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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.

- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hyb 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 3rd Thursday 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 1:40 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- 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 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 Parkway Neighborhood Center.

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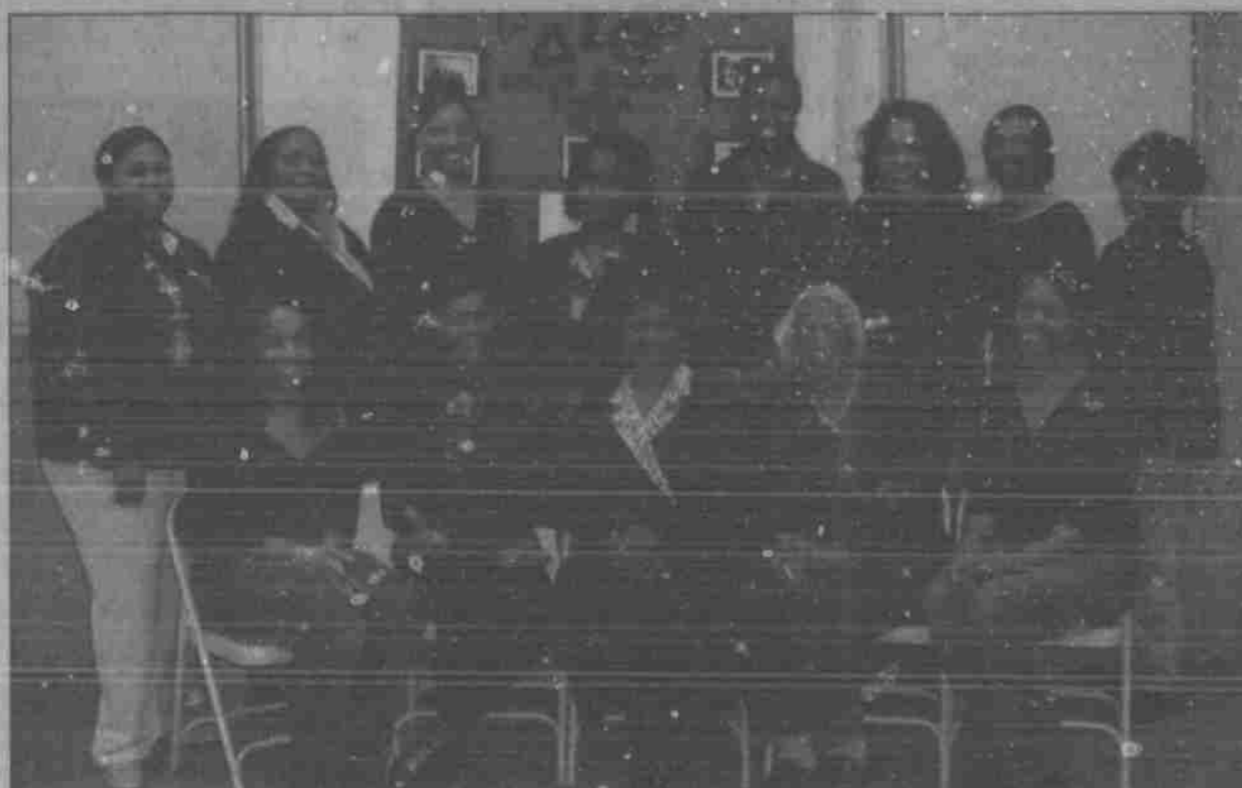
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Local Delta Sigma Theta chapters host state meeting



Back Row: left to right: Andrea Stigarli, Winnie Jackson, Regina Culver, Gwen Titus, Jannibah Coleman, Ruby White, D'Juana Howard, and Sherell Guichard-Thomas. Front Row, left to right: Melissa Loving, Mattie McKinney, Jackie Porch, Dorothy Kinner and Angela Clark. Not Pictured are: Vicky Berry, Bobbie Brown, Tamara Clay, Glenda Cook, Adrienne Cozart, Gladys Diggs, Valerie Garnett, Shirley Green, Stephanie Hill, Vernita Woods-Holmes, Dorothy Phea-Norville, Hester Raven, Lena Sheffield and Helen Viser.

