



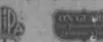
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Buessler Eye Clinic Site of Glaucoma Research

The Community Health Center of Lubbock, located at 1318 Broadway, is pleased to Announce that their John A. Buesseler Eye Clinic has been chosen as the site of a Glaucoma research project funded by Friends of The

Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation of Lake Success, New York. The glaucoma research mission is to determine if the individual participant has glaucoma and to answer the question "What is the occurrence of glaucoma in Lubbock County?"

The principal investigain this clinical project is Dr. Deborah R. Eezzuduemhoi, M.D., Glaucoma Specialist with the Department of Ophthalmology, TTUHSC:

We will be conducting screenings this month on Tuesday, March 16, and Wednesday, March 17, at the clinic. Screenings may also be requested Monday through Friday, except Thursday afternoons, with no appointment necessary. Please come to CHCL 1318 Broadway, second floor, or you may call 806-765-2611, ext 248, for more informa-

Community Meetings

* Lubbock Area Client Council Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • Mae Structure Communit Center *Hub City Kiwani , For Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 17(#CAsterior G *Dittabar Booker T. Washington Asperlean Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday - 2, 30 *Fragotten West Riders, First & Thurs Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Labrary * East Lubbook Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thirteday and pm, Mae Simmons Co Oak and 8th Sare Latinock Planer of Plan Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5 Vippe, TTU Medica Neighborhood Association Wife Brown Time COURSED LA BOOK MINES 55/d) 19th Street, 72 N = Visua Texas Chapter of 100 Black May mean the first black revening Court & The Parkway Guadeline & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association moces the 3rd Theselay evening of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

We would like to publish your monthly meetings. If you would like fit an amountement to appear in this paper. please get it to us in writing by mailing it we Community Meetings C/O: Southwest Digest-

P.O. Bex 2553 Lubbock, Texas 79408 or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at

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Eddie Owens Named Executive Director of United Texas Tour

(LUBBOCK) - Eddie Owens, long-time community leader and respected market-

ing professional, has joined United Supermarkets as Executive Director of the United Texas Tour, a 1,000 mile, 10-stage professional bicycle race through 50 Texas cities, including Lubbock. United

Supermarkets is the title sponsor of the event, which will ultimately benefit the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) and the fight against cancer.

When the idea for the United Texas Tour began to take shape, it became immediately apparent that we

would need to identify a high caliber individual to take the leading role, said Dan

> Marketing Officer for United Supermarkets. "In Eddie Owens, we have found someone with the professionalism and unique skill sets required to ensure our success in this venture."

Sanders, Chief

In his role as executive director, Owens will oversee all operations of the United Texas Tour. Owens will serve as the chief point of contact with regional and national organizations, including the LAF, cancer centers, marketing firms, sanctioning bodies, govern-

mental agencies, sponsors, foundations, media, event producers and the professional cycling community, to name a few.

A native of Quitaque, Owens received his master's degree in public relations from Texas Tech in 1985 and has an undergraduate degree in political science and speech from Wayland Baptist University. He spent the last 15 years employed by St. Mary of the Plains Hospital and Covenant Health System as director of marketing and public relations. Prior to entering the healthcare industry, Owens was director of public relations and an instructor in mass communications at Wayland. He also spent three years as a sports editor and reporter.

A long-time Lubbock area resident with a proven track record, Owens is an active member of numerous non-

profit boards including Lubbock Area United Way. He is married to Lynn, the executive assistant to the CEO of Alamosa PCS. Their daughter, Kami, will be a first-year student at Baylor Law School beginning in

Owens will work from the texastour.com>.

United Texas Tour office, located in the City Bank Building, 5219 City Bank Parkway, Suite 265, Lubbock TX 79407. The phone number is (806) 687-TOUR. Toll free is 866-434-TOUR. The Web site is www.unitedtexastour.com <a href="http://www.united-

Six UN Ambassadors Travel to Israel On **ELAL Airlines**

New York, 02.27.04 - Six Ambassadors to the United Nations, who represent various countries in West and Central Africa, traveled to Israel on EL AL for a oneweek fact-finding mission. They are meeting with government officials as well as business leaders and are touring the country.

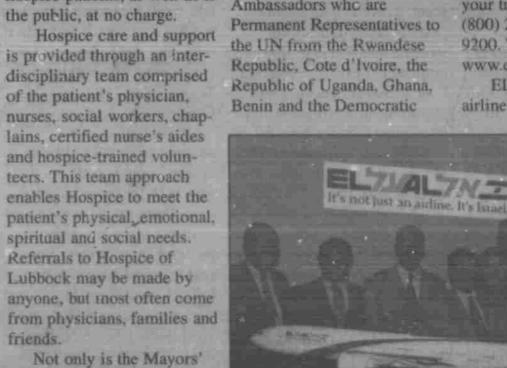
Nira Dror, Vice President and General Manager of EL AL in North & Central America states, "We welcome this important group and are pleased that their first taste of Israel began the moment they boarded the national airline of the State of Israel. It is an especially significant trip for the delegation as five of the six Ambassadors are first time visitors to Israel."

Pictured prior to departure on their EL AL flight to Israel are the 6 Honorable Ambassadors who are the UN from the Rwandese Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, the Republic of Uganda, Ghana,

Republic of Congo. Also shown are the wives of two of the Ambassadors and liana Artman, Executive Vice President of the America-Israel Friendship League and Michael Landau, Chairman of the Westside COJO.

