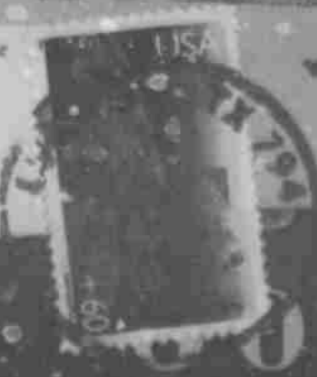


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State News

Strayhorn Outlines Revenue Decline

Over-spending, Unfunded Commitments, Ailing Economy Collide

AUSTIN - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn warned that the upcoming session of the legislature will have \$7.4 billion less in available revenues than its predecessor. Included in that number is a shortfall of \$1.8 billion for this fiscal year. Citing the collision of legislative over-spending and unfunded commitments with a weak Texas economy, Strayhorn said the legislature faces a \$9.9 billion deficit from now through the end of the upcoming session if it passes a budget, including cuts in programs and legislation.

In her constitutional mandated Biennial Revenue Estimate, which provides revenue figures that Texas lawmakers must abide by in producing a balanced budget, Strayhorn said that previous revenue estimates featured "lawmakers eagerly awaiting to see how many sugar plums were stuffed into their stockings as they could merely begin spending Texas tax dollars. This year, the stockings are empty."

Strayhorn noted that she had warned at the conclusion of the last legislative session that while the legislature had technically balanced its budget, it had done so in such a way to produce a shortfall of \$5.1 billion for the upcoming session. The legislature, which begins Tuesday, A decline in sales tax revenue since Thanksgiving is needed to reduce her revenue estimate even further than originally anticipated, Strayhorn said.

"It is as clear as the budgetary challenge," Strayhorn said. "The legislature should make a commitment to the people of Texas that they will never again spend every last dime of taxpayer money, nor establish programs or programs which leave an IOU for the next generation of lawmakers."

Strayhorn also noted that last week she proposed \$3.7 billion in revenue savings and efficiencies. Last session lawmakers ignored most of her recommendations. She said she will continue to search for additional savings and that she will monitor economic indicators and revise the revenue estimate as circumstances warrant.

Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area Client Council Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center
- Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G.
- Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808, 2nd Tuesday - 7:30
- Forgotten West Riders, First & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T.J. Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St.

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:

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Frito-Lay Announces Plan for \$6.5 Million Investment at Manufacturing Facility in Lubbock

LUBBOCK, TX — Frito-Lay, Inc. announced its plan to invest \$6.5 million to expand its manufacturing facility in Lubbock, Texas.

The expansion, which includes the installation of a new water pre-treatment facility, 32,000 square feet of additional warehouse space, a new rail unloading facility and other infrastructure upgrades, represents a significant investment in this 40-year old facility.

Frito-Lay's decision to make these improvements came as an outcome of ongoing discussions with City of Lubbock and Market Lubbock, Inc. officials. "We are very pleased that Frito-Lay has decided to make these investments in its Lubbock operations," said Kerney McKay, Director of Business Retention for Market Lubbock, Inc.

"The State of Texas is home

to Frito-Lay and has been ever since Eimer Doolin, founder of The Frito Company, started his business in San Antonio in the 1930's. And, the City of Lubbock has been a strategic partner for our growth over the past four decades," said Rich Beck, Frito-Lay Vice President of Operations. "We appreciate the cooperative partnership that has always existed in Lubbock, and are pleased that we are able to continue investing and growing in the community."

The Lubbock facility, which opened in 1964, currently employs 300. Today, the 200,000 square foot facility manufactures more than 40 million pounds of salty snacks annually (Lay's potato chips, Doritos and Tostitos tortilla chips, and Fritos corn chips).

Frito-Lay North America is the convenient fun foods divi-

sion of PepsiCo, inc., which is headquartered in Purchase, NY. Frito-Lay makes and sells many of America's favorite snack brands including Lay's potato chips, Ruffles potato chips, Doritos tortilla chips, Tostitos tortilla chips and Cheetos cheese flavored snacks. The company also offers a wide variety of low-fat, reduced fat and no-fat snacks like Baked Doritos, Baked Lay's, Baked Ruffles, Baked Tostitos, Ruffles Reduced Fat and its WOW! line, Rold Gold pretzels, and new Lay's Reduced Fat chips and Cheetos Reduced Fat snacks. The company also makes and sells Cracker Jack snacks, Quaker Chewy granola bars, Fruit and Oatmeal bars, Gatorade energy bars and Quakes rice snacks.

Royal Caribbean International Jumpstarts Fantastic Voyage 2003 with Tom Joyner

MIAMI—January 2003—Top brass at Royal Caribbean International the global cruise company, recently met with the hardest working man in radio, syndicated morning show personality Tom Joyner, to jumpstart the Royal Caribbean Fantastic Voyage 2003 (RCFV) cruise set to sail Memorial Day weekend on Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas. The annual cruise raises scholarship funds for students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

"We are pleased to once again join forces with Tom Joyner and his foundation to offer Fantastic Voyage cruises a unique and terrific experience that benefits an important cause," says Dan Hanrahan, senior vice president, marketing and sales, for Royal Caribbean International. "The Royal Caribbean Fantastic Voyage is an excellent opportunity for the community to join us in showing support for students furthering their education at Historically Black Colleges and Universities."

The Royal Caribbean Fantastic Voyage 2003 was successful in raising over \$1 million to help students attending HBCUs. Cruising on the Explorer of the Seas, the fundraiser featured a bevy of

and entertainment—Partying With A Purpose!"

Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas is one of the world's largest cruise ships, offering a wide range of amenities and activities. Onboard Explorer, RCFV cruisers have seven days to enjoy the rock-climbing wall reaching 200 feet above the ocean, the ice skating rink, inline skating track, full-court basketball, shopping, dining, the Royal Promenade entertainment boulevard, 1,350 seat theater, mini golf course,

casino and more than 15,000 square feet dedicated to health and fitness.

Royal Caribbean International is a global cruise brand currently with 16 ships in service and three more under construction or on firm order. For booking information for the Royal Caribbean Fantastic Voyage 2003 please call 972.980.SAIL. Additional information about the cruise line can be obtained at the company's web site www.royalcaribbean.com, or by calling 888.437.1889.



LCU Boasts 8th Straight Semester of Record Enrollment

LUBBOCK, TX—February 8, 2002-Lubbock Christian University has set another record this year. Not only did LCU boast record enrollment this past fall, but it is official now—according to David Carter Registrar, LCU has set a record for spring enrollment as well. The total number of students enrolled for spring semester 2001 is 1785—the largest number of students ever

to attend LCU in a spring semester to date. This represents an almost 10% increase over the spring enrollment in 2001.

According to Randy Sellers, Vice President for Enrollment, "Our record enrollment is the result of lots of things—God's rich blessing, LCU's excellent academic reputation, excellent retention, new evening programs and aggressive recruit-

ing of transfer students from junior colleges. I am extremely pleased with our high retention rate."

Dr. Li Ken Jones, President of LCU adds, "Our admissions area is leading an amazing effort to recruit students. They have enlisted the help of all faculty and staff. Recruiting and retention are truly becoming strong team efforts by all at LCU"

Celebrating 1st Anniversary

Rev. & Mrs. David Montgomery

Rev. David and Lori Montgomery celebrated their one year of marriage November 24, 2002. They are members of Greater Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church where Rev. Montgomery is an associate minister.