The Lubbock Alumnae and chapter at Texas Tech University, Eta Lambda, an undergraduate Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host the Sorority's Annual Texas-New

Mexico Statewide Founder's Day Weekend in Lubbock, Texas. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Plaza March 3 thru 6, 2005. Members from over 70 alumnae and collegiate chapters will be represented at this event.

During this 3-day event, the public service sorority will conduct several internal workshops related to the implementation of their national and regional initiatives; homeownership, youth mentoring and caring for Caregivers. At the conclusion of the event, the Sorority will present a monetary donation to a local worthy cause. This year's recipient will be the Parkway Neighborhood Center.

One of the highlights of the conference will be the biennial Crimson and Crème Ball, hosted by the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter. This semi-formal event is open to the public and the proceeds from ticket sales will go toward the Chapter's local public service projects.

The Lubbock Alumnae Chapter was chartered in 1952. The Chapter offers Two Thousand Dollars in scholarships annually to local students and maintains an

ongoing mentoring program, delta Academy, for at-risk girls. In addition, the Chapter honors community servants each year with their Community Service Awards program and provides assistance to other causes.

The Eta Lambda Chapter at Texas Tech University was chartered in 1970. It was the first African-American organization chartered on the campus. The Chapter offers the Gwen Titus - Eta Lambda Scholarship annually to local graduating high school seniors who attend Texas Tech University. The Chapter hosts public service programs in the community and on the campus such as book and school supplies donations, collegiate forums, voter's registration/education programs and Delta's Academy.

Delta Sigma Theta is a national public service sorority emphasizing scholarship and character dedicated to a program of sharing membership skills and organizational services in the public interest.

For more information about the upcoming event, call 763-1712 or 794-1256.

Peter Robinson bought a place in Meridian, TX

[Editor's Note: This story was written by June Rayfield Welch and it appeared in the book 'People and Places in the Texas Past.' It was made available by Bennie Johnson-Sims, a great-great-granddaughter, and Wilma Horton, a great-granddaughter of Mrs. Mariah Robinson, who was a slave child in Texas. Ms. Sims and Ms. Horton are residents of Lubbock, Texas, and they wanted to share this bit of Black History.]

When Mrs. Mariah Robinson sat for an interview during the depression she was well past ninety. Born a slave, she had midwifed hundreds of Bosque County babies, black and white. Ten other own eleven children reached maturity. Her lifetime had spanned the war with Mexico, the Civil War, Indian troubles, the Spanish-American War, World War I, and the great depression. Her husband had died at age 86, and she assumed she was near the close of her own life.

But she was wrong; she lived through World War II and died September 25, 1946, at approximately 108 years of age. This is what she told the interviewer:

I's borned over in Georgia, in that place call Monroe, and Mammy was Lizzie Hill, 'cause her massa Judge Hill. Ps honest, I don't know the 'zact date I's borned. Missy Jo, my missy, put the record of all ages in the courthouse for safekeeping, to keep the Indians from burning them up, and they's burnt up when the courthouse burns. All I knows is my youngest sister, what live in Georgia, writ me 'bout a year ago and say, "Last Thursday I's 81 year o'ld." There is five children 'twixt my and her age, and there is six children younger'n me. That the best I can give of my age.

Judge Hill's daughter, Miss Josephine, married Dr. Young's son what lived in Cartersville, in Georgia, but had done moved to Texas. Then my missy give me to Miss Josephine to come to Texas with her to keep her from the lonely hours and being sad so far 'way from home. We come by rail from Monroe to Social Circle and there boards the boat "Sweet Home." There was just two boats on the line, the "Sweet Home" and the "Katie Darling."

Us sails down the Atlantic Ocean to New Orleans, myself and my Aunt Lonnie and Uncle Johns, all with Miss Josephine Coming down the Mississippi 'crosses the Gulf, us seed no land for days and days, and us go through the Gulf of Mexico and lands at the port, Galveston, and us come to

Waco on the stagecoach.

Us live four year on Austin Street in Waco, that four year 'fore the war of 1861. Us boarded with Dr. Tinsley, and he and General Ross was good friends. I worked in a sewing-room, doing work such as whipping on laces and ruffling and tucking. Then us come to Bosque County right near Meridian 'cause Massa Bob have the ranch there, and the time of the Freedom War us lives there.