EL AL, Israel's national airline, has more than twice the number of weekly nonstop flights to Israel as compared to any other airline and has the only direct service (no change of planes) between Chicago, Miami, Los Angeles and Tel Aviv. EL AL has an improved Platinum Business Class and is the only airline offering First Class service on nonstop flights between the United States and Israel. Worldwide, EL AL flies to more than 40 destinations and is smokefree. Tickets can be purchased on the Internet Or. call your travel agent of EL AL at (800) 223-67007(212) 768-9200. You can also visit us at www.elal.com

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Have A Great Spring Break!

15th Annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon

Hospice of Lubbock's 15th Annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon is set for Friday, March 26, 2004 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center from 11:60 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (come & go); Tickets for the Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon are \$10 and may be purchased on the day of the event at the door or in advance at Hospice of Lubbock located at 1102 Slide Rd., #3 in the Redbud Center. Live entertainment will be provided by Don Culdwell with stars from the Cactus Theatre! There will also be a silent auction and door prizes. Now in it's 15th year, the Mayors' Beans & Combread Luncheon has become a tradition in the Lubbock communist with over 2,000 people attending yearly. Mayor Marc McDougal will be joined by several mayors from other South Plains communities served by Hospice of Lubbock. Business and civic leaders and volunteers well known in the community also contribute by serving as members of the Mayors' 100. Acting as honorary co-hosts with the mayors, they per-

form such duties as serving tea and bussing tables.

The Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon benefits Hospice of Lubbock and supports non-funded (charity) and under-funded hospice patients, programs and services. As the regions' only non-profit hospice organization. Hospice of Lubbock is committed to the highest quality of compassionate care and support for the terminally ill and meir loved ones regardless of their ability to pay. Funds raised by the Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon help support the services and programs provided by Hospice of Lubbock. While Medicare. Medicaid or private insurance covers most hospice services provided, some patients have no funding source,

Hospice of Lubbock's promise to the communities that are served (Lubbock and 18 surrounding counties) is that no one will be turned away in need of hospice care, regardless of their funding status.

Since admitting the first patient in 1987. Hospice of Lubbock has served approximately 4,000 patients and

families in this area. It also continues to provide bereavement programs for adults and children to the families of hospice patients, as well as to

is provided through an interdisciplinary team comprised of the patient's physician, nurses, social workers, chaplains, certified nurse's aides and hospice-trained volunteers. This team approach enables Hospice to meet the patient's physical emotional, spiritual and social needs. Referrals to Hospice of Lubbock may be made by anyone, but most often come from physicians, families and friends.

Beans & Cornbread Luncheon a ton time for all who attend, it also offers a unique opportunity to contribute to the needs of persons in Lubbock and surrounding communities who are facing a terminal illness. For more information about the Mayors' Beans & Combread Luncheon or Hospice of Lubbock, please call 795-2751.



CHURCH DIRECTORY





"SWITCHED AT BIRTH"

JOHN 3:3, JESUS SAID: VERILY, VERILY; I SAYUNTO YOU. EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

I WAS BORN IN BRYAN, TEXAS: RAISED UP IN CHILDRESS TEXAS, AT 905 GNORTH EAST, MOM AND DAD HAD SIX CHILDREN, TWO BOYS AND THREE GIRLS: AND THERE WAS

PROVERB 1:7, THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE: BUT FOOLS DESPISE WISDOM AND INSTRUCTION. WE WAS RAISED IN A LOVING AND STRICT SAMILY; THERE WAS MANY RULES, WE OBEYED THE LAWS OF THE HOME: AND DID MANY CHORES AFTER SCHOOL!!!

PROVERB 22.6, TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.

EVERY SUNDAY WE WAS IN CHURCH, AND WE DIDN'T EVEN MISS SUNDAY SCHOOL: EVEN IN CHURCH THERE WAS A SPANK-ING: IF YOU DID BROKE THE RULES!!!

PROVERB 19:18. CHASTEN YOUR SON WHILE THERE IS HOPE, AND LET YOUR SOUL SPARE FOR HIS CRYING. BUT ONE DAY LOOT GROWN: NOBODY COULD TELL ME ANY-

THING, I WAS ON MY OWN, I DIDN'T GO TO CHURCH AND I DIDN'T GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL: LEFT THAT ALONG!!!

PROVERB 3:5.6, TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART: AND LEAN NOT UNTO YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR

LIKE THE PRODIGAL SON: I WANTED NO RULES; AND I WANT-I RAN WILD IN THE WORLD OF SIN: ENJOYING MY NEW

*******THERE AND DONE THAT ****

JOHN 8:32, JESUS SAID, AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH. AND THE TRUTH SHALL, MAKE YOU FREE-

AS THE SINS IN MY LIFE GREW: I BECAME UP SET AND IN WAS IN MISERERE, THEN ONE DAY THE HOLY SPIRIT: IT WAS THE ONE:

MATTHEW 11:28-30, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YOU THAT LABOUR(WEARY) AND ARE HEAVY LADEN(OPPRESSED) AND I 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.

