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# Mom and daughters offer inner peace and outward beauty

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THE INNER PEACE OUTER BEAUTY SALON & SPA FAMILY: LADY LORETTA OLIVER (CENTER) AND DAUGHTERS

consists of three master-stylist, one master-nail technician and one master-massage therapist/ esthetician.

This has been a life-long journey, which officially began in 2015. A business plan was formulated and we were blessed to be able to open our doors on November 9, 2015, at our current location.

In the November, 2018 issue of ESSENCE Magazine, Inner Peace Outer Beauty Salon & Spa was recognized as one of 30 Hot Salons in the magazines coverage all over the world. What an honor bestowed upon the IPOB

We have reached into IPOB Salon & Spa and consciously made efforts to give to our community. In the past we have given backpacks to youths for the beginning of the school year.

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## Christian Brothers Moving Service, a woman owner making history

Janet Chisom is the owner of Christian Brothers Moving Service, a moving company located in Waco TX. The company has prided itself on providing exceptional and reliable service at affordable prices. Christian Brothers Moving Service was founded on August 15th 1995, by Janet's husband Willie Chisom, who is now deceased. In June 2008, Janet dedicated herself to continuing the growth of the compa-



JANET CHISOM

ny.

"I have been blessed to become an amazing leader in a very male-dominated industry. I have received awards from Angie's List and hold a BBB Seal as an Accredited Business." Janet is the mother of two daughters and is a faithful member to her church. "As for my future, I look forward to increasing the company's range and carrying out our vision of excellence."

### Cherry Mills Boggess still making history

#### **BY LINDA CRAWFORD**

would thought Cherry Mills at 17, would become a civil rights activist? Who would have thought Cherry Mills at 17, would be part of the 60's lunch counter sit-in protests? And who would have thought Cherry Mills at 17, would be going to jail for participating in such activities? Yes. Who would have thought? Certainly not her parents, Billy and Cherrye Mills. They sent their daughter to Knoxville College to major in music, to get an education, not to do sit-ins and go to jail.

"They were very upset with me when I went to jail," said Boggess, "and pulled me out of school to take me back home to Miami."

Boggess was terrified at the thought of leaving school, and when her Godfather in Waco convinced her parents to let her attend Paul Quinn College, she was very grateful.

However, it just wasn't that easy. This sit-in situation was truly a part of her now. She couldn't stop. At Paul Quinn, she met a group of like-minded students and got an opportunity to receive training to prepare them for more sitins....trainings in Tennessee. She had to sneak away to get the training, which eventually kept her from going to jail again. And the good part? Her parents didn't find out.

She and her friends learned how not to respond to violence with vi-



#### **CHERRY MILLS BOGGESS**

olence. When food was thrown at them, they knew how to keep their composer. When lit cigarettes were put out in their faces, they learned to sit still. When they were kicked, beaten, and called the "N' word, they learned not to react. In these trainings, they learned what it meant to be peaceful protesters.

Lunch counter sitins may seem like a passive form of demonstration, but they served their purpose. These students made it known to business owners that blacks wanted the right to sit down and eat wherever they wanted to, and sit-ins also interfered with business profits because regular lunch customers were not able to be served when blacks were sitting in their seats.

Finally, Waco businesses succumbed to the pressure and began serving blacks in areas where they had previously been denied. They

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#### J.L. AND LINDA CRAWFORD

A co-owner of The Anchor News, J.L. Crawford is the director of operations for the paper. He is also an instructor at McLennan Community College, a Bible teacher, and a LegalShield Senior Manager. Linda Crawford is co-owner and editor of The Anchor News. She is an instructor at McLennan Community College, a Bible teacher and a conference, workshop and motivational speaker.