The couple resides in Richmond, Virginia with their daughter, Nicole.



Councilman Patterson Will Speak at Patterson Library Thursday

City Councilman L.J. Patterson is scheduled to speak on an African American History Month program on Thursday afternoon, February 6, 2003, at the T.J. Patterson Branch Library, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

His appearances will be a part of initiating the Branch African American History Month activities. Also appearing on the special program will be artistic expressions which

will include Rev. Solomon Fields, Shaneka Simmons and Tiffanie Anzley.

Activities will be sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Dunbar Junior High Schools and Estacado High School.

There will also be special presentations. A reception will follow the program. The Patterson Branch Library is located at 1836 Parkway Drive.

Annual Lincoln/Douglass Tea Set Here

The Annual Lincoln/Douglass Tea will be held at the Koko Palace, 5101 South Avenue Q on Sunday afternoon, February 9, 2003, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

With the theme "Fix Your Mind On Tomorrow's Don't Exhaust Your Energy On Yesterday," there will be several guest speakers who will address the theme.

There will be entertainment and refreshments will

be served. Donations for the event is \$5.00.

The host for this affair is the Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association. For more information, call the Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association Office at 747-8732 or 762-3350.

The public is invited to attend.

Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association Sponsors a Raffle

The Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a Raffle. Proceeds from this effort will go toward the development of the association. Tickets are only \$2.00 each.

One special project for the association is the Neighborhood Ambassadors for Change. These are outstanding young people in the community who are making positive contributions to their family, church

school and neighborhood. Prizes include: first prize, \$100.00; 2nd prize, \$50.00; Thursday, March 27, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. is the deadline to purchase a ticket from any member of the Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association. For more information call (806) 747-8732.

Winners will be announced in the Southwest Digest following the drawing.

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 Shirle Roberson

THE BEST TIME TO SHOP

Right now is absolutely the best time to shop.

We are approaching the end of winter, and there are sales everywhere.

Great looks, great buys and most importantly, great savings.

There are certain things to look for. Ladies, none seasonal suits and dresses are most valuable to you at this time, because these items you can wear year around.

For a fraction of the original purchase price, one can afford

to keep the budget in tact, and have a fun time doing it.

To look fabulous for less money, is a good thing. So ladies, check out the sales, see what you can find!

REMEMBER THIS IS THE TIME

SHOP, BUT ALWAYS SHOP SMART

Fashion Tip- always wear a smile

Fashion- just for the fun of it



SAMPLE MEDIA COPY FOR THE 18th ANNUAL "LISD STRING FLING" Tuesday, February 11th, 2003

"Pop Go the Strings!"



We will appreciate anything that you can do!
Doyle Gammill
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LISD ORCHESTRAS TO PERFORM IN "STRING FLING"

On Tuesday, February 11th, the LISD Orchestra Department will present its 18th Annual "LISD STRING FLING" in the Civic Center Theatre, with this year's theme being "Pop Go the Strings!" Mr. Wayne Havens, Deputy Superintendent of the Lubbock Independent School District, will present the welcoming remarks, with Derrick Ginter, KOHM Radio, serving as the evening's Master of Ceremonies. "The Star Spangled Banner" will be performed by LISD's four high school orchestras, under the direction of C. Doyle Gammill, Lubbock ISD's Director of Fine Arts.

LISD's fourteen secondary orchestras will perform in clusters, followed by the All-City 7th Grade Orchestra, conducted by Laurie Anderson, Orchestra Director, Monterey High School. The evening will climax with music performed by the 450+ member LISD Massed Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Bruce Wood, Professor of String Music Education, Texas Tech University. The Massed Orchestra will perform a special arrangement edited especially for the orchestra by Dr. C. Poy Wilson, Orchestra Director, O.L. Slaton Junior High.

Two dollar, general admission tickets (student-age and above) are available from any LISD orchestra student, or may be purchased at the door for three dollars. Proceeds from the concert will assist LISD's individual orchestras with their yearly activities. "LISD's 'String Fling' is one of the few massed secondary string concerts in our state," stated C. Doyle Gammill, LISD Director of Fine Arts, "and we urge our citizens to help us celebrate our students' achievements!"

For more detailed concert information, please note enclosed sheet or contact C. Doyle Gammill, LISD Director of Fine Arts, at 766-1015, digital pager (743-0293) or fax (766-1036).



RUBY JAY'S CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the pastor. Our doors are always open for those of you who are looking for a church home. So come and be a part of the New Hope Baptist Church.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with all teachers at their post of duty. For thirty minutes, instruction was given to the youth. At 10:15 a.m., teachers and students march to the main auditorium where high lights of the morning lesson were discussed. Prayer was also given. It was a very good Sunday School.

If you don't attend Sunday School, why not try it sometime. You will be surprised on what you will learn. Think about it!

The morning devotion was conducted by Brother Robert Corik and Brother James Howard. They were assisted by the Praise Team. What a time!

The Male Chorus marched in the processional singing out of their hearts and souls. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Wilson. After a selection by the Male Chorus, the morning scripture was read by Brother Garnet Lee. Brother Roy White gave the morning prayer. The Male Chorus sang another selection. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother J. Thompson. The congregational song was "Just A Little Talk With Jesus."

Pastor Moton gave his weekly pastoral observations and advised the congregation of positive information. He always has something we can use the upcoming week. May God continue to bless Pastor Moton.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "This Is Not The Time For Shakey Faith." His scripture text was II Peter 3:17-18. It was a very good message. If you missed, missed it, you missed something! Announcements of the morning were read by Brother Virgil Johnson. All visitors were welcomed by Brother Harry Stokley.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut in. Your precious telephone calls and visits are important to those who are shut-in. Among those who are ill from the New Hope family include: Sister Rosie Reddic, Raymond Stovall, father of Sister Dorothy Stovall; Sister Mage Runnels, Sister Dorothy Diamond and Benny Johnson, cousin of Sister Pearllean McDaniel.

Brother Samuel Curtis, who has been ill for several weeks, attended services at Bethel AME Church. He thanked all in attendance for their prayers and concern.

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WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS

REMEMBER YOUR CREATOR

ECCLESIASTES 12:1 REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH, WHILE THE EVIL DAYS COME NOT, NOR THE YEARS DRAW NIGH WHEN THOU SHALT SAY, I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THEM. REMEMBER GOD OUR CREATOR, THIS IS THE TRUTH WE ARE TOLD.

COME THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, DO IT NOW BEFORE YOU GET OLD.

PSALM 100:3 KNOW YE THAT THE LORD HE IS GOD: IT IS HE THAT HATH MADE US, AND NOT WE OURSELVES: WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, AND THE SHEEP OF HIS PASTURE.

THE EVIL DAYS HAVE NOW COME, AND WE DO SAY, WE HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THEM, BUT KEEP IN REMEMBRANCE: THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, REMEMBER THEM.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1 TO EVERY THING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER THE HEAVEN.

EVILS WHEN THE DAYS OF PAIN, AND SICKNESS IS ALWAYS THERE, LIKE THE CLOUDS IN THE SKY, ONE MOVE OUT AND ANOTHER COMES FROM NOWHERE.

