

Hollywood's Time

by Billy "Hollywood" Groves

Why judge many by the actions of a few?

Crockett, TX.-

As crazy as it sounds, there are many Americans with the "War Hawk" mentality who think the only path to world peace is an all out Christians versus Muslims religious war. One would think in this modern high tech world that we live in, that mankind could find a way to co-exist without going to war. Church and state business is suppose to be run separately in America, although religious doctrine dictates many of the decisions made by our political leaders. These days it seems that our US political leaders take their "cues" straight from conservative religious leaders and groups who erroneously think the Bible has told them that there will be no peace on earth until the Muslims of the world are defeated. It has been often said that many participate



in religion but few understand religion.

In my mind, "War Hawk" so called Christians who are beating the drums and advocating a holy war against muslims world wide, have got it all wrong, because of the actions of a few members of the world's largest religious group. The world isn't mad at all Christians because some radical so-called Christians commit atrocities against other people across the globe. We have to be God like in our dealings with the Muslim world from a political point of view. That God like spirit will never allow us to disrespect anyone simply because they are different from us. I challenge anyone to show me in the Bible where it says Christians have to destroy Muslims in order for their to be world peace. I am not talking about American conservative leaders' interpretation or version of the book of Revelation. I will end by saying that Jesus the Christ was

is the "Prince of Peace". God Bless America, Africa and true religious leaders who seek world peace rather than war.

Charles Carr of Oakland, California formerly of Crockett and Houston is the son of the late former Crockett Ralph Bunch High sports star Herbert Carr. Charles gave me a very interesting conversation before he left East Texas for Oakland. "First, I want to thank you" Hollywood" for trying to be a role model for our young people" "I also want to thank Crockett, Texas for the love that they did give me. He went on to say that two years ago he was dissapointed with the some of the Black Churches in Crockett because of the manner he was treated when he was in East Texas and experienceing problems. I was dead serious about helping myself when I went to them for help. I asked for guidance, information about a job...directions of somekind, and not one stepped up. He added that he grewup in the Black church and understood that he was battling with a substance abuse problem, but that shouldn't have mattered to the church people, if anything, that should have shown that he really had a need for help. Someone told him to check with the Crockett Church of Christ on Grace Street. The pastor there, Rev. Rick Kelly, who is white, assisted him with clothes, gas, groceries and helped him get a job. .

He said the way he sees it, the races aren't divided in Crockett, is divided. Charles is also the nephew of former Crockett resident Ann Deaver of Dallas.

We are saddened to hear of the recent death of an East Texas Legend, Charlie Mae Riley of Trinity. Charlie Mae ran a club in Trinity, Texas for many decades named "Charlie Mae's". She was a great lady with a super nice personality who always treated her customers with respect. She grewup in the club business. Her mother the late "Mama Maggs" Womack ran Mama Magg's club in Trinity in the 50' and 60's. Charlie Mae continued the Legacy her mother began. Verdell Simmons of Crockett knew her and her brother the late Plookum Womack and said they were known and well respected people.

Writer and author, Ester Walker, of Tyler was born in the Fodice Community of Houston County but moved away when she was young. She is the daughter of the late Lois Simmons and John Chandler. When I asked about her book, she said she is writing about the African Community where her parents grewup because so many successful people emerged from that community.

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