I WAS WORKING AND FRETTING ABOUT THE WORLDS: THIS AND THAT'S, BUT LET ME TELL YOU PEOPLE: I WAS ON THE

GALATIANS 5:1, STAND FAST THEREFORE IN THE LIBRETY WHEREWITH CHRIST HATH MADE US FREE, AND BE NOT ENTAN-GLED AGAIN WITH THE YOKE THE WORLD, OF BONDAGE. *******************************

THAT WAS THE DAY I HEARD GOD'S VOICE; AND IT WAS EVER SO SWEER HE GAVE ME THE POWDER: TO PUT THAT OLD

DEVIL:RIGHT UNDER MY FEET?!! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, THEREFORE IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE: OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY

BEHOLD, ALL:THINGS ARE BECOME NEW. WORRYING ABOUT THE THINGS OF THE WORLD: I HAVE LEFT THEM BEHIND, PEOPLE IF YOU DON'T KNOW JESUS, YOU NEED TO

GET TO KNOW THIS FRIEND OF MIND!!! ****** WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS****** LAM JUST A NOBODY, TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY ABOUT

SOMEBODY WHO CAN SAVE EVERYBODY!!! GALATIANS 2:20s, 1 AM CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST: NEVERTHE-LESS I LIVE; YET NOT BUT CHRIST

BY BILLY BI MORRISON, III, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS, ALWAYS

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from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Same-Sex Marriages?

President Bush wants to change the Constitution of the United States to ban gay marriages. He says, "If we are to prevent the meaning of marriage from being changed forever our nation must enact a constitutional amendment to protect marriage in America. Marriage cannot be severed from its cultural religious and natural roots without weakening the good influence of society."

One would expect the Conservatives of the Republican Party to rally behind the president in this sensitive endeavor. The majority of Americans are said to be against legalizing gay marriage in the opened, but behind closed doors the story is different if it affect their lives political or financially.

One would think the House Majority Leader Tom Delay would solidly back President Bush. Delay is the man who stood in the gate, and strong-armed the Re districting of the State of Texas. He and his political elves to the south of Lubbock caused the total West Texas area to lose strength in Washington through the lost of a U.S. House Representative seat. It appears that Mr. Delay now has sugar in his shors and is saying it would take time to gauge the level of support in Congress for a constitutional amendments "'We don't want to do this in haste," he said.

I want to commend President Bush in spite of what his motives might be for at least saying no to a subculture within a society that is striving to be wholesome. This writer will perhaps one day. write of the evils of sexual perversion that cause God's wrath to fall within one of the three ancient families (not

race) of God and still troubles modern man of that family until this hour.

Do you not know that in 1989, Denmark becomes the first nation to legally recognize same-sex unions, offering "the same legal effects as the contracting of marriage." A court in Hawaii in 1996 overrules a previous state ban on gay marriage, sparking a national debate on the subject. In 1996, the U.S. House and Senate overwhelmingly pass the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), a bill denying federal recognition of same-sex marriages and giving states the rights to refuse same-sex marriage licenses from other states and deny benefits associated with marriage. In April of 2001, the Netherlands allowed Dutch Gay and lesbian couples to marry and adopt with the full privileges enjoyed by heterosexual married couples. The law is said to offers the most sweeping rights to same sex couples in the world. By 2002, Norway,

Sweden, Iceland, Germany, France and Switzerland adopted laws allowing registration of same-sex unions, with most or all of the rights enjoyed by married heterosexuals. In the months of June-July 2003, the Canadian provinces of Ontario and British Columbia b gin allowing same-sex couples to marry, and obtain full rights of marriage under Canadian law, following a court decision that the law on traditional marriage is unconstitutional.

Over 3000 same-sex couples have marriage in California within the past week. I wonder how soon same-sex couples (under the leadership of House Leader Tom Delay by waiting) will be allowed to marry in Texas.

Thank you, Mr. President for doing what preachers should have being doing and saying through love to change the hearts of sexual perverted sinners.

We are still reminding our readers of this scripture, II Chronicles 7:13-14. Are you lis-

"He said, if I shut up heaven that there be no rainy or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; which are called by ffty-name^snall 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

My good people, let us not forget these scriptures. He has already warned us of what will happen if we do not listen to him. Oh yes, He is God all by Himself. He's still in control! SOMETIMES, we feel as

though we can do on our own, but we can". We need Him in everything we do.

WITH THAT IN MIND, let's continue our drive by prayers, no matter where we may be. Just call on him when we are in the

grocery store, barber shop, beauty shop, in the mall, or just driving around our neighborhood. Just think what would happen if we drove at the same time and prayed the same prayer for our community. Wouldn't it be a much better place for all of us to live

Let us not forget those who are sick and shut-in this week. One never knows, it could be

one of us next week. Prayer changes things. We know God is The members of the

Outreach Prayer Breakfast would like to hear from you. We'd love to hear some suggestions you may have. Just drop us a tine at: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. We're looking to hearing from you in the near future.

Have you had an opportunity to witness with some of our young people since school has been dismissed for the summer? Just thought what a good oppor-

tunity it would be for those of us who are more experienced to encourage our young people. Maybe if this is done, come this fall, more of us will visit the public schools in our neighborhood. Our young people are watching what we do. So let's get involved with them this upcoming school year. After all, we were all young people years ago. Right?