#### A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS...

For over four decades, March has been designated as National Women's History Month. But from CJ Walker . (Business Owner) to Dorothea Dix (Mental Health Activist); from Sonia Sotomayor (Supreme Court Judge) to Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Supreme Court Justice); from Rosa Parks (Civil Rights Activist) to Kamala

#### Accidental omissions from the February Black History issue

We omitted these heroes in our February Black History issue. We are so sorry. Please take no-

Mrs. Marva Harrison is the first African American truancy officer at Midway High and the first black facilitator for the MISD Discipline Alternative Program. Doris Miller was the first African American to receive the Navy Cross. A cook in the U.S. Navy, he was killed when he took action to protect his country during Pearl Harbor. Commissioner Patricia Chisolm-Miller is McLennan County's first African American female to hold the position as Commissioner.



MRS. MARVA HARRISON



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Harris (VPOTUS), women have been making history since this world began with God's creation of Eve. Sit back and read about some of our own local history makers. Enjoy this month's Women in Business issue.



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**LINDA MCDONALD** 

the Year among her peers. Her current active community involvement includes Waco Central Texas Chapter of Links Inc, Neighborworks board of directors, Central Texas African American Chamber Vice Chairperson, , Oakwood Cemetery board of directors, and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. She is passionate.

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### The Complete Woman Conference planned for August 5-6th

The annual The Complete Woman Conference entitled DROP the Buckets," is set for August 5 and 6th at 3201 PURINGTON AVE, FORT WORTH, TX 76103 The Complete Woman Conference,

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**MARGARET IVORY** 

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#### **Waco National Women In Agricultural Association**

The National Women in Agricultural Association received a grant from the USDA to train beginning farmers. Started September 2021, NWIAA calls the program L.I.F.T.S., Learning Important Farming Training Skills. The NWIAA each month have trainings or agricultural tours for the participants who are in the program. Participants can be from eighteen years old to one hundred to be enrolled in the L.I.F.T.S. Program. Our goal is to increase farmers in



**KAY BELL** 

McLennan County. For the Month of February workshops, NWIAA had the opportunity to tour Prairie View A&M Agricultural Department, visit a Black owned grocery store in Houston, and a Black own B&B in Liberty, Texas. For March the group will go to Harlingen, Texas for an Agricultural Summit. People who are interested in the program can contact President Kay Bell at bellkay9@gmail.com or Program Manager, Chisa Brigham at chisabrigham06@ msn.com.





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#### Author speaks out on cancer

Author Nanetta Brooks Speaking out about breast cancer, says there are many ways to talk about what we experience in life. "Mammograms are uncomfortable but necessary," says Brooks. "What's feared the most is having lumps and cancer. Are the machines they use accurate? I learned never settle for one opinion. It's better to have two people right than one person wrong." Brooks encourages women to never be rushed "to go under the knife and always have moral support."



**NANETTA BROOKS** 

#### **Jeffrey Sanders offering two services**

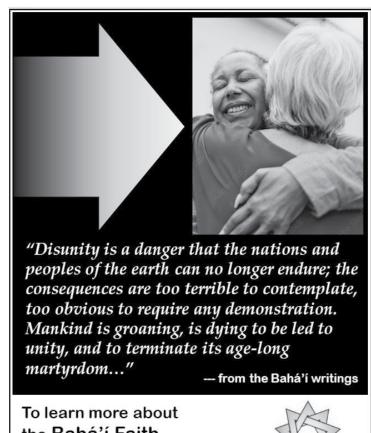
Jeffrey Sanders is the owner of two businesses Zariyahkids Fashion and Boutique where she sells children (Girls and Boys Clothes and accessories Infant to size16 and Women's Fashions Size Small to 3xxx email: Zariyahkids\_ 2017@ yahoo.com phone 254-498-1346.

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**WENDY DAVIS** 

tiful event! Wendymichelledavis.com

#### Fluff Wash & Fold

Fluff Wash & Fold started as a residential and commercial laundry mobile service in December 2019. Fluff Wash & Fold has endured the pandemic issues like other businesses but has been fortunate enough to survive and thrive. On October 21, 2021, Fluff Wash & Fold moved into its brand-new location. Customers can now walk in to drop off their laundry. For those who still want the pickup service, just give us a call to schedule a time. If you have questions about the services that are available, visit the website fluffwashfold.com. Gift cards are also available for all occasions. Give Fluff Wash & Fold a call today and let us give you a



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Our motto is "Every piece is for someone!"

