off easily.

Remove seeds and stems and quarter each pepper.

While still warm, place quarter pieces of the peppers in a shallow bowl and sprinkle with oil and vinegar, turning to coat all sides. Let sit 2 to 4 hours. Season with salt and pepper.

Just before serving, spread peppers with goat cheese and roll up into a small log. Cut each pepper roll crosswise into three pieces and secure with a toothpick.

Serve immediately. Serves 8.
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Editorials • Comments • Opinions



Forget the Storm Cloud, Look to the Rainbow!

By Eddie P. Richardson

We groan, we grun, we complain, we cry and ask what is the government going to do for me? The problem is what are you going to do for yourself. We have sat around looking for a hand out and not a hand up. You have to do something for self first and then you will receive help.

For our long denied communities to become competitive at the market place with our good services, the initiative and leadership must come from within the affected community by the affirmative so called initiatives using the resources, information, guidance, support, training, knowledge, belief and finances from the so called major help us from the relief rolls to the tax rolls and that's what is all about.

We keep looking for government handouts as that day is gone. Government is drying

up like a creek. Business and industry are the mighty ocean which owns the oil, power, suburban, fiber city, and everything in between. Republicans, Democrats, Independent and all are in between. So the answer to our dilemma and to grow and progress is to form a marriage with business and industry, who owns it all, which includes Business, Industry, Government, Democrat, Republican and other. You see now who controls it all.

Black History brought out some events, but not true. The first Black member of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce was the late C.F. Cooke Jr., with the assistance of T.J. Patterson. The second Black to serve was and is Billie Blively former trustee on the Lubbock Independent School District. To this writer's knowledge, Dr. Charles Henry is the latest member and most active, but he was not the first Black Chamber of Commerce member. No slight to Dr. Henry. But the truth we can all live with this.

Look to the rainbow. The rainbow was the method God's

people looked to as a bright star which was the rainbow. Let's look to the rainbow. Just look at J & J Spade Shop. Now, this is a miracle. Look at Johnny James. This writer knew him. Also love him as a person, friend. Johnny has come a long way to become a special businessman in East Lubbock. Johnny was down in life, but had the faith, belief and determination to reach his goal in life. All of us can become what we want we want to become if we are willing to pay the price. If you happen!

Johnny comes from a strong religious background. No doubt this gave him his strength, and he survived. Johnny is now a taxpayer and a very positive member of our society. Now, that's great!

The Rainbow is of God. Check your Bible. We need to stay as close to God as possible. God is the Rainbow. The Devil is the storm cloud. Do what you want to do.

Look to the Rainbow. Check out Abraham. Look and think about today! Nuff Sed! WHY Not?



In Cinque'

by Renetta W. Howard

War looms and so does the price of consumer goods. We could call it sinful as we go to the pumps to fill our vehicles with gasoline. A few months ago one could fill an average vehicle tank of 25 gallons with about \$27.00 to \$32.00. On this date, that price will get you a half tank of gasoline. Sadly to say, there are some places where the cost is even higher. It is still puzzling as to how this hike in price is helping the economy, as it appears to be the other way around, is the hike in gasoline suppose to be a way to make us feel that we need a war? Are we supposed to get angry with Iraq so we will want to punish them for having oil reserves that we do not have? Is our reason for wanting Iraq disarmed in order

to be able to just go into that country and make our own terms for securing oil? Has Iraq upset our economy or has our government done it for us?

Three must be a new definition for economy or it has been reinvented, as it is difficult to conceive how a person attempting to get to a job where there has been a reduction in the work force, no pay raises, hours of employment cut back, production quotas raised, and the current prices of fuel not going down. This is a 'new math' mystery to me and many other people.

The other mystery is why we went out and bought duck tape and plastic, perhaps masks as well. Who has bought enough tape and plastic to cover all of the windows and doors in my house? Who has enough to cover one room? What if we did do this? Are we helping ourselves to live longer or prolong the agony? What is suppose to happen after a specified number of days that would make certain germs or chemicals to be harm-

less? If we know what will make them harmless, why doesn't our homeland security forces do what it takes to do this? Why does it seem that homeland security is perhaps for a select few of us, why the rest of us must make a way to secure our homes?