Thanks for reading each week. Precious People. We're just happy you look forward to this column each week. With the help of God, we will continue with vigor.

Let us help Sister Burleson in the pageant. Give food to the needy. Keep doing intercessory prayers for your neighbors and enemies. Also for your friends and for this Outreach Prayer Breakfast Group. God bless each of you is our prayer.

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

.St. Matthew Baptist .

Church services at St. Matthew Baptist Church Sunday March 7, 2004 was another glorious time in the Lord.

Beginning with Sunday School. The lesson again was taught by Rev. Sis. Nina Davis, and was reviewed by Rev. Edward Canady, Pastor.

The morning worship services began at 11:30 am with the Brothers in charge of the morning devotional period.

The Senior Choir again sang out of their souls.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "Don't Bend, Don't Bow and You Won't Burn". His scripture text was taken from Daniel 3:16-18. It was another inspiring message.

Our church anniversary at St. Matthew will begin March 11-12 and closing out the 14th of March. The public is invited to attend.

Thought for the week: Safety is not found in the absence of danger but in the presence of God.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is looking for a musician. If interested, call Rev. Canady at 744-2445.

If you are looking for a church home, remember to come visit, with us at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street. If you don't have a church home, remember it is very important to find one. God loves you and so to the members of St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Join Us As We Celebrate

Our Pastor and Wife's 10th Appreciation

Pastor and Sister Solomon E. Fields

"A Decade of Dedication" Nehemiah 6:3



March 14, 2004

Guest Speaker

Guest Churches

We have prayerfully planned:



Pre-Anniversary Celebration 3:30pm

Assistant Pastor Joseph Williams Dallas, TX (11:00am & 3:30pm) Pastor W. D. Davis & Lyons Chapel Baptist Church Lubbock, TX Pastor J. Kelly & Macedonia Full Gospel Church Anton, TX Pastor H. Avery & First Progressive Baptist Church Lubbock, TX

March 17, 2004 Love Fest for our Pastor and Family 7:00pm

Since each individual cannot be on the Sunday programs, the Love Fest gives each person an opportunity to show love for the Pastor and his family in their own individual way as we fellowship as a church body.

March 21, 2004 Guest Speaker Guest Speaker Guest Churches

Anniversary Celebration 3:30pm Minister Norris Harris, I Lubbock, TX (11:00am) Pastor J. H Ford Lubbook, TX

Pastor J. H. Ford & Greater St. Luke Baptist Church Lubbock, TX Pastor L. Slaughter & Mount Calvary Baptist Church Lubbook, TX Pastor B. R. Moton & New Hope Baptist Church Lubbock, TX Pastor R. McDowell & St. John Baptist Church Littlefield, TX

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In Remembrance...



Harvey Lee Beachham Lucy

Funeral services for Harvey Lee Beacham Lacy were held last Saturday afternoon, March 6, 2004. at the Kingdom Hall with the Rev.



Shannon Ray Whitefield

L. D. Birdow officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbook Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock,

She died here on Monday, March Earnestine and husband, A.J. 1, 2004.

Pallbearers were James Anderson, Willie Anderson, A.J. Anderson, Jr., David Anderson, Gary Chambers and Chris Chambers.

She was born September 2, 1920, in Terrell, Texas, and moved from Terrell to Lubbock in 1927. She married Autry Lacy in April 1941 in Lubbock. He preceded her

Funeral services for Shannon Ray Whitfield were held ^HM last Saturday afternoon, March 6, 2004, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. Johnny Barnes, local minister, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of

Mrs. Lacy was employed with J.H. Williams and worked for 30 years until her retirement.

She leaves to checish her precious memories a daughter, Anderson, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, Ricky Sutton of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Annie Moore of California; grandchildren: A.J., Jr. and wife, Helen Anderson, Lexie L. Anderson, Willie C. Anderson, Hecia Anderson and James R. Anderson, all of Lubbock, Texas, and David D. and wife, Chenoa Anderson of Cleveland, Texas, and a great-grandchild, Andren J. Anderson.

Lubbock Cometery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Whitfield passed away here on Friday, February 27,

The 40th Annual Bob Hayes Invitational Track fic Field Meet will serve as Vehicle to gain support for Hayes' Induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame

(Jacksonville) - The Bob Hayes Invitational Track and Field Meet (BHITM), the nations most coveted track and field event for middle and high school students; will take place March 19 and 20 in Jacksonville; Florida. This year the producers of the event will be distributing petitions to get signatures in support of inducting the legendary Bob Hayes into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Producing this event over the past 40 years has truly been a labor of love in commemorating the outstanding achievements of 'Bullet' Bob Hayes. His outstanding athletic accomplishments deem him deserving of being honored as Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee and we are certain we will get an overwhelming show of support from our attendees," said Coach James Day, event director

One of the worlds most accomplished athletes, Bob Haves competed in the 1964 Olympics on the United States Track Team in Tokyo, Japan, and won two gold medals. Hayes, first gold medal was for the 100-meter dash in which he tied the world record. He then established the world record in anchoring the 400meter relay team. With this feat, Hayes was dubbed as the 'World's Fastest Human" and was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the seventh round as wide receiver.