Us be in the house at night, peeping out the window or pigeonhole and see Indians coming. The chief lead in front They wild Comanches. Sometime there fifty or sixty in a bunch, and they did raiding at night. But I's pretty brave and goes three mile to Walnut Spring every day to get vegetables. I rid the donkey. Miss Josephine boards all the Bosque County school children, and us have to git the food. I seed doves of wild turkey and buffaloes and antelopes and deers. I seed wildcat, and coons and bunches of wolves and beared the panther scream like the woman.

Us lived in a log cabin with two chimneys and a long shedroom and cooked in the kitchen fireplace in the skillet and over the pot racks. Us made meal on the steel mill and hominy and cheese. I got the prize for spinning and weaving. I knitted the stocking, but Miss Jo hid to drap the stitch for me to turn the heels and toes.

During the Freedom War Massa General Bob Young git kilt at the last battle. That the Bull Run battle, and he fit under General Lee. That left my missy the war widow, and she mammy come live with her and she teachd in the school. I stays with them four year after freedom, and I'a one of the family for the board and the clothes. They's good to me and likes to make me the best-looking and neatest slave in that place. I had such as pretty starched dresses, and they help me fix the hair nice.

Us used the soft, dim candlelight, and I make the candlesticks. Us have gourd dippers and o' buckets to dip water out the well, and us make wooden tubs out of stumps and battling sticks to clean the clothes.

I done already met up with Peter Robinson. He's the slave of Massa Ridley Robinson what was gwine to California from Alabama, with all he slaves. Massa Robinson git kilt by the Mexicans, and a white man name Gibb Smith gits to own Peter. He hires him out to a farmer dost by us ranch, and I gits to meet him, and us have the courtship and gits married.

That 'fore freedom. Us married by Caesar Berry, the slave of Massa Buck Berry. Caesar am the colored preacher. Pete was 'telligent and 'liable and the good man. He played the fiddle all over the country, and I



Mariah Robinson at 104.

rid horseback with him miles and miles to them dances.

Peter could write the plain hand, and he gits to haul lumber from Waco to make the Bosque County courthouse. He lams more and gits to be the county's first colored trustee and the first colored teacher. He gits 'pinted to see after the widows in time of war and in the 'construction days. Finally, he is sent to Austin, the capital of Texas, to be representative.

Pete and me begot ten children. My first child am borned two months 'fore freedom. After us slaves is freed, us hired out for one year to get meas to go free or... Us helu by the committee call "Free Committee Men." The wages is ten dollars the month to the family. After us ready to go for ourselves, my missy am the poor widow, and she have only three cows and three calves, but she give one of each of them to Pete and me.

After leaving Miss Jo, us move here and yonder till I gits tired of such. By then us have several children, and I changes from the frivolity of life to the sincerity, to shape the destiny of the children's life. I tells Pete, when he comes back from fiddling one night, to buy me the nome or hitch up and carry me back to Missy Jo. That lead him to buy a strip of land in Meridian. He pay ten dollar the acre. We has a team of oxen, call Broad and Buck, and we done our farming with them. Pete builds me a house, hauls the lumber from Waco. Twicet us gits burnt out, but builds it 'gain. Us makes the orchard and sells the fruit. Us raises bees and sells the honey and gits cows and chickens and turkeys. Pete works good, and I puts on my bonnet and walks behind him and draps the corn.

He gits in organizing the first colored church in Meridian, the colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Us has ever lived the useful life. I works at cooking and washing and ironing. I helps the doctors with the babies.

But the 'quality of age have to come, and now I is 'most disabled and feels stunted and poverty-stricken. I'd like to work now, but I isn't able.



Mariah Robinson and daughter Lula.



After Mariah insisted on a home, her husband built a house on this land at Meridian.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Although Black History Month has come and gone, we'd be remiss if we didn't give you the comments of one of our distinguished retired educators as how she saw the celebration of Black History Month.

"Black History is an account of the many contributions that Black Americans have made to improve the American Society," says Mrs. L. F. Barrow.

We appreciate all of you who shared your thoughts about "What Black History Month" to you. Hopefully, what was shared will be used in a very positive, and our young people will have a better knowledge as to why February was set aside for such a celebration.

