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Community Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished, community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock, meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, ITU Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Mansattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Mansattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Alderson Middle School November Teens of Month



The Alderson Middle School November Teens of the Month were selected last week. Those students were David-Andrew Juaregui and Anesha Ellis. Both are eighth graders. Juaregui is involved in Advanced Band, Jazz Band, Chess Club and Student Council. Ellis is the daughter of Charlotte Ellis. She is a straight-A honor roll student and has earned honors in Literature. Ms. Catherine Headley, assistant principal, advises that Alderson Middle School is proud to present the names of these young people each month. "We are proud of the many contributions the young people make at Alderson. All of our students are very outstanding and we will continue to work with in any way to help them grow." George Love is the principal.

Gwen Bagley Interviews Shaun Robinson

Shaun Robinson is the weekend co-host and correspondent for "Access Hollywood," the daily entertainment news-magazine show in its tenth season. Shaun can also be seen contributing to reports on MSNBC. She is also the host of "TV One Access", a show produced by Access Hollywood that takes viewers behind the velvet rope for an inside look at Who's Who In Black America. Shaun has been featured in the magazines of "Ebony," "In Style," "Cosmopolitan," "US Weekly," "People," "Life %& Style," "OK," and "Vibe" among others. Robinson began her professional career as a media reporter and weekend anchor for WISN-TV in Milwaukee, WI, where her series on "Women and Cancer" earned her an Associated Press Award. Robinson later joined KEYE-TV in Austin, Texas as a reporter and anchor where her series "Profiles In Power," focusing on women who made impact in Central Texas, earned her an American Women in Radio and Television Award. Before joining "Access Hollywood," Robinson was a reporter and anchor coverage of the Clinton impeachment hearing. Robinson is a native of Detroit, Michigan and a graduate of Spellman College in Atlanta. I was delighted this Emmy Award winning journalist took-out the time to chat with me. GD: When you joined, "Access Hollywood," as a co-anchor and correspondent you became an international celebrity. What do you enjoy most about your work on the show? SR: This job is so much fun. I just returned from Turks and Caicos covering the Island's international film festival. What better work could you get? Also, I have met many people who's work I admire and it's an extra treat when they turn out to be as nice as you hoped! GD: Your television and film credits include cameo appearances in "Bruce Almighty," "America's Sweethearts," "Do Doo Little?", "Charmed," "She Spies," "The Parkers," "The Proud Family," "Half & Half" and "Any Day Now." How difficult is it to transition from a television anchor/correspondent to an actress? SR: It is really cool to be



Kayne West Succumbs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Donda West, mother of Kanye West and former chairwoman of Chicago State University's English department, has died, a spokesman for the rapper said. She was 58. West died Saturday night in Los Angeles, said the spokesman, who asked for anonymity because not all family members had been notified. "The family respectfully asks for privacy during this time of grief," the spokesman said. A cause of death has not been released. She was known for the strong bond she shared with her son, by whose side she was often seen at parties and award shows. Kanye West, 30, often spoke of his close relationship with his mother, who raised him alone after her husband left when Kanye was 3. She was the inspiration for the song "Hey Mama," on Kanye West's 2005 album "Late Registration," in which he sings: "Hey Mama, I wanna scream so loud for you, cuz I'm so proud of you ... I appreciate what you allowed for me. I just want you to be proud of me." Donda West frequently defended her son against critics who accused him of penning misogynistic lyrics and other purported transgressions. "I support my baby," she said in a Chicago Sun-Times interview. "He is telling how he feels and he is speaking the truth as he sees it." In May, she published the book "Raising Kanye: Life Lessons from the Mother of a Hip-Hop Star," in which she paid homage to her famous son. Donda West served as chief executive of West Brands LLC, the parent company of her son's business enterprises, and as chairwoman of the Kanye West Foundation, an educational non-profit that works to decrease dropout rates and improve literacy. Kanye West told the Associated Press in August that he and his mother worked together to devise the foundation's first program, "Loop Dreams," which helps public school students get involved in music.