During his illustrious professional football career Hayes I speed and agility changed the way defense was played. Thus, the NFL installed "zone defense", which was created to stop Bob Hayes. He became the dri-

ving force behind the Dallas Cowboy's appearance in eight postseason games, their first Super Bowl title and two NFC crowns.

Hayes remains the only athlete to have earned both Olympic gold medals and a Super Bowl hng. The life and legacy of Jacksonville's Number #1 Athlete of the 20th Century will be celebrated during the 40th Annual Bob Hayes Invitational Track Field Meet events

Over 3500 athletic participants, representing 180 teams from South Carolina^ Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and Florida will participate in this year's BHITM, "We provide our participants the opportunity to gain real experience in world class Track and Field competition", said Coach James Day.

The event was founded in 1964 by coaches: Nathaniel Washington, Earl Kitchings; Wittie Pichardson, Charles Bobby Grover; Edwin 'Butch' Lawson, Jimmy Johnson and Oliver Walker in honor of Jacksonville's champion. Bob Hayes after his double 'gold' victory in the 1964 Olympics. Thousands of adoring fans are expected to fill the stands of Raines High School in Jacksonville, Florida March 19 and 20 for this milestone event Sunday. March 14th will kick-off the schedule of events which include:

Sunday. March 14 - Worship Service - 10:45a.m. TEA

Monday, March 15 - Press Conference-10:00 a.m.

Earl Kitchings Stadium Raines High School 3663 Raines Avenue

Tuesday, March 16 - The James "Coach" Day Scholarship Golf Tournament 8:30 a.m. Mill Cove Golf Club 1700 Monument Road

Thursday, March 18 - The Bob Hayes Hall of Fame Banquet -7:00 p.m. (invitation only) The Adams Mark Hotel

Friday, March 19 - Bob Hayes Developmental Chnic - 11:00 a.m. Middle School Track Meet - 2:00 p.m Earl Kitchings Stadium Raines High School

Saturday, March 20 - BHITM 8:00

a.m. High School Students Earl Kitchings Stadium Raines High School

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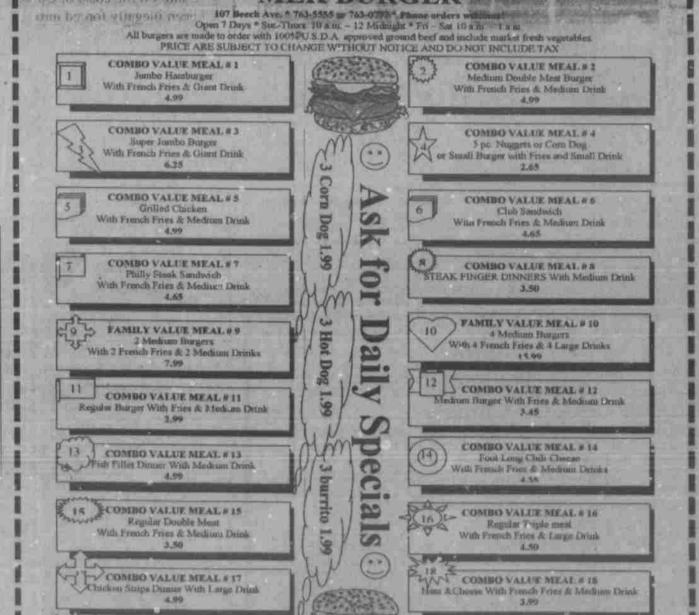
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Compiled and Edited by Dr. Michael Ward Expanded Edition: March 4 - March 17

It Happened ... * Thursday, March 5, 1770. Crispus Attucks, a 46-years-old black man and runnway slave. became the first person to die for America's independence. when he was shot by British soldiers during what has become known as the Boston Massacre. Patriots struggled with British sentries at the Boston Customs House, shots rang out, and Attucks was among the five men who died Thursday, March 12, 1779; Chicago, Illinois was founded, as Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, a black man from Haiti, built the first permanent settlement at the mouth of the river just east of the present Michigan Avenue Bridge. Today the Wrigley Building stands over the approximate site of du Sable's first home Thursday, March 5, 1789: The Constitution of the United States went into effect, as the first session of the US Congress was held in New York City. The Constitution, ratified by 11 of the 13 states, replaced the original Articles of

States * Friday, March 13, 1794: Eli Whitney patented the cotton gin. There is considerable historical evidence that the invention was based on the ideas and plans of one of his slaves, who was prevented from applying for a patent in his own name * Friday, March 16, 1827: The Freedom Journal, the first black-owned and operated newspaper in the US, was started by a group of free black men in New York City "Tuesday, March 9, 1841: The US Supreme Court ruled that the 53 African slaves who had seized control of the Amistad slave ship off the coast of Cuba had been illegally forced into slavery, and thus were free under American law. The 35 survivors returned to West Africa " Monday, March 5, 1849: The

Confederation of the United

United States temporarily had no president. James Polk's term ended on a Sunday, and Zachary Taylor could not be sworn in. The president protemp of the Senate's term had ended on Saturday, March 3rd * Friday, March 6, 1857; The US Supreme Court rendered the historic Dred Scott decision. It held that blacks were not citizens of the United States, even if they were citizens of their states. The court ruled that Dred Scott, as a slave, had no standing in court even though he had lived in a free state at one time. Amendments to the US Constitution subsequently provided rights of citizenship to all persons