Another activity in reference to Black History will be a "Taste of History" at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, on Sunday afternoon, March 5, 2005, immediately following the morning worship hour. This event is being sponsored by the Youth/Young Adult Department of New Hope. Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

The theme will be "What's In The Pot?" They are asking all to come and share your grandmother's, mother's or even your favorite dish. Some of the fixings will be turnip greens, neckbones, collard greens, hog maws, chitterlings,

pig feet, red beans and rice, sweet potatoes, etc.

There will be a display of old relics such as pressing combs, wash tubs, rub boards, oil lamps, potato masher, cast iron skillets, old dishes and even some snuff boxes.

Don't forget to get involved with your Neighborhood Association. The General Membership meeting of the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association will be held Thursday evening, March 10, 2005, at the lies Elementary School, beginning at 6:00 p. m. It will be held in the cafeteria, 2401 Date Avenue.

The Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association will hold its Board of Directors meeting Thursday evening, March 3, 2005, at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Building, 1303 East 24th Street. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p. m.

The General Membership of the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association will be held Thursday evening, March 17, 2005, beginning at 6:00 p. m. It too will be held at the Association's building.

Wedding vows will be exchanged on Saturday afternoon, March 19, 2005, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, between

Ponizetta Gibson and Alvin Davis.

Also word comes of the upcoming marriage of the director of the Bobbie Gean and T. J. Patterson Library, Helen Viser.

Congrats to all who will make this new step in their lives.

Let us continue to pray for those citizens who are sick and sh ut-in in our community. Among them include Brother W. H. Pitts, Jr., a longtime resident of Lubbock who distributes the Southwest Digest each week. He is a patient in Covenant Health Center, room 8482 and Sister Charlie Mae Pratt, another longtime resident of Lubbock, who in attendance at her church last week. She is a patient at University Medical Center.

Let us not forget Brother Tyrone L. Ervin, son of Brother and Sister Clarence Ervin, who is ill in Dallas, Texas. Don't forget Sister Ora Jean Keys, an untiring worker of the community, who has been ill. God is able!

Some have lost loved ones over the past week. Among them include Sister Annie Thompson, wife of Brother Jesse Thompson, and the husband of Sister Doris Reynolds-Williams who lost her husband in California. She is contributes to this column each week.

FASHION PLAN

by Shirley Robinson
Firing with the Fifties

Miffed feebly. It's the new millennium, too much, then make an escape back to the Eisenhower era. When blouses were sweetly plain, skirts went full circle (or pencil straight) and shoulders and



neck were adorned with feminine stoles and Peter Pan collars. Could anything be more

timeless? RABBIT FUR CAPELETS, WOOL BLEND SHOULDER BAGS, WOOL TWEED PENCIL SKIRTS, PILL BOX HATS, COTTON FRONT BLOUSES, JEWELLED BROOCHES, ROUND TOE PUMPS, STRUCTURED HANDBAGS, DOUBLED BREASTED JACKETS, CAT EYE SUNGLASSES. OLD TIMES! GOOD TIMES!... HOW GREAT IS THAT!

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- The contest is open to all children born between January 1, 1997, and December 31, 2001, to parents (or legal guardians) who are U.S. citizens and residents of the Lubbock-Avalanche-Journal's home newspaper delivery area, which includes 36 counties in West Texas and five counties in Eastern New Mexico.
- Employees of the A-J and Morris Communications Corporation and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.
- No purchase is necessary.
- Official entry forms will appear regularly in the Lubbock-Avalanche-Journal through March 29, 2005, or can be obtained at the A-J Information Center, 710 Am. J. Lubbock, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- All parents/legal guardians must submit a recent, color photograph of the child and a copy of the child's birth certificate to the A-J Information Center.
- All parents/legal guardians must allow their names, parent birth information and photo to be published in the Lubbock-Avalanche-Journal without further compensation.
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- winners will be selected (32, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1) weekly until the winner is announced on Monday, May 23, 2005.
- In addition to the \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond awarded to the winner, the A-J will present a \$5,000 Savings Bond to the runner-up; \$1,000 Savings Bonds to the other two quarter-finalists; \$500 Savings Bonds to the other four entries who make the round of eight; and \$100 Savings Bonds to the other eight entries who make the round of 16. All Savings Bonds will be issued in the names of the winning children after conclusion of the contest.
- The Lubbock-Avalanche-Journal may adjust or amend rules and regulations governing the procedures for claiming, shipping and insuring the awards.
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In Remembrance

R.Q. MOSLEY

Funeral services for R.Q. Mosley were held Friday afternoon, February 25, 2005, at the St. John Baptist Church with Pastor Solomon E. Fields officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Charles E. Bagley, Sr., Lenzel Roberson, Manuel Escamilla, Donnie Ellis and Ross Mosley.