Price to compete for Miss Caprock



LEVELLAND - Latrice Price of Lubbock has been nominated as one of 16 contestants in the 50th annual Miss Caprock Scholarship Pageant at South Plains College which will be held Friday evening, November 16, 2007, beginning 7:00 p. m. in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio. Price, 20, is a sophomore education major. She is the daughter of Eddie and Dorsita Bates of Lubbock. She was nominated by the Black Student Organization. She is a member of BSO. The pageant contains casual and formal wear presentations, private interview and on-stage question. The contestants are nominated as representatives for their club or organization on campus. The winner of the pageant will receive a \$500 SPC scholarship and the first runner-up will receive a \$300 SPC scholarship. Tickets cost \$2 per person and can be purchased at the SPC Student Activities Office or at the door. Seating is limited. The public is invited to attend.



Airman 1st Class Candice E. Rosales

Air Force Airman 1st Class Candice E. Rosales has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Rosales is the daughter of Candido and Judy Rosales of 40th St., Lubbock, Texas.

City of Lubbock Accepting Applications

The City of Lubbock is now accepting applications for the 2008 Junior Ambassador Goodwill Program. The mission of the Junior Ambassador program is to foster the development of friendship, understanding and education through International Ambassador Exchange. The Junior Ambassador Program provides a unique opportunity for students to learn first hand about the Japanese culture.

Area students in the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade are eligible to apply. Interested students must turn in an application, three reference letters and a one page essay on why they want to travel to Japan. Scholarships are available based on school district participation. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2008.

Approximately sixteen students will be selected to participate this year. Upon completion of the interviews, selections are made and the Junior Ambassadors will meet weekly in order to learn about the Japanese language.

City of Lubbock Make Ready For Santa Land

For the 51st year, the City of Lubbock's Parks and Recreation staff is transforming a small area of parkland into a winter wonderland in anticipation of the arrival of Santa Claus. One of the signature pieces of Santa Land is the 60-foot lighted Christmas tree that rises out of the center of the village. Tuesday afternoon, the Parks staff will begin constructing the frame for the tree in Santa Land located in Mackenzie Park off of East Broadway. On Wednesday, the branches of the Christmas tree will be added, and staff should have it completed by the end of the day.

Santa Land will be held in Mackenzie Park from December 10-23 and is open to the public free of charge from 6:00-10:00 p.m. nightly. For more information regarding the tree construction, sponsorships, and this year's Santa Land, contact Nancy Neill at 775-2683.



Shaun C. Robinson

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This column would like to call your attention to the Early Learning Centers of Lubbock's Week of the Young Child Luncheon on Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

Early Learning Centers believes that the highest quality childcare should be available to all children regardless of their family income.

Nominations are being taken for the Robbie McGrew Memorial Award through November 30, 2007.

This award is named in memory of Ms. McGrew who was who was an extraordinary lady who lived her life for young children. She worked at Texas Tech University and the Lubbock Police Department for many years as she raised her own children. In

1993, Robbie began her caring for foster children. She was a Foster Mom to over 50 young children in Lubbock during her lifetime, which sadly ended her life at age 48, after a sudden illness.

This award will honor outstanding individuals who have unselfishly devoted themselves to improving the lives of children.

For more information, call the Early Learning Centers of Lubbock at 765-9981.

Ms. McGrew was a resident of East Lubbock.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens of Lubbock.

One of our citizens, Ms. Emma Rowe was able to attend her church services at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church last

Sunday morning.

A Thanksgiving Dinner will be sponsored by the United For Kingdom Building and will be held at New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, November 18, 2007, from 1:30 p. m. until 2:30 p. m. Thanksgiving services will be held at 3:30 p. m.

advanced in the Girls 10/11 age group. Nick Sanchez, also of Lubbock and a student at Whiteside Elementary, has advanced in the Boys 10/11 age group. Parks and Recreation and the City of Lubbock wish both of them the best of luck as they compete in the Team Championship next weekend.

Since 1961, boys and girls ages 8 to 15 have participated in this national skills competition in punting, passing, and place kicking, and many current NFL players participated in Punt, Pass and Kick as youth. The top four scorers from all first-place finalists nationwide in each age division for boys and girls advance to the National Finals that will be held at an NFL playoff game in January.