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We offer a variety of products such as clocks, paintings, jewelry and functional art (ceramic coasters, jewelry boxes, and notebooks).



**VIOLETTA BUTLER** 

We love using vibrant colors and designs in our pieces that reflect images of nature. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. It's breathtaking to see when a product finds its owner. It's an awe- inspiring moment when a customers' idea become a reality, whether it's a clock, painting or jewelry. Our designs vary from abstract to realistic.

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#### **Pampered Babies**

Pampered Babies, soon to be a licensed day home became registered through the state of Texas August 15, 2019. This daycare is owned and operated by Ms. Linda Davis. Davis has over 30 years of childcare experience. She has worked at many local daycares to include Lakewood Christian Preschool, Spirit of Love, and EOAC Head Start to name a few. Pampered Babies was recently recognized as a Texas Rising Star program. Pampered Babies offers a day and overnight program.



**LINDA DAVIS** 

**BOGGESS** 

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had a victory, but there was much more to do and much more to endure.

The public can learn more about the lunch counter sit-ins by visiting Waco's Dr. Pepper Museum exhibit. "Sit Down to Take a Stand" features several Civil Rights activists. Boggess became a part of history when she was just 17, and now at 80, she is making history once again. She is featured in the exhibit as an active lunch counter sit-in organizer and in an interview that is available on Podcast with Dr. Sloan. Visit the museum at 300 S. 5th Street in Waco.

Davis's goal is to transition to an academy that will offer a (STEAM) Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math curriculum along with a healthy plant based diet menu. The academy will be named E=Mc which is derived from Albert Einstein and Elijah McCoy. McCoy, a black engineer and inventor, had his mechanical device patented. It was deemed the best result in the phrase "The Real McCoy." Visit www.pampered-babies. com to learn more about the program.

#### SPA

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We have also been able to purchase quality hair, then make wigs and donate them to cancer patients who were in need.

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#### **Evangelist McCray, serving clients since 1976**

On Monday, August 30, 1976, Ruby McCray began operating her music studio after hearing four words and seeing a vision, two weeks prior. They were going to convert the guest bedroom into a music studio, but the piano wouldn't go through the door. They turned it in different position to no avail. Standing in the hallway behind the piano, hands still positioned to push, frustrated and exhausted, McCray, screamed, "JESUS!" and the piano went into the room.

McCray is still teaching, but she's added harmonica, saxophone, drums bass and lead gui-



**RUBY MCCRAY** 

tars.

She still tutors and teaches Spanish privately with music. She's published three bilingual Spanish books with its CD. She's also published two picture dictionaries using mnemonics to help students remember Spanish vocabulary.

McCray has three Playlists on YouTube: Ruby McCray Conversational Spanish Videos; Ruby McCray Music Videos and Ruby McCray Kingdom of Heaven Citizens Videos. She's been a contributing writer for The Anchor Newspaper for over 19 years. Her website is: www.rubyhamiltonmccray.com.

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"When 'I' in 'illness' is replaced with 'We,' 'illness' becomes wellness!" ... Malcolm X

This Dr. Shamonica Trunell's belief. Dr. Shamonica Trunell, D.C. is the owner of Hillcrest Chiropractic Clinic. She is the mother of Malik, Samiyah and Sarai and the GiGi of Chloe. Dr. Trunell has been serving the Central Texas community since 09/2011. Hillcrest Chiropractic provides corrective chiropractic care, and Dr. Trunell is proud to offer the Gift of Health to all Anchor readers. Your first day initial fee is \$38.00; this includes a consultation, examination, neuroscan and X-Ray. Dr. Trunell and her team will find the root of you problem, correct it and get you and keep you on the road



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#### **Women of Distinction**

#### **BY LINDA DAVIS**

Women have been impacting the world from the beginning of time, with their gracious acts of heroism, undeniable courage, unbreakable faith, and remarkable commitment to bring forth positive change. From the time period of slavery to the civil rights movement we solute golden pioneers Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Rosa Parks, Fannie Lou Hamer, and countless of others whom we may never know their names but made countless sacrifices, and unlimited efforts as they trailblazed through fiery trails and

tribulations, so we could have a brighter future.