Mr. Mosley was born March 14, 1929 to Lecettie Perkins and Charlie Teal in San Augustine, Texas. He had a sister, Sue Mosley.

His parents and sister preceded him in death.

He married Tex Anna Roberts on March 5, 1949 in San Augustine, Texas, and to that union, nine children were born. Of those children, two sons, Bobby Earl Mosley and Charlie Daniel Mosley, preceded him in death. Later, he married Pattie Mae White in Dallas, Texas, and to that union a daughter, Marsha Ann Mosley was born. Pattie and Marsha preceded him in death.

In his early years, he farmed and worked with his father in San Augustine. He decided to relocate his family to Lubbock in 1962. He worked for the Plains Co-Op Oil Mill. He moved to Dallas, Texas where he retired from Owens Corning in Irving, Texas after 35 years of service.

Mr. Mosley, for the last four years, resided in Lubbock until his sunset on Sunday, February 20, 2005.

Also, two sons-in-law, Marvin "Stroke" Turner and Carl Curtis Wheeler, preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing: three sons; Elzie Mosley of Ft. Worth, Ray Mosley and wife

Elaine; Rexon Mosley and wife Angie, both of Lubbock, Texas; four daughters: Georgia Wheeler of Cedar Hill, Texas, Vera Turner of Lubbock, Lucy Bagley and husband Charles, Sr. and Linder Mosley, all of Carrollton, Texas; a nephew, Willie T. Tanner of San Augustine; 20 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

EMERSON E. PAUL

Funeral services for Emerson E. Paul were held last Monday afternoon, February 28, 2005, at the First Baptist Church.

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Mr. Paul was born in Moody, Texas February 11, 1942. He grew up in Lott, Texas. Prior to making his home in Lynn County, Texas, he married Marsha Ann Truesdale, a farmer, he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gerry Wayne Paul on December 15, 1996.

He is survived by three sons: Billy Paul, Darrell Paul and Gaylon Paul; a daughter, Angela Paul, all of Lubbock, Texas; four grandchildren; two brothers,

Lonnie Ford, Sr. of Lott, Texas and George Paul of Lubbock, Texas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

JESSIE MAE DEWS "HOBIE" WILSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Jessie Mae Dews "Hobie" Wilson were held Wednesday morning, February 23, 2005, at the Community Baptist Church.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home of Lubbock.

A native of Kemp, Texas, she passed away Friday, February 18, 2005.

She was a faithful member of Community Baptist Church.

Two sons, Tommy Wilson and Herman Wilson, Jr., preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughters, Mary Hodge of Dallas, Texas, and Linda Wilson and Roxie Wilson, both of Lubbock, Texas and Doris Ewing of Dimmitt, Texas; sons, Gerald Wilson of Lubbock, Texas and Jay Lloyd of Austin, Texas; sisters, Mary Robins and Christine Johnson, both of Lubbock, Texas, and Evelyn Harris of Fort Worth, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Wilson; a devoted friend, David Reed; grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Black Americans and illegal immigration (Part 4)

Are black Americans being bastardized through illegal immigration from Mexico and other Latino countries? [Bastardized in this sense means being reduced from a higher to a lower state or condition.] The answer to this question may depend upon the person ethnicity or race, social, religious, political badge or economic status. The answer to this question through the eyes of an ultra black conservative is worthy of note. Joseph Perkins, a nationally syndicated columnist and who will soon be retiring from the San Diego Union-Tribune wrote the following concerning illegal immigration February 18, 2005.

"I don't consider myself a racist or a bigot. But Gov. Mike Huckabee apparently does.

Because I happen to see the merit of a measure, proposed by two Arkansas state lawmakers, that would require anyone registering to vote in the Razorback State to prove citizenship and anyone applying for state services to prove legal residency. To Huckabee's mind, anyone who supports such a law has succumbed to 'race-baiting and demagoguery.'