PHILIPPIANS 4:12 I KNOW BOTH HOW TO BE ABASED, AND I KNOW HOW TO ABOUND: EVERY WHERE AND IN ALL THINGS I AM INSTRUCTED BOTH TO BE FULL AND TO BE HUNGRY, BOTH TO BE ABOUND AND TO SUFFER NEED, I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME.

YOU GO TO GET SOMETHING, YOU STOP STANDING, LOOKING LIKE A NUT, LOOKING AROUND THE WHOLE ROOM, SAYING, I CAN BE IN HERE FOR WHAT?

ISAIAH 26:3 THOU (GOD) WILT KEEP HIM (YOU) IN PERFECT PEACE, WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON THEE (HIM) BECAUSE OF TRUSTETH IN THEE.

AND WHEN THE EYES GROW DIM, AS IS THE SUN IS BEHIND A BIG CLOUD, WHEN THE UNDERSTANDING WEAKENS, AND YOU CANT FIGURE THINGS OUT.

PSALM 119:33-35 TEACH ME, O LORD, THE WAY OF THY STATUTES, AND I SHALL KEEP IT UNTO THE END, GIVE ME UNDERSTANDING, AND I SHALL KEEP THY SAYS, YEA, AND I SHALL OBSERVE IT WITH MY WHOLE HEART, MAKE ME TO GO IN THE PATH OF THY COMMANDMENTS, FOR THEREIN DO I DELIGHT.

YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU WAS YOUNG, YOU WOULD CLIMB A TALL TREE, BUT NOW WHEN YOU LOOK AT ONE HEIGHT, YOU TRIMBLE IN THE KNEES.

AND THERE WAS A TIME, WHEN YOU COULD CARRY 110 LBS IN A COTTON SACK, BUT NOW THERE IS PAIN IN THE BONES, AND IT HURT ALL THE TIME IN THE BACK.

YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU COULD PULL THE TOP OFF AN A.C. YOUR TEETH, BUT NOW THEY HURTS, EVEN YOU TRY TO EAT A HALF ROTTEN PEACH.

ECCLESIASTES 10:3, IN THE DAYS WHEN THE KEEPERS (LEGS) OF THE HOUSE SHALL TREMBLE, AND THE STRONG MEN SHALL BOW THEMSELVES, AND THE GRINDERS (TEETH) CEASE BECAUSE THEY ARE FEW, AND THOSE THAT LOOK OUT OF THE WINDOWS, BE DARKENED.

YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU COULD THREAD A NEEDLE, AND NO TROUBLE TO SEE, BUT NOW YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE SEEING FROM THE PORCH TO THE STREET.

YOU REMEMBER WHEN A NOISE WAS MADE, IT WAS A WELCOME UNTO THEE, BUT NOW YOUR SPIRIT IS GRIEVED, BY THE LITTLE BIRD SINGING IN THE TREE.

ECCLESIASTES 12:4, AND THE DOORS SHALL BE SHUT IN THE STREETS, WHEN THE SOUND OF THE GRINDING IS LOW, AND HE SHALL RISE UP AT THE VOICE OF THE BIRD, AND ALL THE DAUGHTERS OF MUSIC SHALL BE BROUGHT LOW.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, 113, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST

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



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Caught in a Squeeze"

I recalled that day as youngster on the farm in East Texas when I attempted to pull a key lock from a piece of farm equipment. The key held together the mechanism that turn over the soil. To remove this key I utilized a handheld vise-grip pliers. I adjusted the turns of the pliers to fit the object. Being careless, I accidentally squeeze the handles of the pliers and they quickly locked on one of my fingers. This was a very painful moment because my finger was locked in a vise.

It appears that after 9-11, the Bush Administration has part of their political anatomy locked in a North Korean vise. This vise can be very painful because it could actually produce more pain than the dictator of Iraq could ever dream up. The affliction has come to bear because of loose lips. Someone has stated "loose lips sink ships."

The North Korean leader, Pyongyang, has expressed that he was insulted by President Bush calling North Korea one of the

"axis of evil." He said "it is the United States that menaces the sovereignty of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Only the United States is responsible for doing away with the threat and able to do so."

The latest report is those spy satellites operated by the United States over North Korea have detected trucks moving the 8000 nuclear fuel rods out of storage. These nuclear fuel rods could produce about a half dozen nuclear weapons when a reprocessing plant converts them into weapons-grade plutonium.

The vise is clamped with such pressure by the North Korean leader, Pyongyang, that he will not accept a multilateral talk by other nations to relieve or end the real pressure on the Bush Administration.

The United Nation Security Council has said that it would place sanctions against the North Koreans because they are in non-compliance with a nuclear weapon program violation of a 1994 agreement. Pyongyang has said North Korea would view sanctions as a declaration of war. The Bush Administration and its so-called

friends have suspended oil shipments to North Korea.

No one really knows the full range of Pyongyang's weapons program; However, North Korea is alleged to have nuclear, chemical, biological, and missile facilities, and at least a million man army.

These weapons of mass destruction have the Bush Administration in a vise even if they will not admit it. I'm sure the president of the United States is knowledgeable enough to feel the pressure.

What gets me is the Bush Administration is listening to those who want to keep their foot on black men in America (other minority groups face the same fate and some whites) and kissing up to the rogue nations. We are not the white man's enemy. The sophisticated barbaric action toward blacks in America by the "powers that are" and toward others throughout the world has kindled the fire of hatred. Blacks have no other country. Remember for the most part, the Africans sold black Americans fore-parents into slavery. These slaves provide most of the labor on which European settlement, development, and wealth depended. This is

our country and we will fight to the death to defend it. We are not going anywhere and those who are working against black Americans need to understand that as people of color we are aware of all your forms of slavery, be it political, social, economic, religious, technical and etc. Black Americans will work through humane and barbaric methods by a higher calling to make this a better America and a better world. Flies love what black America hate!

The North Koreans need to understand that when they threaten Bush or want to hold him in a vise with weapons of mass destruction, they must also deal with black America. Whereas, we respect the right of Mr. Nelson Mandela to have free speech, we are in disagreement with him when he made the remarks stating President Bush did not want to cooperate with the United Nations because the Secretary General is a black man. If he did not want to cooperate with the United Nations, he could have instructed Secretary Colin Powell to stop the debate. Nuff said!

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

-Hour Of Power-

The meeting of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast was held last Saturday morning, February 1, 2003. The morning devotion was conducted by the morning devotion leaders who were Sister Christene Burleson, Sister Dorothy Nash, and Sister Gertrude Williams. A solo was sung by Sister Annie Day which was entitled "If I Live This Life For Christy I'll Live Again" Boy, did this lady really sing this song.

Sister Einora Jones brought the morning lesson which was very powerful. Her scripture lesson was Acts 1:8; Acts 3:1-9; Joel 2:28-32 and the 23rd Psalms.

"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." This verse describes a

series of ever widening circles the Gospel was to spread, geographically from Jerusalem, into Judea and Samaria and finally to the whole world. It would begin with the devout Jews in Jerusalem and Samaria, spread to the mixed race in Samaria and finally be offered to the gentiles in the uttermost parts of the earth. God's Gospel has not reached its final destination if someone in your family, your work place, your school, or your community hasn't heard about Jesus Christ. Make sure you are contributing in some way to the ever widening circle of God's loving message. Acts 3:1-7.