Women have been breaking barriers and leaving their marks for centuries. Thank you to the late Mae Jemison, for creating a platform for many girls to follow as you blazed into outer space as the first African American woman. From big screen to late night TV, we can't get enough of Cookie. We roll out the red carpet for this all-star award-winning actress, Taraji P. Henson. She has publicly addressed mental health and suicide prevention in the black community. Simone Biles, Olympic and world champion, we are proud of you for setting the bar high



**LINDA DAVIS** 

and inspiring so many young girls to dream big as they leap for success. Newly nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, we say welcome as you prepare to take your seat as the first Black woman to serve as a Supreme Court justice.

Thank you, Commissioner Patricia Chisolm-Miller, as the first woman to be elected to the McLennan County Commissioners Court and the first African American woman to serve on the Court. We appreciate your dedicated service.

Congratulations, Chief Sheryl Victorian, Waco's first African American woman as police chief. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to protect and serve the citizens of our city.

Cessley Denise Marsellus, MD, a Howard University College of Medicine graduate, has over 30 years of work experience in the medical field. Her bedside mannerism, expertise, and compassion for her patients is impeccable. Dr. Marsellus, Waco salutes you for your outstanding service in the health field.

The late and legendary Mae Jackson was the first African American female mayor for the City of Waco. Prior to her death in 2005, she left her footprint in the sand that will long last. Not many Waco city leaders, late or present, can match the mayor's contributions. She touched the lives of many and will forever be remembered.

#### **2022 Waco NAACP Scholarships**

#### BY DR. PEACHES HENRY

Rev. Robert L. and Mrs. Elwayne Y. J. Gilbert Scholarship: This scholarship will be awarded to an African American graduate of a McLennan County high school who plans to enroll at Baylor University. Preference will be given to students who are interested in Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert's threefold passions: ministry, public education, or civic activism. Vivienne Malone-Mayes Scholarships: These scholarships will be awarded to a graduate of a McLennan County high school who intends to attend a community college and to a graduate of a McLennan County high school who intends to attend a four-year college or university.

**Dr. Mae Jackson Continuing Student Scholarship:** This scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of a McLennan



**DR. PEACHES HENRY** 

County high school who will be a continuing student at a four-year college or university.

Eligibility: Applicant must:

- 1. Currently be a high school senior.
- 2. Plan to attend a community college or four-year college/university,
- 3. Have a 2.5 or higher GPA for graduating seniors.

Eligibility for Dr. Mae Jackson Continuing Student Scholarship: Applicant must:

- 1. Currently attending a four-year college or university,
  - 2. Be a continuing college

student (rising sophomore, junior, or senior),

- 3. Have a 3.0 or higher GPA.

  Application Requirements:
  (Should be submitted via email to waconaacp@gmail.com)
- 1. Completed scholarship application form
- 2. Official copy of current high school or college transcript. Contact your school's registrar to have your transcript emailed by the deadline.
- 3. Two letters of recommendation. Letters should be submitted on letterhead by teachers, employers, or individuals who know your academic performance, service, or character
- 4. Proof of community service, leadership, and work ethic. This may be provided as part of a resume or as a list. Please do not send actual certificates, awards, etc.
- 5. Essay (250-300 words) on the scholarship essay topic (word-processed, double-spaced)

Applications must arrive by midnight on April 4. Applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered. Students unable to email applications may send them by USPS to Waco NAACP; P.O. Box 20511; Waco, TX 76702. Applications must be RECEIVED by April 4; postmarked applications will not be considered.

Applications may be obtained from area high school counselors, emailing waconaacp@gmail.com or by visiting the website www. waconaacp.org.