Lubbock Youth Advance to State Punt, Pass and Kick Contest

Over a hundred youth from the Texas Panhandle south to Midland competed in Lubbock on October 13 in this year's NFL Punt, Pass and Kick (PPK) Dallas Cowboy Sectional Competition hosted by Parks and Recreation. Scores from the first place winners in each age bracket are compared statewide with the top five finishers advancing to the Team Championship. O.J. Williams, PPK Coordinator for Parks, was notified this week that two area

winners have earned a trip to the Team Championship that will be held on November 18 in conjunction with the Dallas Cowboy vs. Washington Redskins football game at Texas Stadium. Presley Pace, a student at Preston Smith Elementary, Lubbock, has

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by Shibley Robinson

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Church News

From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The Danger of Losing Your House: "Home Equity Loans"

Please allow me to digress from "The Man for the Time and Beyond" Part II for a moment. I want to reaffirm what I had written some time ago before Texans voted "yes" (my vote was NO) on borrowing off the equity of your home mortgage.

You may remember, I question the fact of how the language of the law encourage public acceptance which would allow low to moderate income homeowners borrow from the equity of their home which would if not carefully manage tempt and ultimately put them in a dire strait economically.

Let me clear the air before someone who is intellectual inadequate or predacious challenge refutes my position. I work for a law firm that helps low income people whose boundaries extend from east of Dallas to the Oklahoma line north, the New Mexico line west and southward from San Angelo, northward of Austin as far east as I-45. Lubbock is a regional headquarter. The Law School at Texas Tech is a partner in kind with the firm. Pro Bono Attorneys give of themselves to help those who can least afford legal assistance. Law clinics are scheduled in the Lubbock Community at St. John United Methodist Church and Mae Simmons Community Center. A Night Court at Texas Tech by an Associate Judge through the Equal Justice Program offers legal assistance. The nine lawyers

(Doctors of Juris-prudence) of the Lubbock office who are license by the state and also to practice in Federal Court are helping those who cannot or do not have the knowledge to help themselves through legal quagmire. The point is when knowledge is flowing like a mighty stream; some of it falls on me and I am sharing it with you.

The readers of this column must understand and tell others predatory lenders are alive and well. Here are some examples how you may own your home in the morning and be outdoors in the cold at night. Please remember all home equity loans put your house on the line since your property is used as col-lateral. Signing on the dotted line for an equity loan may mean signing like the late Ray Charles "hit the road Jack and don't come back no more" if you succumb to the following:-

1. If you have a low payment, this may mean you have a balloon payment. Look at your terms. You might only be paying the interest each month. This means at the end of the loan you have to cough up the entire principal or hear "hit the road Jack, this shack ain't yours no more!"

2. If you decide to improve your home through a loan, you could pay higher rates and fees to finance the repairs and improvements. For example, if you get a contractor whose work is perform by an illegal from Peru, and who

is in the bed with the lender you could be messed over. You may not know that it is an "an equity home loan" until the contractor has finished the job. If you find out before hand the contractor may leave you house unfinished and pressure you to sign the note meaning you could possibly hear rhing in your ears "hit the road Jack this house ain't yours no more."

3. Another thing that could happen is "negative amorti-organization." This means your month-monthly payment does not cover your home equity loan even though it cover all of the interest you have been stuck with. You have not paid in real money or zip on the principle and consequently you owe the principal, plus additional interest that has accrued over the term of the loan-meaning if you do not pay the principle, "hit the road Jack this house is not yours no more!"

4. A snake in the grass predatory lender has another way of biting you through "prepayment penalties." This means there are steep charges for pre-paying your equity loan off. For example, the predatory lender may charge you 10 percent of the amount borrowed or some other magical number. If you don't pay-up it mean "hit the road Jack this house ain't yours no more."

However, an able attorney can milk the fangs of predatory



We Thank God for Jesus "It's Praying Time!"

Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, III - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

Matthew 9:37-38 -- Jesus said, the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray you, therefore, to the Lord of the Harvest that he will send forth laborers into His Harvest.

As I look around this country, the whole harvest is out of control. Even some doctors are asking their own lives as if there is no hope!!!