* Monday, March 10, 1862; The first United States paper money was issued. The denominztions were \$5, \$10, and \$20

* Tuesday, Mszch 7, 1876. Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for the telephone. On Friday, March 10, 1876 the first intelligible speech was transmitted over the telephone when Bell summoned his assistant with the words, "Mr. Widson, come here. I want you." Fifteen years later, in March 1891, Almon Strowger of Penfield, NY was issued a patent for the first automatic telephone exchange * Monday, March 11, 1878:

Historically-black Prairie View A&M University opened with eight students in Waller County, Texas, northwest of Houston. Originally named Agricultural and Mechanical College for Colored Youth, Prairie View is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the state of Texas, Today PVAMU offers academic programs, including multiple doctoral programs, through six colleges and two schools. It is an independent unit of the Texas A&M University System.

* Tuesday, March 4, 1890; the all-black town of Langston, Oklahoma was founded. It began with 600 residents in Oklahoma Territory. In 1897 the town became home to the Colored Agricultural and Normal School, later to become historically-black Langston University

* Monday, March 12, 1894; The first boules of Coca-Cola

were sold * Monday, March 6, 1899: "Aspirin" was patented by Felix Hoffman, after he discovered that the compound called salicin found in willow plants provided pain relief * Friday, March 4, 1921: Black Swan Records, the first blackowned record label in America, was incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware by Harry Herbert Pace, using \$30,000 in borrowed capital * Wednesday, March 6, 1957: Ghana became the first African nation to achieve freedom from colonial rule, following an act of the British Parliament * Monday, March 10, 1969; James Earl Ray pleaded guilty

to the April 4, 1968 assassination of black civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. Three days later he attempted to withdraw his guilty plea, claiming that he had been tricked by others, but all of his requests for a new trial were denied. He died in 1998. Although the evidence strongly suggests that Ray committed the actual murder, many people subscribe to the belief that a larger conspiracy was -

* Tuesday, March 8, 1994; A patent was granted to Don Ku for a wheeled suitcase with a collapsible towing handle. - Some people maryer that it was only ten years ago that this innovation appeared

involved.

* Friday, March 14, 1879; Revolutionary physicist Albert Einstein, in Ulm, Germany. Most well-known for his theory of relativity, Einstein won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1921 for his explanation of the photoelectric effect. Einstein was offered but refused the presidency of the new nation of Israel. He died in April 1955 * Wednesday, March 7, 1917; Janet Collins, African American ballet dancer and painter, in New Orleans, LA. As a prima ballerina in 1951, she became the first black artist to perform on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City. She died in June 2003 " Friday, March 7, 1919, African American oducator and lawyer Juanita Kidd Stout, in Wewoka, OK. In 1959 she became the first black woman in the US to be elected to the bench, rising to Judge of the Common Pleas Court in Philadelphia, PA. She died in * 7 Monday, March 9, 1970: African American historian

Stephen M. Ward, in Boston,

Died:

* Monday, March 10, 1913; Harriet Tubman, "Engineer" of the Underground Railroad, of pneumonia, in Auburn, NY, at age approximately 93. Reverently called "Moses" by the hundreds of slaves she helped to freedom, the escapedslave aided slaves escaping from the south through an elaborate and secret series of houses, tunnels and roads set up by abolitionists and former slaves *? Sunday, March 15, 1998; Dr. Benjamin Spock, American pediatrician who was the most influential child care authority of the 20th century, of respiratery failure, in San Diego, CA, at

Sign of the Zodiac: PISCES is the 12th sign of the zodiac, symbolized by two fish, The planet Neptune rules Pisces, which is a water sign. Astrologists say that Pisceans tend to absorb emotional energy rather like a sponge and eventually, it seeps out in the form of nervous energy and a desire to retreat into the world of imagination. This is why Pisceans are often prone to over-indulge their senses in an attempt to escape from their own sensitivity. It is said that they love to fantasize. and are intellectually creative. According to astrologers, typical Pisceans de not have great physical stamina. Pisceans can be delicate and vulnerable, especially when under emotional stress. However, they are capable of great strength, in part because they are adaptable and can maneuver around difficult situations. They also have the ability to take life as it comes:

Professions associated with Pisces are music, film, dance, and other arts; charitable work; counseling; jobs involving. water, chemicals, oil, or drugs; clergy; and nursing

It's A Foot!