#### Honoring the community matriarchs

BY W.B. GUNTER

Ask anyone about the candy lady, the kitchen beautician, the house with the fashion boutique in the living room, the safe house, home decorator, music teacher, where to go for cooking lessons, or anything, and you will be guided to one of the most respected women of the neighborhood. You will also be directed on how to carry yourself in her presence, and given basic rules to follow. The reason why is because, she is the block mother, the nurturing guide, and the compass who steers a course for children and adults. There is such a deep appreciation and genuine outpouring of love for the women who give their neighborhood families a sense of home. This month, as we celebrate National Women's Month, let's honor the women who provided and continue providing unending services to so many.

According to Jackie Washington, author of the book, Life Happens, But God, "We look at Madea (Tyler Perry's character), and laugh, but there are real matriarchs of the community. They pass on the neighbor-

hood agenda, establish a code of behavior, and ensured everyone had a place of acceptance. Everyone has issues, but there were always watchful eyes. It was a role adopted primarily by women because of their awareness of the human condition." So, becoming the eyes, ears, and heart of the community was something that happened organically, it was their mission to look out. They maintained and some still maintain a viable neighborhood presence.

My aunt, who worked at one of the major tobacco companies, owned a home and rented rooms to tenants. It was called a rooming house. Affordable housing was not always accessible for all. In addition to the rooming house, she stocked clothing, food, and everything anyone can use who was passing through. Like other community matriarchs, it was a calling, a mission. And she took pride in what she did.

Gyvonia Simmons, Social Services, NC, encountered her first experience with the candy lady while living in Virginia. The candy lady she knew was in the church. The candy kept kids quiet and still. According to Sim-



**W.B. GUNTER** 

mons, her great grandmother was a prayer warrior. That was her role, and "everybody had a role, a duty to fulfill." Having grown up in the church, Simmons knew all about Jesus and Biblical teachings. She said, "My great grandmother would call on Jesus from her room. Now I knew enough about Jesus to know that He answered prayers, and by the way she called on Him, I just knew Jesus was coming. When someone calls on you like that, you have to show up. So, I didn't go in because I just knew Jesus was on the other side of that door."

The community matriarchs looked out for the well-being

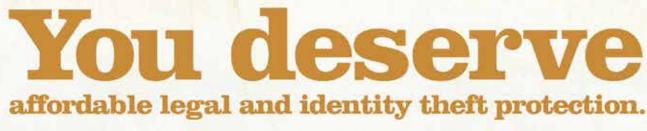
of the community. They cared for all of the children regardless of circumstances. They guided young adults, and shared lessons, advice, and wisdom they learned. When a family member was ill, they stepped in and cared, cleaned, and offered compassionate care. In times of grief, they showed up and stepped up, and did what was required. There's something about that type of knowing discernment that's unexplainable and yet so appreciated.

Every kid knew which home you could not fight, cuss, or make a mess in front of. The women of the neighborhood recalled every face and most names. If someone had not been seen, there were questions to be answered. You knocked on the door with respect, stayed off of the grass, and waited your turn. According to Simmons, "She never had an open sign, but you knew she was open."

During the shut-down of 2020, the community matriarchs found it hard to recover losses. In a number of ways, the community changed, but because women filled in the gaps, some of the changes went un-

noticed. Simmons said, "The village changed. The village used to consist of church, the family, and neighbors. It's now a village of courts, social services, and out of home placements. Our community changed when our resources became financed by government agencies and parents lost the power of authority. In other words, the candy lady has aged out! Our society is individualized."

To all of the women who the community and shared so much of yourselves, Thank You! Because of your works, there are ladies who know what it means to have known someone who had growing hands, could rock fussy babies, calm down the voices no one else could hear, and make sure those dates ended without incidence. Poets like Domonique Robinson, Sonia Sanchez, Nikki Giovanni, and others have written and spoken tributes in your honor. As volunteers and business women, keeping neighborhoods safe with a genuine love for community, you will forever be appreciated. To all of the women raising communities today, you are so needed and very much appreciated.