America is gone down hill when the Devil took prayer out of schools. She has been going down hill ever sense. Now I ask who's the fool???

Romans 1:21a-22 -- Because that when they (Churches) know God. They glorified Him not as God. Professing themselves to be wise. They became fools.

The family of Christians are in divorce courts. More than it's ever been. Homosexuals are coming out in big numbers. Men loving men!!! (Church, that's our sign. It's Praying Time!!!)

Isaiah 1: 4a-5 -- The Lord said, Yes, a sinful nation. A people laden with iniquity. A seed of evildoers. Children who are corrupted. They have forsaken the Lord. Why should you be stricken any more? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the

whole heart faint.

***** Have You Seen Other Signs *****

A 25 year old teacher was arrested with a 13 year old student. Sex was her crime. Just one of the troubles our children are involved. Church, it's praying time!!!

Romans 1:28 -- Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge. God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not convenient.

The teen sex is out of control, even now it's very high at this time. But that's the signal for you and me, Church, it's praying time!!!

Matthew 11:28-30 -- Jesus said, come unto me all you that labour and are heavy laden, and will give you rest. Take my yoke (The Bible) upon you, and learn of me. For I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

In Seminole, Texas, a paramedic was indicted. For child porn was his crime. Things like this is an omen for you and me. Church, it's Praying Time!!!

Proverbs 15:29 -- The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayers of the righteous.

***** What Signs Have You Seen??? *****

In New York City, a fake dentist was accused of dumping a woman's body as she passed out in his chair. But that's the Church's sign. It's Praying Time!!!

In Houston, Texas, parents were arrested for drugging their four toddler. That's one of the signs for you and me to know. Church, it's Praying Time!!!

Matthew 24:11-12 -- Jesus said, many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many and because iniquity shall abound the many shall wax cold.

Home invasions are taking over everywhere. Have you seen the signs??? The next one may be you or me. So let's get busy Church. It's Praying Time!!!

***** Church, Are You Playing Or Praying??? *****

The U. S. Government wants to save the Polo Bear and not the children, yours or mine. A new is out. It is called Cheese! That's a sign. Church, it's Praying Time!!!

When you see people starting to celebrate Xmas before Thanksgiving. Things like that let's you know Church it's Praying Time!!!

II Chronicles 7:14 -- The Lord said, if my people which are called by name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

What a wonderful time we had at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady. The spirit was high and we give God all the praises! Praise God for every-

thing. He is wonderful! Morning services got underway with Sunday School with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. It was another wonderful lesson taught by Sister Harris. Pastor Canady reviewed the lesson. The morning lesson

was entitled "A Dream Unfolds." The scripture text was Genesis 41:25-40.

The morning worship hour got underway with devotion which was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald

Jackson. The spirit was very high!

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls to the congregation. These dedicated choir members are always eager to sing for the Lord.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful message. His subject was "A Made Up Mind And A Fixed Heart." His scripture text was Joshua 24:15.

afternoon, November 18, 2007, beginning at 3:00 p. m. The guest speaker will be Rev. William A. Stubblefield of the First Progressive Baptist Church. The public is invited to come and hear this young man of God.

Let us not forget the sick and shut-in. As we always make known, today they are the ones and tomorrow it could be you or I. Always remember God is able!

Thought of the Week: "Don't despair because of evil; God will have the last word." May God continue to bless

each of you in the prayer from all of us at the St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Do come and visit with us on any Sunday morning!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

This is the Breakfast scripture we are gladly sharing with you this week. It is found in II Chronicles 7:14:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Thought of the Week: "If the Lord shut up heaven so there would be no rain, or if He command the locusts to devour the land; or if He sent pestilence among my people. What do you think would happen???"

Think about it! If you are physically or spiritually hungry, come by this breakfast. This is your special invitation. Remember, it is for you!

If you have a prayer request and want someone to pray for you, or if we have touched your life in any small way, please write to us today. Or you may call. (806) 762-3347. We are awaiting to hear from you.

The next meeting of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will be held Saturday morning, December 1, 2007, beginning at 9:00 a. m. The location will be forthcoming. So keep us in mind. We want you to become a part of our special effort.