In this scripture, the lame man was begging where he would be seen by the most people. The lame beggar asked for money, but Peter gave him something much better, the use of his legs. We often ask God to solve a small problem, but he wants to give us a new life and

help for all our problems. When we ask God for help, He may say, "I've got something even better for you, ask him, for what you want, but don't be surprised when he gives you what you really need. In the name of Jesus means by the authority of Jesus. The apostles were doing this healing through the Holy Spirit's power, not their own.

Joel 2:28-32 — Peter quoted this passage on the day of Pentecost. The outpouring of the Spirit predicted by Joel occurred on Pentecost. Ezekiel also spoke of an outpouring of the Spirit which some think will come after Christ's return. God's spirit is available now to anyone who calls upon the Lord. God's intentions is not to destroy but to heal. However, we must accept his salvation or we will certainly perish with the unrepentant.

23rd Psalms — Because the

Lord is our shepherd, we have everything we need. He lets us rest in the meadows grass and leads us beside the quiet streams. He gives us new strength. Glory Hallelujah. What a Mighty God we serve!

Thanks to Sister Elaine Jones for a such a word from God. Thanks for reading God's People. Keep praying, Saints, and reading the word. There's power in it.

Is there anything looking suspicious going on in your neighborhood? We are intercessors. We will get right on it. Call or write us: (806) 762-3347 or write us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, 2132 East 30th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79404.

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

Musician Wanted

St. Matthew's Baptist Church
Contact Rev. Edward Canady for more information.
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Friendly Poets from Lubbock Sought in Free Contest

A \$1000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by Friendly Poets Society, free to everyone. There are over 50 prizes in all, totaling \$5,000.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 2255 N University Pkwy Ste 15 #196, Provo, Utah 84604. Or enter online at www.friendlypoets.com. The deadline for entering is March 5.

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires the reader.

Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

CITY WIDE USHERS WILL MEET

The City Wide Ushers will meet at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, on Saturday afternoon, February 8, 2003, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Billy R. Moton is host pastor.

All ushers are asked to attend and bring another usher who wants to become a member.

Our memory verse will be coming from the Book of Proverbs, any chapter you would like to recite. Just come and be present. There is room enough for all of us. You will enjoy this meeting.

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can do only a little. Do what you can.
--Sydney Smith



In Remembrance...



Wanda Anderson

Lorenzo, Texas — Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon, January 31, 2003, at the Lorenzo First Baptist Church with the Rev. Leonard Chatham officiating and the Rev. Ramon Roberts assisting.

Burial was held in West Side Cemetery in Lorenzo under the direction of Adams Funeral Home in Lorenzo.

She died Saturday, January 25, 2003.

Mrs. Anderson was born January 4, 1956, in Crosbyton, Texas. She married Alfred Ray Anderson in Lorenzo. She attended public school in Lorenzo and moved to Lubbock in 1975. She worked for Texas Instruments and Motel 6, both in Lubbock.

She is survived by her husband, Alfred Ray Anderson; two daughters, Monica and Mariana Anderson, both of Lubbock, Texas; her mother, Frankie Fennell of Lubbock, Texas; five brothers: Dobby Ray, Darrell and Tommy Lawson, all of Lubbock, Texas; Billy Ray Lawson of Dalhart, Texas; and Richard Lawson of Amarillo, Texas; three sisters: Betty Anderson, Susie Lawson and Evelyn Lawson, all of Lubbock, Texas; and four grandchildren.



Joe Blocker

Waco, Texas — Funeral services for Joe Blocker, a brother of Willie Blocker of Lubbock, were held last Thursday morning, January 30, 2003, at the Second Missionary Baptist Church of Waco with Rev. Eric Hooker, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the Dorris Miller Cemetery under the direction of McDowell Funeral Home of Waco.

Active pallbearers were McArthur Bradford, Jr., Ronnie Bradford, James Crain, Darryl Curtis, Bobby R. Robinson and Thurman Watson.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Second Missionary Baptist Church Brotherhood, Flowerbers were Deacons and members of the choir.

He passed away Thursday, January 24, 2003.

He was born October 25, 1935 in Bosqueville, Texas to Mr. Benny L. Blocker and Mrs. Emma Dora Blocker. Both preceded him in death.

He attended North 7th Street Elementary School and graduated from A. J. Moore High School with the Class of 1956. He was a member of the 1953 and 1954 State Championship football teams of A. J. Moore High School, artwork chairman, publicity and security committee member and an A.J. Moore Letterman.

He was a lifetime member of Texas Sport Hall of Fame, coached Northern Little League, and was a parking attendant for Baylor University football games.

A faithful member of Second Missionary Baptist Church, he was a member of the Brotherhood Association, a Sunday School worker, a Scout Master, coordinated the audio sound system and was a faithful artist for the church.

He married Carolyn Jeanette Bradford on September 30, 1972.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, three children Bruce Eric Blocker of Irving, Texas, Jo-Rissa Denise Blocker and Tyson Jerome Blocker, both of Waco, Texas; five grandchildren: Bruce, Cassandra, Demetrius, Ethan and Emma; a sister, Louise Kennard of Fort Worth, Texas; a sister, Lena Mae Grain preceded him in death; eight brothers: Willie Blocker, Benny Blocker, Louis Blocker, Rotan Blocker, Oran Blocker, L. T. Blocker, Tim Blocker and Nathan Blocker; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Fonzo Fowler

Services for Fonzo Fowler were held last Friday morning, January 31, 2003, at Full Armor Ministries in Lubbock with the Rev. Leonard Chatham, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Mr. Fowler died Saturday, January 25, 2003.

He was born March 23, 1929, in Italy, Texas. He married Evren Foster on August 11, 1971, in Plainview, Texas. He moved to Plainview from Italy.

Texas and worked as a farmer on the Miller Ranch for 22 years. He moved to Lubbock in 1995. He was a member of Full Armor Ministries Church.

Survivors include his wife, Evren Fowler; four sons: Stephone Lockett, Brennon Lockett, Fadal Smith and Tristian Lockett; all of Dallas, Texas; two daughters; Rachel and Laguetta Lockett; both of Dallas, Texas; a brother, Leslie Fowler of Dallas; three sisters; Virginia Fowler of Plainview, Mary Washington of Waco, and Lovie Perkins of Amarillo.



Robert Gibson, Sr.

Funeral services for Robert Lee Gibson, Sr. were held last Saturday afternoon, February 1, 2003, at the Progressive Baptist Church with the Rev. Homer Avery, pastor, officiating. Assisting were Rev. Glen Samuel and Rev. DeShawn Avery.

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

Mr. Gibson died Tuesday, January 28, 2003.

He was born October 2, 1924, in Paris, Texas. He married Martha Lou Brown on August 26, 1949. He married Juanita Newman Todd on August 9, 1997, in Madison, Wis.