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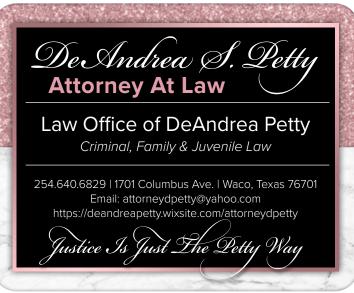
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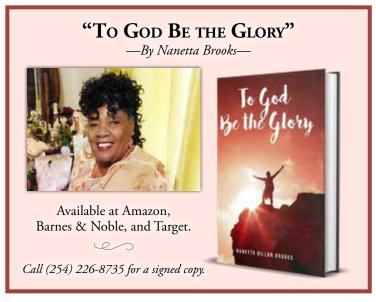
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#### **Healthy relationships**

#### BY MONA DUNKIN

The Hippocratic Oath, from Greek medical protocol, is a vow of ethics taken by physicians and passed on in the healing business still today. The dominant pledge is, "First, do no harm."

Perhaps the concept of "First, do no harm" is a good motto for all of us to incorporate. For years Oprah Winfrey ended her daily programs with the caution of "Don't hit you kids."

A woman in the audience spoke up. Initially she had

scoffed at Oprah's suggestion. And then she decided to try it for a week. Then it became two weeks. And then three weeks. The lady intimated she had become a new mother and her children were new kids.

What a miracle kindness is.

Psychiatrists William Glasser isolated seven deadly habits that harm and disconnect relationships. They are criticizing, blaming, complaining, nagging, threatening, punishing, and rewarding to control. None of these activities bring fulfilling results.

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en caring habits that mend, heal, and reconnect relationships. They are supporting, encouraging, listening, accepting, trusting, respecting, and negotiating differences. All these activities bring fulfilling results.

There seems to be two unhealthy thinking patterns associated with change:

- 1) Thinking you are somebody - and lord it over others to separation
- 2) Thinking you are nobody - and cower down, exist rather than live

Sigmond Freud, close to the end of his life, said, "We must begin to love in order not to fall ill." Perhaps 'beginning to love' includes the examination of habits and boundaries to be set, expanded, or reduced as needed.

Here is the simple beauty of change and self-evaluation. If the above list of disconnecting habits gives you an "ouch", don't try to stop. Do start to pay attention when you use one or more of them. Not to criticize yourself as increasing vour awareness will help vou stop without trying. The more you incorporate the seven caring habits, the easier and quicker the transition.

Every human being has infinite worth and value by the simple fact of being created in God's image, whether we believe it or act like it or not. Conflicting emotions produce conflicting behaviors. The belief

that one does not matter (or matter too much) acts out in devious means such as cheating, stealing, over-indulgences, addictions, perversions, and inhumane acts.

Attitude plays a part. Perhaps nothing shapes our destiny more than the attitude we possess. It seems that low esteem, neediness, and a negative attitude hang out together. A person with low esteem becomes his own worst enemy and then projects others to be against him. Get honest with self and ask, "Is the attitude I project helping me or hurting me?" "How is it helping?" "How is it hurting?" "What is my attitude doing to the important relationships in my life?"

Everyone has an inner chamber into which they can retreat at will. It is a sanctuary free from daily cares, free from judgment, free from agitation, change and turmoil. It is a place where your senses can rest, where you are regenerated and recreated. The longer one stays in the secret place, the better equipped to handle the public life of the difficult. Life becomes congruent.

"Work is love made visible," Kahlil Gibran.

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#### John saw a great white throne

#### **BY PASTOR MATTHEW REED**

In Revelation 20:11, John saw a great white throne and him that sat on it: the heaven and the earth fled to no avail . For there was no hiding place to be found. Just as God gave Noah warning of the coming flood, so he warns us of the judgment. Noah took heed to the warning and followed the instructions of God so that when the flood came he was prepared. Noah survived the flood because of his obedi-

John 5:28 says, Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of dam-



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nation. Just as God warned Noah of the coming Judgment of man, so is he warning man today and the church has been given the responsibility to publish the message. Two questions as Noah heard God and followed the instructions, are you making preparation? Second question are you warning the people?