The establishment of the municipality of Langston, Oklahoma is of national historical significance because it is representative of the many towns established by African Americans. Perhaps the first black town was the one founded in 1829 in Upper Canada (now Ontario) and named Wilberforce, after the British abolitionist. Canada was the end terminal of the Underground Railroad, so a steady stream of escaped slaves populated the town. Lawnside. N.J., was a black town which was a stop on the Underground Railread. The first black town in the US was New Philadelphia, established in Illinois in 1835 under the leadership of "Free Frank.' Two incentives led to the creation of most of America's black towns. The first was Emarcipation, which ended slavery. The second was the failure of Reconstruction. Southern whites eager to return to white supremacy made black life so difficult, often by the use of terror, that many African Americans decided simply to flee the South. Some of the black towns became famous: Eatonville, Florida, where black writer Zora Neala Hurston grew up, and has recently fought to retain its identity in the sprawl of nearby Orlando; Mound Bayou, Mississippi, which was a highly successful community: Port Royal, South Carolina; Allensworth, California; Boley, Oklahoma,; and, Nicodemus, Kan., where just five buildings remain in a historic town founded 1877, as the most "harmonious place on earth." Blacktowns were scattered throughout America: Princeville, N.C., the first U.S. town built by newly freed slaves, suffering a devastating flood in 1999; Idlewild, Mich., a resort playground for African Americans in the 1940s. and '50, where many legendary performers, such as Aretha Franklin, Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong, have played. Others include Blackville, Arkansas; Plateau, Alabama; Deerfield, Colorado; Star Hill, Delaware; Buxton, Iowa; New Zion, Kentucky, Vashington, Louisiana; Highland Beach. Maryland; Caivin Township, Michigan; and Sandy Ground, New York. In 1830 the black town of Donaldsonville became the state capital of Louisiana when New Orleans was deemed 'too noisy" for serious business. The honor fasted only a

Martin Publishes Book on West Texas

Art Lives in West Texas by Conny McDonald Martin, Lubbock, was published by Pecan Press, Lubbock, in October, 2003. The 450-page book is the product of three years of research by Martin detailing the encouragement of art and the development of many art associations on the South Plains covering most of the Twentieth Century.

Art on the South Plains by Elsie Montgomery Wilbanks. published in 1959, was the foundation on which Martin

built and expanded her history; The extensive index includes over 500 names and many associations in the 21county area.

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Martin is a native of Lubbock, having been active in painting, teaching and participation in art activities since the 1940's. She is a past president of the Lubbock Art Association.

Known for her creativity in a variety of media, Martin was commissioned to create a diorama depicting 100 years of Crosby County history for the Pioneer Memorial Museum in Crosbyton in 1976. An earlier commission for the new First National Bank in Lubbock building (now Wells Fargo Bank) was

a group of 14 acrylic paintings depicting the lives and activities of Kublai and Genghis Kahr. This series is now owned by the Texas Tech University International Cultural Center on Indiana Ave, and 6th Street in Lubbock and is open to the public.

Since the publication other book, Martin was given. the Arts "Get Involved" Award by the Volunteer Center of Lubbock in November, 2003.



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For our history to be properly recorded; we must do our part to record it or make sure it is recorded? because as far as the system is concerned, if there is no documentation or file or record. It did not happen.

Since the advent of the media, high profile individuals make media history, but what about the man next door who has no visibility. He could be a perfect exampie of a role model. Jamily oriented, community worker, politically active, but gets no vis bility.

Many times, too many times we look for the visible person asrole models. We look for the goose who hid the golden egg every place, but not realizing the goose who laid the golden egg is in your own backyard. It could easily be perents, neighbors, teachers, ministers, school workers, and otherw who live a good life and set positive examples on a daily basis, but are overlooked and replaced by someone with high media exposure and, in many

History: Past, Present and Future What was or will be your contribution?

by Eddie P. Richardson .

cases, a direy hiestyle.

For our long denied communities. to become competitive at the market place with our goods and services, the leadership and initiatives must come from within with help from others. We cannot do it alone, but we must take the lead and work with others who are willing to au port our efforts and help us be what we can be and do with their resources, knowledge, leadership, guidance, and finances. We must work with and not oppose to reach

There are nources out there to help us take ourselves of the relief rolls and enter the tax rolls. The vehicle which has pur this in place in Lubbock was the formation of the North and East Lubbock Commission, headed by Gary

Lawrence: After the commission visited Dallas to see this in action, later, the anayor, city council members, media and concerned citizens traveled to Dallas to see this contemporary history in action. The tour was led by Jim Reid, South Dallas

Development Corporation What we saw was unbelievable. With the assistance from banks, cooperation, businesses and other sources, what was once a deadly gang cocaine infested area is now a

viable community taken back by the community taken back by the community and is patroked by the citizens which was once vacated by the residents. Now, there is as waiting list of former residents wanting to come back to the area they once lived. For example, there was a lady who was raised in this area came back to South. Dallas and builded, from the bare ground, a \$200,0004 home. There are many more success stories in this area of Dallos Hopefully, this writer will be advising of a project in West Dallas where once the largest public housing project in America Stood. But this area has changed. The face of the area with community leader shipe which involved Habitet for Humanity and the K&B Company and others has changed for the better. There are beautiful homes which are owned by the residents. The area was once a smelting plant area. But now, there is a new and redeveloped businesses, supermarkets,

with benefits for all. Nuff Sed! Why Not?

and shopping centers working

together. It can and will be done



In Cinque by Renetta W. Howard

The media is having a field day with the passage of laws permitting me sex marriages. The President, on the other hand has requested Congress to pass an amendment to the Constitution banning same sex marriages, A topic for debate in the upcoming presidential election has now been conceptualized. A few years ago, it was Rowe v. Wade which was the issue, or to have or not to have an abortion.

There exists some medical reasons for an abortion; but the only medical reason for a same sex marriage is insurance. That gets into another whole new ballgame and into a zone of legal and illegal because there is no gray area. Some governmental entities have made same sex marriage legal on their official records, but every sensible,

moral and Christian individual in these United States knows that it is wrong from a biological, historical, and ethical, as well as a sociological standpoint. There is no justification for same sex marriages.