He was a longtime resident of Lubbock and a retired electronics maintenance technician with the U.S. Postal Service. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific Theater. He was a prize fighter in New York and Chicago.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Gibson; three daughters: La Trala White of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Pamela Akpotaire of Sugar Land, Texas, and Jerane Gibson of Lubbock, Texas; two sons, Elvin of Lubbock, Texas and F. DeWayne of Arlington, Texas; six step-sons: Clarence, David, Kenneth, Michael, Jeffrey and Mark Goldsby, all of Madison, Wis.; and a step-daughter, Marchel Goldsby Hill of Madison, Wis.; five sisters: Imogene Walker of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Katherine Alien of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Julia Mae Ballard Ernestine Alien and Erna "Niffle" Martin, all of Corsicana, Texas, and a brother, Shirley Gene Martin of Corsicana, Texas; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Charles Jackson

Levelland, Texas — Funeral services for Charles Lindbergh Jackson were held Tuesday afternoon, February 4, 2003, at Christ United Methodist Church in Levelland with the Rev. Elizabeth Sisco officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Levelland Cemetery under the direction of Head Family Funeral Home in Levelland.

He died Thursday, January 30, 2003.

Mr. Jackson was born June 1, 1928, in Groesbeck, Texas. He married Loretta Sabbinio on April 21, 1964, in Whiteface, Texas. He lived in Levelland since 1999 after moving from Whiteface. He was a

retired truck driver of Homer Jackson Trucking. He served in the U.S. Army and served in Korea where he was awarded several medals.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Loretta; daughter, Kathy Gilyard of Dallas, Texas; five brothers: Will Dee, Edward Mack, Earl, Maurice and Van, all of Oklahoma; and a sister, Lolea Fry Harper of Levelland, Texas.



Hattie Mae Little

Hobbs, N.M. — Services for Hattie Mae Little were held last Friday afternoon, January 31, 2003, at Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Hobbs with Rev. Russell Hill officiating.

Burial was held in Prairie Haven Cemetery under the direction of Duncan-May Funeral Home in Hobbs.

She died Saturday, January 25, 2003.

Mrs. Little was born March 30, 1906, in Frederick, Oklahoma. She married Roger L. Little, who preceded her in death in 1982. She helped organize the first NAACP Branch in Hobbs and served as president.

She was the Supreme Grand Worthy Inspector of the Queen of Sheba Grand Court of Calanthe, N.M., the Supreme Records of Deeds of St. John's Order of the Eastern Star and Record of Deed of Mount Olive Court of Calanthe.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Paul Lawrence Davis and Henry James Davis, Sr.

She is survived by a son, Richard Johnson of Hobbs, N. M.; two sisters, Myrtle Miles of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Alta Green of Hobbs, N.M.; and three grandchildren.



Marver Lee Love

Dallas, Texas. — Funeral services for Marver Lee "Aunt Chad" Love were held at the Greater Golden Gate Baptist Church last Monday morning, January 27, 2003, with Rev. Fabian Jacko, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held Lincoln Memorial Park in Dallas under the direction of the Evergreen Memorial Home, Inc.

Active pallbearers were nephews: Claude McDade, Randy McDade, Aundra McDade, Dwayne Jones, Michael Dixon, and Nathaniel Cagle.

Mrs. Love was born May 7, 1921 in Lorena, Texas to the union of Thomas and Ophelia Cox. She was the youngest of a family of four boys and nine girls of which her mother, father, four brothers and six sisters preceded her in death.

Her early life was spent in Lorena. She confessed her belief in Christ at an early age at Alien Chapel A. M. E. Church in Lorena. Upon moving to Dallas, she became a member of the Golden Gate Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. C. B. T. Smith, where she served on the Senior Usher Board No. 1 as secretary until her health failed in October, 2000. She became a charter member of the Greater Golden Gate Baptist Church until her death.

She passed away Wednesday, January 22, 2003.

She married the late L. B. Love on March 7, 1943, and five children were born to this union.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three daughters: Ethel L. Hickman, Doris F. Love and Bobbie P. Brenham, all of Dallas, Texas; two sons, Marvin C. Love and Carl L. Love, Sr., both of Dallas, Texas; two sisters, Cora Mitchell and Frances McDade, both of Dallas, Texas; three devoted sisters-in-law: Ora Parks, Ella Irving and Nadine Wilson; one brother-in-law, Goliath Wilson, all of Fort Worth, Texas; two granddaughters, Sharon Scott Perreault of Kansas City, Mo. and Cheryl D. McLennar-Jackson of Dallas, Texas; six grandsons: Carl L. Love, Jr. of Irving, Texas, Marquis Warf of Denver, Colorado, Lyndon Love, Sr., Randle Love, Rahaan Love and Kevin Hickman, all of Dallas, Texas; seven great-grandsons: Corey Scott and James Jackson, both of Kansas City, Mo., LaDamian McLenna, Keelon McGee, Kevin Hickman, Jr., Samuel Hickman, Lyndon Love, Jr., all of Dallas, Texas; three great-granddaughters: Tierra Stackhouse of Waco, Texas, Sheniqua M. Love of Houston, Texas and Kionna Hickman of Dallas, Texas; two great-granddaughters, Armani Scott of Houston, Texas and Keyandra Smith of Dallas, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Question: What does the talk about personal responsibility have to do with welfare reform?

Answer: I cannot answer specifically about welfare reform because I am not a politician, but I can address the topic of personal responsibility and how it affects success. If you are my age or thereabouts you may remember a lyric from an old Parliament tune that said, "To each is to reach and if I don't cop it ain't mine to have." I cannot begin to tell you how many times I sang that lyric and never stopped to think

Many times we give up on our goals before we have put forth sufficient effort.

accomplish my particular goal, but for my part, it won't be for the lack of my putting forth the effort to reach my goal. Many times we give up on our goals before we have put forth sufficient effort. Then we blame our failures on everything under the sun.

"Now we people who are darker than blue" (a throw-back to Curtis Mayfield) have a patent answer for all of our failures. We have the ever-present and convenient excuse, "The white man is holding me back." Mind you that throughout our history we have become sophisticated enough to give our

favorite excuse different labels, just so we keep current.

In this new century we labeled our patent excuse, "The Republican Recession." This way we can blame the government for our failures. In the nineties we called our preferred excuse, "The Vast Right Wing Conspiracy," a phrase coined by Hilary Clinton. This way we can blame our failures on a "so called" outdated moral code, but we didn't complain too much because we had a democrat in the White House. In the eighties we called our beloved bailout, "Reaganomics." This term was a favorite because it allowed us to blame not just the white man, but a republican white man for all of our woes. Then we blamed our failures on economics. In the sixties and seventies we named our excuse, "The

Revolution." This allowed us to blame racism and prejudice. At one time we called it, "slavery." This is probably the only legitimate excuse we have had for not achieving our goals. On and on throughout our history we have given our patent excuse different names while some of us went about not achieving or underachieving.

But the truth is that in every era, regardless of what name we gave to our patent excuse, people of color have always been able to rise to the highest level of accomplishment through sacrifice, education, discipline and effort.

(to be continued)

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Anita Turner, Patient Services Manager

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Angels surround us each and every day, but once in a while you get to meet one up-close. Anita is the Patient Services Manager assigned to the Emergency Center at UMC. You may have seen her singing along in the front row at the Wayne Newton concert, enjoying the entertainment of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz at the Jerry Lewis Telethon, or even hitting it big on her favorite slot machine in Las Vegas. But the fact is, Anita watches over all the patients and their family members at UMC like they are part of her family. This very humble Grandmother of three always makes it her mission to put the needs of others first. Anita's gift, along with all her team members, is to ensure that at UMC, you come first.