The passage of Propositions 187 and 200 doesn't mean that 60 percent of California and Arizona residents are racists or bigots or xenophobes, as critics of the mea-

sures disparage. It means that they believe in the rule of law. They believe that taxpayer-funded benefits should be reserved for American citizens and for legal residents and not for those who steal into the country, who thumb their noses at this nation's immigration laws."

Perkins notes government officials like Huckabee knowingly and willingly countenance illegal immigration and would reward those who have stolen into the United States [This should include President Bush and his illegal immigration policy makers]. Perkin continues by making the claim that these same people want to give illegal immigrants driver's licenses, subsidized their college tuition and in some cities want to give illegals the right to vote. If this is not enough, the claim by illegal immigrants apologist is those who break America's immigration laws by stealing their way across the border are just ordinary law abiding people. What's wrong with this illegal immigration picture as it pertains to black Americans and other native and legal Americans immigrants? Is it the truth or a lie being told by President Bush and his rich friends, illegals will do the jobs "American won't do?" Are all black Americans and other

Americans so educated and above taking on low and semi-skilled jobs that they snub their noses at the thought? We think not. It has been reported that 10 million native-born American and 5 million legal Mexican immigrants do not have high school diplomas.

It appears to this writer that not only are black Americans being bastardized economically, but all others races and ethnic groups who will not "kiss up to" those who are authors of the new type of South African caste system in America.

If nothing is done about the illegal immigration issue in America, this writer sees an economic and political insurgence coming that the world has never beheld. Are you aware of the fact that China and Japan hold the "debt note" for America?

A great number of black Americans silently agree not only in theory but in action with Pat Buchanan that one has to become Americanized. ENGLISH should be the only language for America! Other languages should be optional and not forced upon Americans. If Americans are forced to speak Spanish, then all Americans should be forced to speak an African language. After all, this nation was built on the slave labor of black Americans fore-parents.



We Thank God for Jesus I've been born again

Written by Evangelist Billy "BJ" Morrison III - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

JOHN 3:3, JESUS SAID, VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD. I WAS BORN IN BRYAN, TEXAS; RAISED UP IN CHIL-DRESS, TEXAS, A 905 G. NORTH EAST, MOM AND DAD HAD SIX CHILDREN, TWO BOYS AND THREE GIRLS; AND THERE WAS ME!!!

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 FAMILY; 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 SPANKING, 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 I GOT GROWN; NOBODY COULD TELL ME ANYTHING I WAS ON MY OWN, I DIDN'T GO TO

CHURCH AND I DIDN'T GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL; I LEFT THAT ALONG!!!

PROVERB 3:5, 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 PATHS.

LIKE THE PRODIGAL SON; I WANTED NO RULES; AND I WANTED TO BE FREE, I RAN WILD IN THE WORLD OF SIN; ENJOYING MY NEW FOUND LIBERTY.

*** BEEN THERE AND DONE THAT!!! **

JOHN 8:37, 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 WHO SPOKE OUT TO ME.

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 WORRYING AND FRETTING ABOUT THE

WORLDS; THIS AND THAT'S, BUT LET ME TELL YOU PEOPLE; I WAS ON THE WRONG TRACK!!!

GALATIANS 5:1, STAND FAST THEREFORE IN THE LIBERTY WHEREWITH CHRIST HATH MADE US FREE, AND BE NOT ENTANGLED AGAIN WITH THE YOKE (THE WORLD) OF BONDAGE.

*** I'VE BEEN BORN AGAIN! **

THAT WAS THE DAY I HEARD GOD'S VOICE; AND IT WAS EVER SO SWEET, 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 ANEW 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!!! ***

I AM JUST A NOBODY, TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY, ABOUT SOMEBODY WHO CAN SAVE EVERYBODY!!!

GALATIANS 2:20a, I AM CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST; NEVERTHELESS I LIVE; YET NO I BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Thought For Today: "Do you think the day will come when our worship services are not programmed and motivated by man only, instead of the Holy Spirit?"

The Holy Spirit is powerful. It's strength beyond the ordinary. It involves courage, boldness, confidence, insight, ability and authority. If you believe in Jesus Christ, you can experience the power of the Holy Spirit in your life. You can witness to others with extraordinary result. We often try to reverse the order and witness by our own power and authority. Witnessing is not showing what we can do for God, but showing and telling others what God can and has done for us on the cross.