How long can a family live in a duck taped room? What good is a radon if your activities are limited to 'the room.' If energy is cut so there is no electricity, water, gas or oil, how will we communicate then? Will there be anything to communicate about? Now what chemicals and germs affect our supply of necessary items such as water, air, and the food supply? There is still time for us to get 'in cinque' and pray that the war never happens. We are stressed and strapped, but we do not need duck tape or plastic to pray. Survival is a vital issue and war over oil, for oil or about oil is not worth the hassle. Tell your Congressmen. Pound on their ears until they hear you!

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PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS. -There are a number of ... PEOPLE ... who will ... PAY FOR WHAT THEY WANT ... and beg for what they ... NEED!



TRUE GREATNESS! THIS N THAT ... picked up a church bulletin from the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church ... in the February 2, 2003 issue ... and found these words to make a lot of sense ... so thought you like to read them: a sermon early in 1968 ... MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ... quoted Jesus' words from Mark 10 about servanthood. Then he said "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. ... You only need a ... HEART FULL OF GRACE, A SOUL GENERATED BY LOVE?"

STOKES-PARKER DISTRICT MEETING HERE! THIS N THAT ... has learned from ... SISTER MARIE LONG ... that the ... STOKES-PARKER DISTRICT MEETING ... will be held at the Mae Simmons Community Center ... APRIL 25 THUR APRIL 27, 2003 ... These are some very hard working ladies and will be coming to the City of Lubbock from many cities in Texas ... More on this later ... HAPPY 49TH ANNIVERSARY! THIS N THAT ... says ... CONGRATS ... to the members and officers of the ... FEDERATION OF CHOIRS ... who will be celebrating its ... 49TH ANNIVERSARY ... On March 23, 2003 ... with the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church as host church ... More on the program on upcoming anniversary ...

VERY GOOD PROGRAM! THIS N THAT ... and co-publisher of the Southwest Digest ... EDDIE RICHARDSON ... attended the annual celebration of ... BLACK HISTORY ... at the Ervin Street First Baptist Church in Littlefield ... last Saturday night ... It was well attended ... and ... City Councilman ... VAN A ASHLEY ... gave an inspirational welcome ... City Councilman ... J. King ... of Sudan, Texas ... also participated on the program ... It was a very good program ... and ... THIS N THAT ... hopes it will continue ... A job well done ...

VERY POSITIVE TRIP TO SOUTH DALLAS! THIS N THAT ... along with several city councilmen from the Lubbock and ... the Mayor ... toured the ... SOUTH DALLAS PROJECT ... which was led by ... JIM REID ... It was a very positive tour and it only proves what can happen if we all get in there and work toward the same goal ... After visiting this project ... the feeling is that this can become a reality ... that is ... the North and East Lubbock Development Project ... It will take some ... FUNDS ... and ... TIME ... It was a ... VERY POSITIVE EFFORT ... and ... THIS N THAT ... is looking for some real good things to happen in the ... NORTH AND EAST LUBBOCK AREA ...

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Roosevelt Student Wins Bausch & Lomb Science Award

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Winners are eligible to be considered for the Bausch & Lomb Science Scholarship which provides each qualified student \$6,000 per year for four years. Selection for the scholarship is competitive.

Students who are considered will have applied for admission to the University of Rochester. There is no limit to the number of students worldwide who may receive the scholarships. Application forms are available for the individual school winners.

The award is open to all secondary schools. Each school faculty is eligible to nominate one student based on academic criteria. A framed bronze medal will be awarded in the school's award ceremony this spring.

Volunteer Center to Hold Grant Writing Workshop

The Volunteer Center of Lubbock will present a grant writing workshop on Tuesday, Mar 4th, from 9:00 a.m. - noon at the Volunteer Center Conference Room.

The workshop will cover all aspects of grant writing including researching grants from foundations and other institutions and the basic elements of writing a successful proposal. The workshop is targeted to beginning grant writers and people wanting to review their basic grant writing

skills.

The workshop is one of the most requested workshops sponsored by the Volunteer Center and is held several times annually.

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