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COOKING CORNER

Celebrate Mardi Gras with King Cookies

One of the most popular traditions associated with Mardi Gras is the King Cake. It was originally served on "Kings' Day" or Epiphany—January 6. Today, the cake is served from January 6 through Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday," the Tuesday before the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday). The date can fall anytime between February 3 and March 9, but Mardi Gras is always 47 days before Easter.

The official colors for Mardi Gras are purple, green and gold, purple represents justice, green signifies faith and gold stands for power. A plastic figure representing the Christ Child is baked into the King Cake. The person who receives the piece of cake containing the "baby" must provide the King Cake for the next gathering of the season. Traditional King Cake is similar to sweetened yeast bread flavored with cinnamon. It is usually decorated with a sprinkling of purple, green and gold sugar.

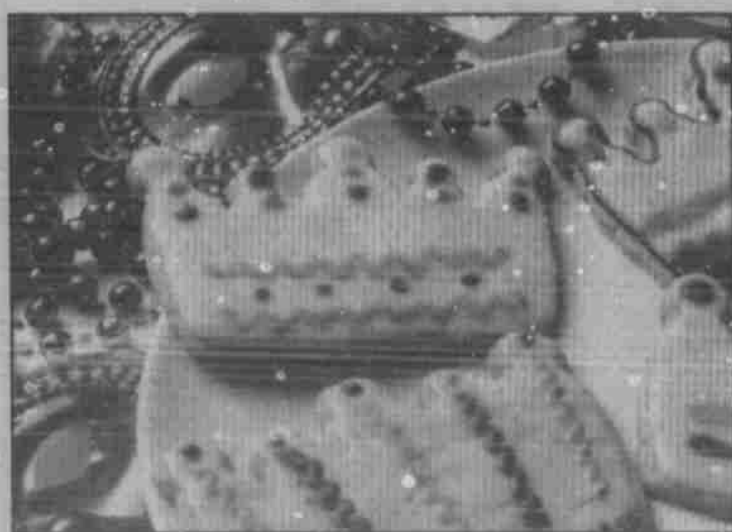
This year make something new to celebrate the occasion—make Mardi Gras King Cookies. These sweet, buttery, cinnamon-flavored roll-out cookies are sure to delight your favorite revelers and party-goers. Decorate the cookies with gold, green and purple frosting to stay with the traditional look of Mardi Gras. Start a new tradition this year—make Mardi Gras King Cookies. Whoever eats the last one must provide the cookies for the next gathering.

Mardi Gras King Cookies
 1 cup packed light brown sugar
 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
 1 large egg
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 3 cups biscuit & baking mix (Pioneer Brand recommend-

ed)
 In large mixer bowl, beat brown sugar and butter until creamy, about 3 minutes. Add egg, vanilla and cinnamon; beat until light and fluffy. Add biscuit and baking mix, beating on low speed to combine. Wrap dough in plastic wrap, shaping into a 1-inch-thick disk. Chill dough for at least 1 hour. On surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix, roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out shapes with a 5x3-inch crown-shaped or other cookie cutter. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 350° for 12 to 14 minutes or until tops are light brown. Cool on cookie sheet for 1 minute. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack to cool completely. Decorate as desired. Makes 20 to 22 cookies.

Decorating Icing for Mardi Gras King Cookies
 9 cups sifted powdered sugar
 1/4 cup dried egg whites (such as Just Whites®)
 About 3/4 cup water
 Paste-style food colors in purple, yellow-gold and bright green

In medium bowl, stir together powdered sugar and dried egg whites. Stir in just enough of the water to make a spreadable consistency. Divide into several small bowls. Add color by dipping wooden pick into food color and then into icing, stirring to combine. Add more color as desired. Using a pastry brush, brush icing on each cookie to coat top. ** Place remaining icing in small decorating bag or heavy-duty resealable plastic bag. Cut off tip of one corner, pipe icing onto cookies to create desired designs.
 * Found in most grocery stores next to baking ingredients, and in stores carrying cake-decorating supplies.
 ** Or pipe on both the base coat of icing and the designs.



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

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What is your Legacy? What Foot Prints will you leave in the Sand?

By Eddie P. Richardson

Often inspiration comes from many sources. One never knows when, where or why? But it happens. The motivation for this column came basically from the same source of Rev. Homer Avery, pastor of Progressive Baptist Church, because of remarks he made while attending a wake of a local citizen, Robert Lee Gibson, Sr. Actually my motivation came from the funeral itself while listening to the remarks he made about Mr. Gibson, who was a role model to his family, neighborhood, and community in general.

From out of the U.S. Air Force's Strategic Air Command (SAC), at that time, the only person to my knowledge, who had then worked the line was the late Robert Lee Gibson, Sr., because he worked for the U.S. Government, and he was good at his job and didn't fear losing his job because of intimidation.

This writer met his children, Dwight who was a student at Daubar High School, and LeTrala (Tray) who at that time was an avid reader of our publication and did submit articles and checked mine for a young girl reading and checking a newspaper speaks a lot. Is the chalkboard or is it challenging Black kids to really think?

This writer ever had an opportunity of talking with some of the teachers who taught the Gibson children. Their information about these young Gibson Kids was startling. They were average kids, but they had an unbelievable drive. They did not know where they wanted to go, but they were going to get there.

This was the chalkboard name. Brother Robert Gibson was always making the best paper for his children so they could be the best they could be. Not only for his children, but for others. Their teachers should be proud.

It was very good of them to recognize the Southwest Digest during the funeral of Mr. Robert Lee Gibson, Sr. You know, there are a lot of things going on in Lubbock, but the Southwest Digest often forgotten about. Praise God, for the remarks this writer had a privilege of giving. Wanted everyone to know we will miss this warrior. Mr. Robert Lee Gibson, Sr. Dr. LaTrala White, we pray you have a program for you, just check with this writer.

Nuf Sed! WHY Not?



In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

Every day, the fear of actual war looms closer and closer and we have fears which become more and more intense each day. The people in the streets protesting are attempting to send a message to our President and our Congress that the American people DO NOT want a war with Iraq or North Korea.

There are many of us at home, in the streets in our locales, on the Internet and attempting to spread the message any way possible, that we do not need or want another war. What do we really solve with a war? Was it not the purpose of the birth of the United Nations, replacing the old League of Nations, to prevent a third world war? Do we have a government

which ignores history or has no knowledge of it? From the days of our first president, George Washington, advising our country not to get involved in the affairs of other countries, America has not taken heed.

Time has brought about many changes with regards to foreign affairs and the position of the United States' involvement, but our current endeavors portray us as the aggressors, which does not make for a very pretty picture. Every country, every person has the right to defend himself, but no one, no one has the right to infringe upon his neighbor, whether he is across the street or across the sea. Most of us can be proud of our country as a defender of the rights of others, but it will take a little more courage to be proud of us as an aggressor. For that reason, Americans protest.

Protest is important, but there are those among us who tend to reduce the value of protest using the profiles of certain protesters as

reasons why they should not be taken seriously. Regardless of personal profiles, a country involved in war puts the lives of everyone in the war at risk. It would appear that since it has been a very long time since a war was fought on American soil, that too many of us feel that it cannot or will not happen here. The tumbling of the World Trade Towers, the federal building in Oklahoma City and the Pentagon were the works of terrorist groups. We have no idea of the vast destruction which is possible from a war with a bioafide country or nation. We cannot pray or cry enough to salvage the devastation of the onslaught of war. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and get serious about what our legislators are doing with regards to our wishes. They need to know that a lifetime pension without penalties for themselves and their wives is not the only reason they were elected to Congress.