In next week's column, we will give a complete report about the drama held last week. It was a wonderful effort. Thanks for all of your prayers and concern.

Prayer Poem:
John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892) is perhaps the best known of American poets. He wrote such prayer poems as "Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind," "I Know Not What The Future Holds," and "O Lord, And Master Of Us

All."
Whittier was one of the foremost abolitionists in this country and he edited the Pennsylvania Freedman. His "Immortal Love," forever full" speaks in sublime terms of God's love expressed in human service. It was written in 1856, shortly before the Civil War.

*Immortal Love, forever full,
Forever flowing free,
Forever shared, forever whole,
A never ebbing sea!*

*Our outward lips confess
the Name
All other names above,
Love only knoweth whence it came;
And comprehendeth Love,
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But warm, sweet, tender, even yet!*

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Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
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Obsequies

Engene "Gene" Lawson, Sr.



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Lexie B. Riggins

Services for Engene "Gene" Lawson, Sr., 82, of Lubbock, were held last Saturday, November 10, 2007, at Twentieth and Birch Church of Christ, with Bro. Billy Lemon officiating.

Burial will be at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007, at Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside. He was born Feb. 7, 1925, in Paris, Texas. He married Beruice Lawson on Dec. 15, 1947, in Lubbock. He attended Dunbar High. He retired from Southwestern Public Service as an electrical meter man. He was a member of the Twentieth and Birch Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife and two sons. Survivors include three sons, Ardee Hunt, Jr., Don Albert Hunt, and Ronnie Ray Lawson all of Lubbock; two daughters, Delores Moore of Ft. Worth, and Annette Lawson Thomas of Garland; a sister, Girley Waterford of Missouri City, TX; 22 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Frankie Lee Perryman



Frankie Lee Perryman

Frankie Lee Perryman, 82, of Lubbock, passed Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007. She leaves to cherish her memories, four sons, Derby Pearson, Terry Pearson, Danny Boger and Donald Boger; five daughters, Patsy Ruth Bonds, Alice Lee Boger, Robertha Bulford, Emma Jean Adams, and Frankie Lee Perryman; two brothers, William Tryon and Veal Tryon; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Western portion of Marsha Sharp Freeway set to open this month

After years of waiting, a portion of the Marsha Sharp Freeway is almost ready for traffic.

Transportation officials expect a stretch in the western half of Lubbock to open this month.

"It should make (driving) easier," said Bryan Wilson, area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation's Lubbock district.

The freeway project, which has been in progress for several years, has caused lots of traffic changes across the city with lane reductions and detours.

Lexie B. Riggins, 83, Denver, Colo., formerly of Plainview, passed Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007. She was born Sept. 25, 1924. She leaves to cherish her memories, one son, James Earl (Michelle); two daughters, Rose Lewis (George), and Melanie Wilson (Vincent); two sisters, Lizzie Rayson and Ruthie M. Griggs; twenty-two grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; some great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Tavis Smiley Launches Tour

Los Angeles, CA (BlackNews.com) - Influenced by the teachings of W.E.B. DuBois, television and radio talk show

host Tavis Smiley targets youth for the future of Black leadership and hopes to inspire new leaders from five of the nation's universities.

The Talented Tenth HBCU Tour presented by the Navy will kick off this fall with visits to Florida A&M University, North Carolina A&T State University, Tennessee State University, Morehouse College and Prairie View A&M University.

"I created this tour to enlighten, encourage, and empower students to think about what their own leadership legacy will be. That is what they can do today that will echo throughout their communities, careers, and ultimately throughout history," said Smiley.

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Joiner Speaks On Black Males

Every year, I visit more than a dozen black college campuses giving graduation speeches and helping them raise money. It makes me feel good to see all those students' smiling faces, but there's something missing. As much as I like to see all the African-American women graduating from HBCUs, and enjoy getting all those hugs, I'd like to get

more firm handshakes from young brothers in caps and gowns. In other words, I'm not seeing enough black male's faces at these graduations, and that's got me worried.