Ethically, the Bible speaks of the destruction of Sodom (root word for sodomy) and Gomorrah because of their iniquity or sin. Sodomy is sinful and in some states it is a crime purishable by a harsh law. This was an historical event which according to the records took place about 1900 B.C. If God did not approve of it then, surely He does not approve today. According to 'Little Richard' Pennington, "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."

Biologically speaking, and according to the Bible, God did make Adam and Eve and Adam was a male and Eve wass a female. Most animals on earth are of two varieties, male and female. We even make tools in those same varieties. There are some asexual animals and some dual-sexed animals, because the main objective of all living creatures is to propagate or have off-

springs. There may be a record someplace like 'Ripley's Believe It or Not' where there is documentation of a birth from two same sex entities, but I personally have no knowledge of it. If it exists, it is characterized as unique and rare.

Sociologically speaking; a family consists of a man and a wife or father and mother and some children. In the norm of things, the chil dren are the off-springs of the man and woman or at least one of them, in the household. This is also the usual definition for the Internal Revenue Service, as well. A husband and a wife, without children are a couple, not a family. Two women or two men living together make up a household, not a couple. They will not be the biological parents of any child.

Whether there is an amendment to the Constitution or not, we need to get "in cinque' and realize what kind of message we are sending to our youth who will be tomorrow's adults.

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.... it's been a long timing coming but ... THERE IS A CHANGE A COMING! THIS N THAT advises all of us not to forget that .

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "KEEP FOCUSED ... on the goal we have and set for ourselves ... and the ... END ... will bring some healthy rewards ... for all of us."

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SERVING ANOTHER TERM! THIS N THAT ... is glad to see that veteran city councilman ... T. J-PATTERSON ... will seek his ... SIXTH TERM ... on the Lubbock City Council According to Patterson ... he wants to make sure the upcoming ... NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOP-MENT PROJECT ... will become a reality ... Over the years ... Patterson has been a saying Bast Lubbock ... will redevelop ... and he wants to see it happen ... for the betterment of all citizens ...

GATEWAY PROJECT LOOKING GOOD! THIS N THAT ... is waiting to see the future development of the ... SOUTH END MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD. ... area ... which if becomes a reality ... would benefit the East Lubbock community... Anyway let's see what will develop from from this project ... It is surely needed ... and many will be pleased after the outcome ...

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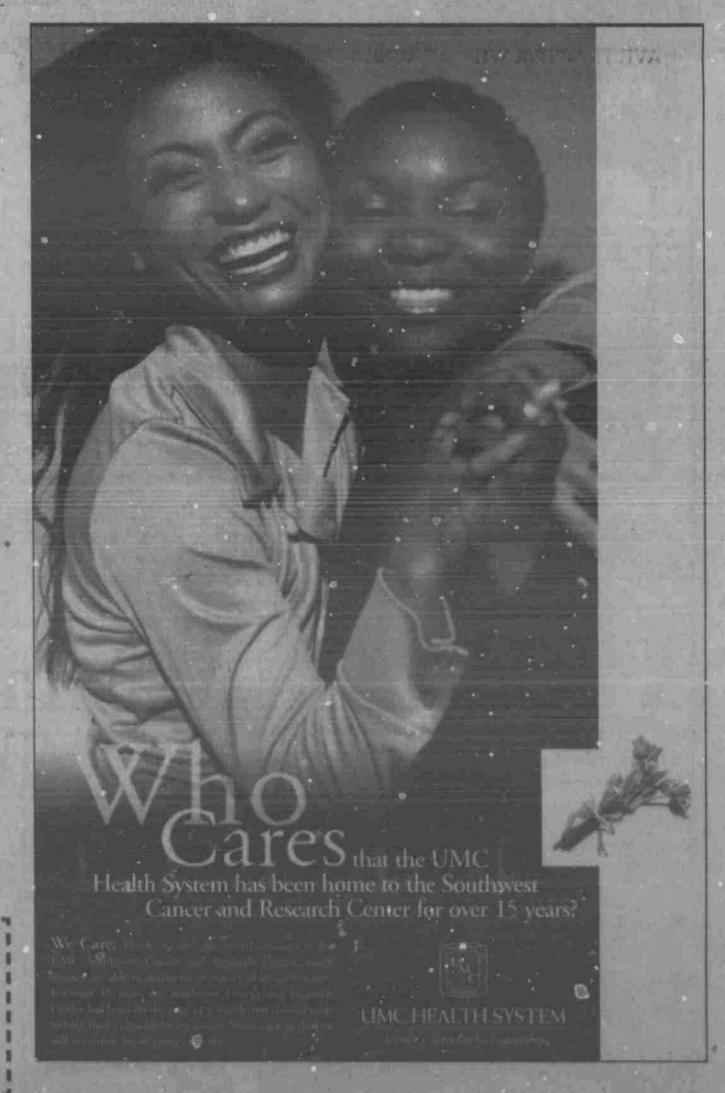
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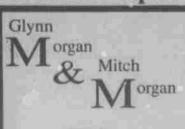
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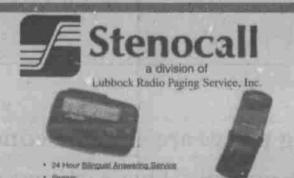
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