AG Can Help You Collect Your Child Support

by Greg Abbott, Attorney General of Texas

I recently receive a letter from a mother who thanked me for making sure her children receive the child support she relies on to meet her children's basic needs. I was touched by her letter, and I want to make sure all parents know the Office of the Attorney General can help them obtain financial and medical support for their children.

Texas law requires that non-custodial parents contribute to their children's financial and medical well being according to the parents' means. The Child Support Division determines, on a case-by-case basis, which of the child support services listed below are appropriate:

- Locating a non-custodial parent;
- Establishing paternity;
- Establishing and enforcing child support orders;
- Establishing and enforcing medical support orders;
- Reviewing and adjusting child support payments; or
- Collecting and distributing child support payments.

To help parents collect child support, my office accepts applications from mothers, fathers and other individuals who request our services. Applications can be obtained by visiting Child Support Interactive on the main Attorney General Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us or by calling our 24-hour voice response system at (800) 252-8014. Parents who receive financial assistance through the Texas Department of Human Services automatically receive child support services.

I encourage those who apply for child support services to supply as much information as possible to speed up the process of establishing or enforcing their child support order. The most important information an applicant can provide, aside from the other parents current address, is the name and address of the other parents current employer. If the current employer is not known, the name and address of the last known employer should be provided.

Additionally, letting us know the following information about the other parent will expedite the processing of your case:

- names and addresses of relatives and friends;
- names of banks or creditors such as utility companies;
- names of organizations, unions or clubs to which the other parent belongs; and
- places where the other parent spends free time.

If possible, also be prepared to submit copies of official documents like your divorce decree, the children's birth certificates, or a signed acknowledgment of paternity.

For the state fiscal year that ended Aug. 31, 2002, the Attorney General's Child Support Division collected \$1.4 billion in child support, established paternity for 63,000 children, and obtained \$5,000 court orders requiring non-custodial parents to pay child support. By all accounts, we are poised to do even better in 2003.

Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated child support team, the Attorney General's Child Support Division has made enormous strides over the last few years. But there is more work to be done. As your Attorney General, I will not be satisfied until all our children receive the support that is due them.

THIS N THAT

BUILDING PERMIT ISSUED FOR SONIC DRIVE IN! THIS N THAT ... as promised ... will keep all abreast with the development of the ... SONIC DRIVE IN ... which will be located at ... 1707 Idalou Road ... or the address of 111 East 19th Street and Martin Luther King Blvd. According to the ... building permit ... it will be a ... 6353 square foot facility ... with a value of ... \$250,000.00 ... So it won't be long until this will become a reality ... and it goes to show if you believe it will happen then it will happen.... THIS N THAT ... believes this is the beginning of many more positive projects in the ... EASTW LUBBOCK AREA.... This is what it is all about ... never give up ... just be positive in what you believe ... and it will happen... So stay tuned ... when there is more on this project ... or any other ... THIS N THAT ... will advise.

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PARENTS TELL YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT THEIR HERITAGE! THIS N THAT ... is hoping all parents will tell their young children ... from whence we come as a ... BLACK PEOPLE ... and that we have come a long ways ... but we still have a long ways to go... Let them know ... that if they want to make it in life ... they can do so ... but it will take hard work ... and the determination not to give up.... In other words ... advise your young people they are ... GREAT PEOPLE ... and they come from ... KINGS & QUEENS!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "PARENTS" tell your children from whence ... they come ... and to learn as much as they can about ... their Black History heritage.... Knowing where you come from ... is very important.

EES BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS DOING WELL! THIS N THAT ... had an opportunity to visit the ... ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS ... as they played last Friday night ... against Big Spring High School.... it was ... TOO MUCH MATADORS.... but what was really inspiring was the ... PRESENTATION OF ROSES ... to their parents ... from both boys and girls teams.... This was great ... as parents had an opportunity to attend the game and be honored... This was a great gesture ... and hope it will continue....

HAVE YOU VISITED A PUBLIC SCHOOL THIS SEMESTER? THIS N THAT ... is still asking that we visit a public school in our community.... If you ask ... SISTER ANNIE DAY ... she will advise she is always on some campus ... seeing what our young people are doing.... Let us join ... SISTER ANNIE DAY ... and visit one of our schools....

SOUTHWEST DIGEST & AJ TOGETHER! THIS N THAT ... has received very ... POSITIVE COMMENTS ... about the distribution of the ... SOUTHWEST DIGEST ... on Fridays in the ... LUBBOCK AVALANCHE JOURNAL ... in various zip codes in Lubbock ... and this is very good... THIS N THAT ... is very good to see this take place....



Scott Brown, Recreational Therapist, UMC Inpatient Rehab.

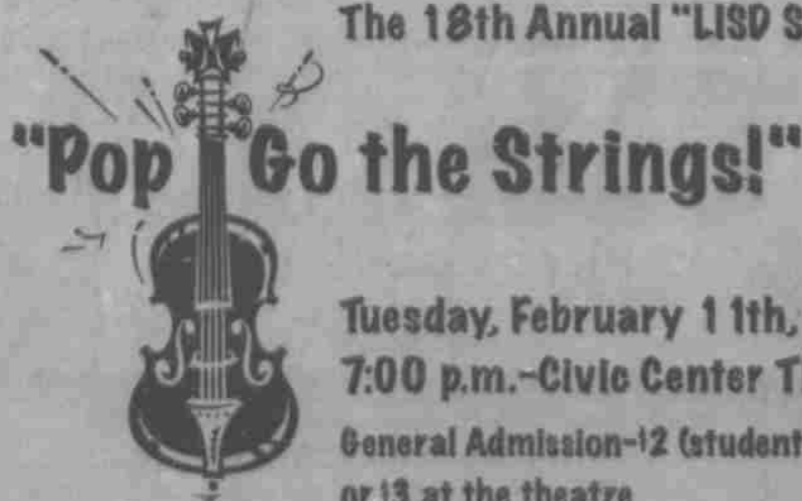
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A Daughter and Mother See Each Other Anew

By Ruth Crow

It moves me to tell about the beautiful changes between my mother and me as a result of our study of Aesthetic Realism. Where once there was tension between us, we now have a deep friendship. As you will begin to see through this article, Eli Siegel, the founder of Aesthetic Realism, was the best friend families ever had. In his Paradigm "What Aesthetic Realism Asks of a Son or Daughter about Parents," he presents in outline the basis for real kindness and respect between parents and children. In Point #1 he writes:

"Just as a child belongs to the whole world and not just to mother and father, so a son or daughter should see parents as belonging to the whole world and not [just] to themselves."

Learning this was a revelation to me. I felt Leah Shazar was MY mother and she should be there for me, but who she was and what relation she had to the world never entered my mind. In an early Aesthetic Realism consultation, I was encouraged to see her feelings were as real as my own, and to think deeply about what she felt losing a large part of her family in the Holocaust; how proud she was in being one of the pioneers who came to Palestine in the 30s; her care for her husband, her interest in archaeology. I was asked: "Do you want to understand your mother?" I hadn't. I remembered the good times we had, for instance, when I attended her crafts classes, but for the most part, had felt she didn't have time for me, and I punished her by showing that nothing could please me. I can still see the pained expression on her face as I, with disgust, threw a whole chicken breast into the garbage without even tasting it. While I succeeded in making her angry and worried about me, I felt ashamed and lonely.