In fact, I'm so worried, my Foundation started a scholarship fund — 'Brothers on the Move' — to make sure more black men stay in school — and graduate. Already,



I've given \$2,500 scholarships to young black men at Tougaloo College, Cheney University of Pennsylvania and Tennessee State University. Before the end of the year, young men at Edward Waters College and Savannah State University will be recognized. I had to do something to at least level the playing field for these brothers and make sure they have every chance they can to get a college degree. The reality is that the statistics tell the story.

At many Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), there are twice as many women as men enrolled and well, more black females graduate than black men. In fact, the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education reported that black women received more than two-thirds of all degrees earned by African-Americans. What makes me even angrier is a recent Census report showing that in 2006, black men were 37 percent of the total inmate population in the United States. That's outrageous!

The problem of black male enrollment in college starts with the lack of black males in high school and junior high. There are dozens of studies that look into why black males don't stay in school — lack of interest, boredom, eager to enter the workforce right after high school or to find other means for making a quick buck, and lack of mentors or parents interested in keeping them focused.

Whatever the reasons, I'm not getting caught up in the studies, but I'm taking action — and others have to step it up if we're going to reverse the trend. I know my Foundation can't do this alone so I'm encouraged that there are other programs on Black college campuses trying to make a difference. I'm encouraged when I talk to educators like Dr. Frederick Humphries, who during his tenure at Florida A&M University, started the Black Males Explorers Program to improve the academic performance of these students in grades 7 — 12. It offers the students classes to strengthen their test-taking skills and really helps them in some of the traditional problem subjects like math and science.

Humphries believes, as I do, that we have to better prepare these students so that one, they have good enough grades to get into college, and two, they can keep up with the school work once they're in college. Humphries knows that if this issue gets even more complicated post-college. That's when my Sistas complain about the lack of educated and professional black men. So, this isn't just an educational problem, this is a sociological one that affects many lives and families.

Then there's brother Raymond Winbush who back in 2001 wrote a book called, "The Warrior Method(TM)" that offers parents methods on teaching black boys to better face some of the chal-

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THIS 'N' THAT

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Think About It!

It's time to re-evaluate our position

by Eddie P. Richardson

VETERANS SHOULD NOT BE HOMELESS IN AMERICA! THIS N THAT ... saw some numbers the other day ... that in the U.S. of America ... 25% ... of those who are ... **HOMELESS** ... are men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.... This should have happened in this country ... as the these brave Americans have fought for us ... and were in harms way protecting cting us.... Here are mostly young people who have come back home from the battlefield ... and are without resources to live in this country... Surely ... there is something we can do to look into this situation ... as they are americans.... as a one young veteran said ... when he came back home ... the only experience he had was shooting his weapon ... and he couldn't put that on an application ion for a job... Now ... t his young American ... is living on the streets of Brooklyn, N.Y.... Now he is not the only one as there are many more... Let's pray for a positive solution to this problem....As a veteran of South Vietnam in 1963... it touches one when they have been in similar situations ions.... Let's do something ... **AMERICA** ... and help those who stood tall or us....

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THE CHARACTER ... of our Children ... **TOMORROW** ... depends on what we put into ... their ... **HEARTS TODAY!"**

CHANCELLOR KENT HANCE IS DOING WELL AT TTU! THIS N THAT ... had a very positive meeting with ... **CHANCELLOR KENT HANCE** ... who is doing a ... **MARVELOUS JOB** ... at Texas Tech University... At present time ... the enrollment of ... **AFRICAN AMERICANS** ... has increased to over ... **68%**.... while the Hispanic enrollment has increased ... **58%**.... This is good for Texas Tech University ... and there should be more programs to help African American students.... Thanks for a job well done ... **CHANCELLOR KENT HANCE!**

"WOMEN IN RED BANQUET" SET! THIS N THAT ... wants to advise of the upcoming ... **"WOMEN IN RED BANQUET"** ... will be held ... **FRIDAY EVENING** ... December 14, 2007 ... beginning at 6:30 p. m. ... at the KoKo Palace.... This annual event is sponsored by the ... **WOMEN MISSIONARY SOCIETY** ... at the New Hope Baptist Church.... This should be another her great evening for this organization....