#### Heart burn and acid reflux

#### **BY JERRY SNIDER**

As a health coach, I'm excited to offer a Health Q&A column for the readers of the Anchor News.

QUESTION: Hi Jerry, I've been feeling heartburn more and more over the past few months. My doctor ruled out anything to do with my heart and is pretty certain it's acid reflux. I'm 36 years old and really don't want to be on medicine for this for the rest of my life. Is there anything you could recommend trying before trying medicine? Thanks, Diana

ANSWER: Hi Diana, there are some things that can relieve acid reflux without medication but it depends on the true cause of the reflux. If the sphincter between the esophagus and stomach is damaged, then treatment with medicine is the initial step to take. Once it's healed though, you should be able to come off the medication.

If there is no damage to the sphincter, the more likely cause of acid reflux is pretty simple. It's the food you consume. How the food interacts with the acid in your stomach is either beneficial to digestion or not.

Stomach acid has a pH level of 2-3. That means it is very acidic. Our bodies, when healthy, operate at a level just above neutral, around 7.2-7.5. Most of the food and drink we consume ranges from 3-10 on a pH scale. A key piece of information is that for food to move from the stomach to the intestines for further digestion, it has to reach a pH of 4-5. If all the foods you consume have a pH of 3, 4, or 5, it's going to be difficult to raise the overall pH level in the stomach high enough. The food stays in the stomach longer. If more food is consumed, it has nowhere to go and therefore the backlog sends acid into the esophagus causing the pain you feel.

The easy fix is to know what items are acidic, which are alkaline (have a high pH level), and which are more neutral. Then simply start consuming



#### **JERRY SNIDER**

items of higher pH with your meals and you should be far less likely to experience heartburn

In general, what you will find is that processed foods, sodas, and meats are acidic. Foods from plants in their natural state (not processed) have a higher pH level. There is a trick though in that you can't always assume what the food item does in nature will be the same in your stomach. Many people think of lemons as acidic but they actually raise

your stomach pH levels. That's why I always refer people to a food pH chart for accurate pH levels.

The other not so small thing to do is chew your food more. Not only does that allow your saliva to start the digestive process on the food, but it gets the food into smaller pieces. This creates less work for the stomach acid and can move things out of the stomach quicker.

Have a question for Jerry? Send it to jerry@allinhealthandwellness.com. Jerry Snider is an exercise physiologist, health coach, and owner of All In Health and Wellness. He has authored two books available on Amazon: No More Sugar Coating and Confidence Through Health, and is the host of the podcast Confidence Through Health. Visit www. allinhealthandwellness.com to learn more about Jerry Snider.

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#### Let's not give the devil legal rights, Part 3

#### BY EVANGELIST RUBY MCCRAY

Continued from the February edition of The Anchor News. To review the previous article, please go to www. theanchornews.com, click "Archives," then the year and finally, the month.

"Therefore, putting away lying, 'Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,' for we are members of one another. 'Be angry, and do not sin': do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil." Ephesians 4:25-27

Here is an account where once again King David allowed the devil to influence him, and thousands lost their lives. Sin doesn't only give the devil legal rights to the one who committed the sin, but to all the lives and things that belong to him/her.

Before I begin with this account, I must clarify that King David wasn't a sinful man, because he didn't commit many sins. Here's what the Bible has to say about him.

"And he [Abijam] walked in all the sins of his father [Rehoboam], which he had done before him; his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father [great grandfather] David. Nevertheless, for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, by setting up his son after him and by establishing Jerusalem, because David did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite." 1 Kings 15:3-5 Now, to the account as recorded in First Chronicles, Chapter 21.