I began to learn that my pain came essentially from my own contempt. Eli Siegel defined contempt as "the addition to self through the lessening of something else," and he showed it is the greatest weakener of a person's life. I began to see that there was something I wanted much more — to be fair to Leah Shazar as part of being fair to all things and people. In Point #4 of the Paradigm, Mr. Siegel states:

"Good will, which at its beginning is the desire to have a good effect on another living being, is entirely necessary to have for a parent; and good will is a large subject

for study, not something we nonchalantly donate."

I am proud to be engaged in this study. In one consultation I was asked:

"Do you think you feel very bad because for years you dismissed your mother and you didn't want to see where she had suffered. Now you are being asked to give her full reality. Do you think a novel can be written about Leah Shazar, which will place her among the great characters of thought and fiction? Part of our job is to have you see that a great pleasure can be had in being fair to a mother."

A central means to be fair to a person is to see they have a structure of the world in their — the oneness of opposites. I have written for example, about how the known and unknown, humility and pride are in a sunflower and in my mother. "Like the sunflower, with its tall fibrous stem, brilliant yellow petals and

dark mysterious center, Leah is a strong woman with many mysterious thoughts." As I looked at the flower with its weighty head bowed, I was moved to think of Leah on a summer day working proudly with others to build a road near her home.

I am grateful that my mother now, 90 years old, has had the good fortune to hear questions she has hoped to hear all her life in Aesthetic Realism consultations. I respect her desire to learn new things, and her courage in expressing regret about her children, saying she felt "too hard and rigid." And I learned from the kind, respectful way her consultants wanted to know her and encourage her to see meaning in the world. They asked her:

Cons: Did you want, when you came to Palestine in 1935, to have a good influence on the world, to have it be a better place? There was arid land not yet ready to have things

grow on it, and it needed your love for it.

LE: Exactly. Cons: And in doing this, did you like the world and yourself more? Bad things can happen later, but it doesn't make less of the good that was done.

Her consultants explained further:

Cons: "Eli Siegel encouraged people to see one thing in the outside world that we can honestly like every day and to write it down in one sentence. Seeing something in a new way, Mr. Siegel explained, is to feel refreshed yourself."

Today, though we're six thousand

miles apart, we feel closer than ever. I love our phone conversations in which Leah tells me what she likes — the beauty of clouds moving and changing shape across the blue sky, a mystery novel. She has said this

strengthens her even as she has concerns about getting older, and is heartsick about the bloodshed between Israelis and Palestinians. I am so proud that our relationship today includes not only new kindness between each other, but a fervent desire to have kindness and justice come to all people, and very much the Palestinian people.

Some years ago, I wrote an article about the new love and respect made possible between my father and me. Recently, my mother asked, "When are you going to write about the changes between us?" This article is a beginning answer of her request. It is something I will continue for the rest of my life.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The City of Lubbock Capital Improvements Program Citizens Advisory Committee will hold a public hearing February 10, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1625 13th Street in the Council Chambers. This hearing will allow for citizen comments on the following items:

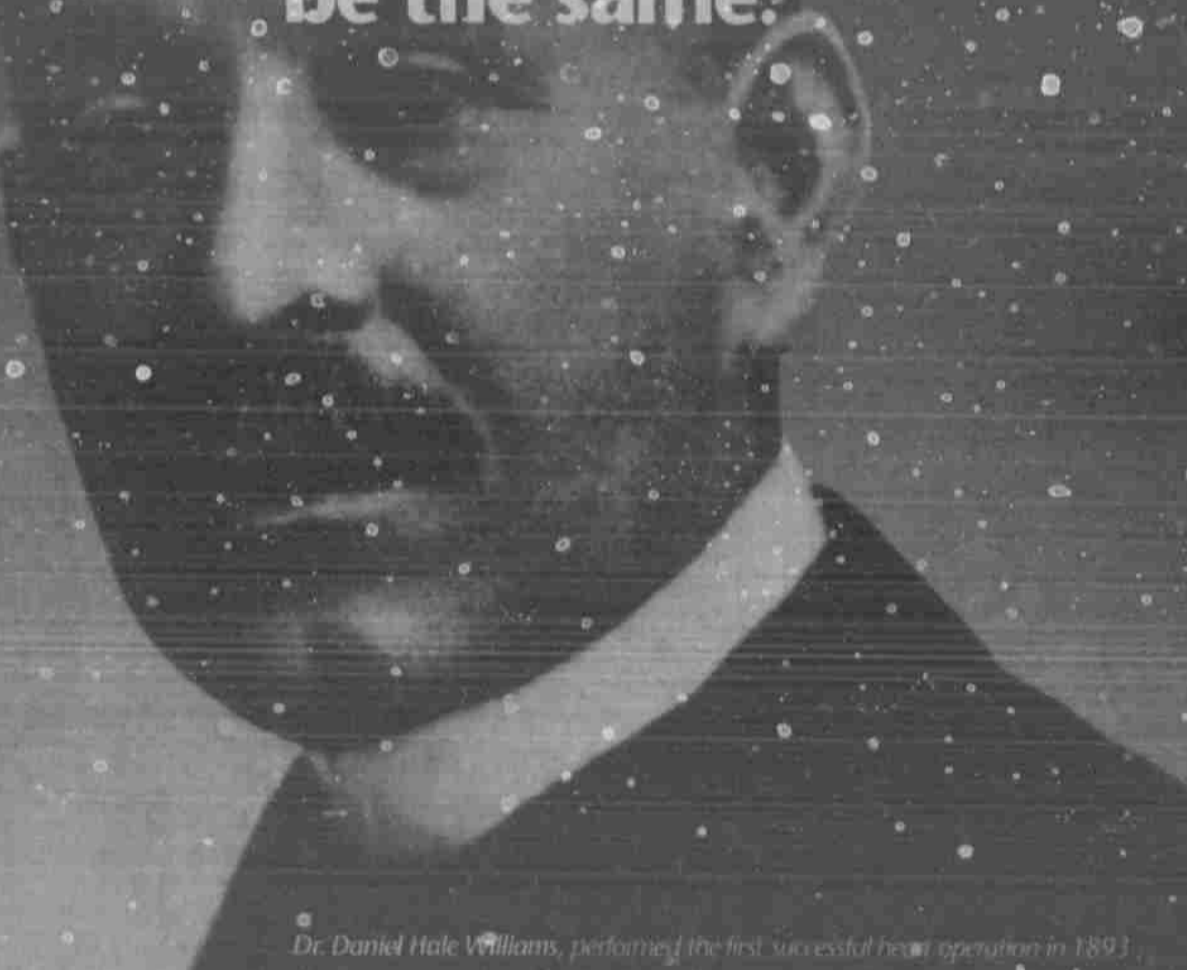
- 1.) Capital Improvements Projects in City Council District 1 including Streets, Civic Center(s)/Public Venues, Public Safety, and Parks and Libraries
- 2.) Capital Projects outside District 1 including Streets, Civic Center(s)/Public Venues, Public Safety, and Parks and Libraries
- 3.) Adjourn

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