VISIT A LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL TODAY! THIS N THAT ... is still asking that we take time and visit one of our ... **LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS** ... when ever we can ... and let the principal know you support them ... as the learning today ... will help our young people tomorrow.... If you get an opportunity ...

take time ... by consulting the principal ... and have lunch with these young people....

OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST DID WELL WITH DRAMA! THIS N THAT ... did well last week with their drama ... at the Dunbar Middle School.... It was a very good beginning for many more such programs.... **THIS N THAT** ... wants to salute the ... **LUBBOCK OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST** ... for a job well done.... Their officers are ... president ... **SISTER DOROTHY HOOD**; vice president, **SISTER CHRISTENE BURLESON**, and teacher ... **SISTER ELNORA JONES**.... Sister Hood was the producer and it was directed by ... Sister Jones and Brother Maurice Williams.... It was a job well done!

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In times past, we had plenty of shotgun weddings if a young fella got a young girl pregnant. There was a problem as the girl's father got his shotgun. The young fella had to marry the girl in order to give the baby a true last name. These days, however, young fells go around and pregnant a young girl just for the sake of it, and even have the nerve to brag about how many girls have had babies for him. It appears to have become a past time event. Just think a few years ago, this

would not have happened, because of a concerned father. He had to marry, get a job, and take care of baby and mother. But this is no the case today! What a pity!

What those sorry jokers fail to become men, and you don't become a man by making sure a young girl is pregnant. When a young fella supports this child, then he is on his way of becoming a man. Dropping a baby with no job, no Social Security card does not make a man. Keep in mind, flies, frogs, skunks, and all animals, whether mammals or reptiles, can produce off springs.

Young Black females have problems finding future husbands and future family partners, because so many of our young men, in that age group, are in the judicial system, namely: jail, parole, or probation which are bad situations for them at present and in the future. Many of these Black males are in the system and being prepared, educated,

and being able to or wanting to have a job. On the other hand, so many of them think that by being slick is more than being educated or having a job.

We (Black folk) need to go back to the drawing board and re-evaluate our situation, and maybe in some cases, we may need to go back to the basics.

In this day of super highway, internet, computers, etc., in most cases, we are not classified by our human division by numbers. And if, in the near future, if we can't function our assigned numbers, we will be forever lost and left behind and tossed aside.

Closing Thought: "We can prepare for the future and be ready for come what may, or we can not prepare and be ready for the future and watch the world pass us by. It's up to us! Grow and move ahead or watch the world go by leaving us behind."

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

which the clothing. It appears that our younger generations have the idea that the movie stars, singers, dancers and rappers set the trend for the nation and if they have tattoos and piercings all over the body, then that is what they are supposed to do also. Piercings have the same effect on our youngsters.

We used to pierce our ears in order to keep up with our one and only pair of expensive earrings; a tradition handed down from an African culture probably for some religious reason. Pretty soon our younger generation decided that they needed two holes in their ears since they had more than one expensive pair of earrings. Men, often sailors who had been across the equator, wore one small earring in one ear signifying their accomplishment. This was probably a tradition among pirates and later picked up by some young gangsters to signify that they were 'bad.' But what do the numerous earrings that the young ladies

wear now, signify? Why do the young men wear the same number of earrings as the girls and often large studs instead of small rings?

The tattoos are markings which have different meanings for different individuals. We see a lot of butterflies, flowers, hearts, lace, names, chains and labels on the exposed parts of bodies where the tattoos can be seen. God forbid we see the ones not visible to us. Many youngsters are making tattoo memorials to their dead friends on parts of their bodies. Men used to have a tattoo of their sweetheart on their arms or back. Now, there is no limit to what you might see.

There is one danger which many youngsters do not take into consideration when getting tattoos and piercings and that is the danger of getting infections of the

HIV and/ or the superbug, Staphylococcus, which is resistant to antibiotics; keloids and blood contaminations. The effects of an unsterilized tattoo or piercing are life enduring and one should think about it several times before trying it and make sure that is what they want and ponder the consequences. Parents need to get 'in cinque' and monitor their children's tattoos and piercings.

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