The devil revolted against Israel, entered King David's mind, and caused him to take a census of Israel. Joab, his Commander in Chief tried to dissuade him by saying that he would bring guilt upon Israel; but it was to no avail. Therefore, Joab and the captains of the army went throughout all Israel. The Book of Second Samuel, Chapter 24 gives the route taken, and that it took nine months and twenty days to finish the count.

They returned and gave the report to the king. In Israel, there were 1,100,000 men who could handle swords; and in Judah, there were 470,000 men who drew the sword. David realized that he had sinned, and asked God to forgive him.

God sent the prophet Gad



**EVANGELIST RUBY MCCRAY** 

to tell Kind David to choose one of the three choices for punishment: "either three years of famine, or three months to be defeated by your foes with the sword or your enemies overtaking you, or else for three days the sword of the LORD—the plague in the land, with the angel of the LORD destroying through all the territory of Israel. Now consider what answer I should take back to Him who sent me."

David didn't want to have to deal with his enemies, so he chose to fall into the hand of God. He knew that God is merciful whereas one's enemies wouldn't show mercy.

The Lord sent a plague upon

Israel and 70,00 men of Israel died. He also sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy; but while he was destroying, God couldn't bare to see anymore, and asked the angel to stop. David also saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven with a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. The king and the elders were dressed in sackcloth and had fallen on their faces.

By King David knowing that it was his sin that had caused the destruction of the people, he pleaded that God would punish only himself and his household, not the rest of the people who were innocent. David had given the devil legal rights.

James 1:13-15 says that's what happens when our own desires are conceived, they bring forth sin. And when sin is fully grown, it brings forth death. The devil is faithful to his purpose—to steal, kill and destroy. John 10:10a

King David ended up building an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Ornan to offer a sacrifice. Ornan wanted to give the king the oxen, the threshing implements for wood, and the wheat for the grain offering. The king said that he wouldn't dare offer to

God something that costed him nothing. He insisted on paying the full price. There, he offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

When David prayed, God heard his prayer, sent fire down from heaven to burn up the sacrifice, and told the angel of the LORD to put his sword back into its sheath.

Oh, if only the leaders of these great United States would turn back to God, stop legislating and passing abominable laws, we would be free of this COVID-19 plague. As a matter of fact, it never would have come to our shores. God is the same today as He was in the beginning. He's not going to change. He's still requiring holiness. Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8; 1 Peter 1:16; Leviticus 26:1-46

Please join me in April as we continue this series. All Scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible unless otherwise stated. You may not believe me...just what if I'm right!

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#### 7 ways seniors should prepare for the future

SUBMITTED BY J.L. CRAWFORD, LEGALSHIELD, SENIOR MANAGER

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- 2. Prepare an advanced medical directive (living will) so that someone is empowered to make medical decisions on your behalf and in accordance with your wishes if you cannot. Do you want life support if you become totally and permanently incapacitated?
- 3. Prepare retirement and disability plans so that your care upon retirement or disability is not left to chance. Is Social Security (Old Age Security in Canada) enough to sustain you?
  - 4. Review all private and



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governmental benefits to which you may be entitled, including life and health insurance, government assistance programs, private pension and benefit plans, to insure that you receive the maximum benefits to which you are entitled. Do you know all of the military, retirement and other benefits you are entitled to?

5. Prepare a comprehen-

sive summary of assets and benefits, including all bank accounts, savings accounts, CDs and other assets together with all benefits for which you are or may be eligible. Can your attorney in fact readily identify all of your assets and benefits?

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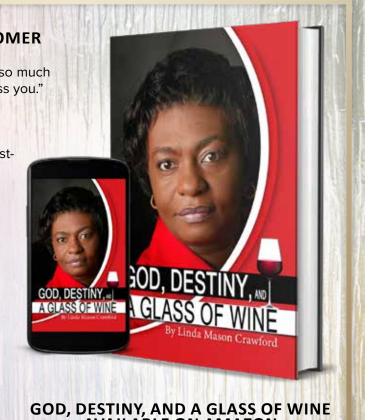
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