Remember out of all our righteousness, we come before him as filthy rags. Never try to take the Glory for the good things that's happening in our lives, and not accepting no responsibility for the wrongs in this world. He said, "I give you the keys. What you bound on earth, he will bound in heaven."

Additional Thoughts: "Today is happy hour for the Church, Christ has already paid the cover charge with his Blood. Have you ever been to a happy hour? "America, God has tremendously blessed you for many years. What are you planning to do to show your appreciation?"

Thought: Uncle Sam, some can't be used in the U. S. Navy or U. S. Air Force. We can't fly airplanes, nor run a train. But we're ready for battle in the "Army of the Lord. Warfare is a part of the Christian lifestyle.

Ephesians 6:12 - "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

To the precious people who are not feeling well today, remember Christ is the answer. We're praying for each of you. Our bereaved families are on our prayer list.

Thanks for reading our column each week. Saints. You don't have to read it, but you and hundreds others take time to do so. God bless each of you is our continued prayer.

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, March 5, 2005, in the home of Sister Elnora Jones, 2416 East 30th Street, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christine Burleson, vice president, Sister Elnora Jones, teacher, and Sister Rosiana Henderson, secretary.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2026 East 14th Street, last Sunday morning, February 27, 2005, were outstanding. Everything got underway with Sunday School and Superintendent Sister Lucilla Harris was at her post of duty. Rev. Edward Canady, pastor, reviewed the Sunday School lesson. Information was given for all of us to use during the week. Hopefully, th is lesson taught all of us how to get along with each other.

The morning worship hour got underway with the morning devotion led by Brother Jerald Jackson and Brother Albert Wilbon. Once again, our beloved St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls.

The morning sermon was preached by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Loose Him." His scripture text was St. John 11:41-45. His subject came from Verse 44 - "And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go." What a wonderful sermon.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang at the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs. What a time they all had.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. Remember God is able in any situation.

Thought of the Week: "A praying father reflects the love of our Heavenly Father."

Upcoming Spring Break Camps

Spring Break Activities at Hodges Community Center

Be ready for fun indoor and outdoor activities. Children will have the opportunity to make crafts, play existing group games, and enjoy open recreation. Register at Hodges Community Center, 41st & University Avenue, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - noon and 1:00 - 8:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Deadline to register is March 9! For more information, contact Tasy Ramirez at 767-3706

Age: 6-12, \$30 for the week March 14-18, 2005 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Spring Break Camp at Mae Simmons Community Center

Activities will include arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor

games/sports, computer classes and more. Registration starts February 21 Register Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Mae Simmons Community Center, E. 23rd and Oak Ave. Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided by the center. Parents must provide a sack lunch for their children. For more information, contact Olivia Solis, 767-2705.

Ages 5-12, \$30 for the week March 14-18, 2005 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Spring Break Camp at Maggie Trejo Supercenter

Activities for the week will include arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games/sports, computer classes and more. Register now as enrollment is limited to the first 25 children. Register Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. beginning February 21 at 3:30 p.m. at the Maggie Trejo Supercenter, 3200

Amherst Street Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided by the center. Parents must provide a sack lunch for their children. For more information, contact Olivia Solis, 767-2705

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Sunday, March 6 • 3:30pm
Theme: Positioned For Purpose

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Co-Conductors: Mother Gertrude Holmes
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Supt. W. David Haynes, Pastor

Cotton Kings players, fans and friends join together to raise \$3,500 for the 24 Foundation



Cotton Kings goaltender Shawn "Concho" Concha takes a break from bowling to play a little air hockey.



Paul Fioroni, founder of the 24 Foundation, gestures to a friend as he waits for his turn to bowl.



Darren "Shak" Shakotko smiles after bowling a strike. "Shak" is the Cotton Kings' leading defenseman with 9 goals and 21 assists so far.



Tiffany Fioroni, wife of Cotton King captain Paul Fioroni, retrieves her ball during the competition.



Cotton Kings top scorer and All-Star player Anders Strome lines for a strike at Brunswick South Plains Bowl.

Claudette Colvin: An unsung hero in the Montgomery Bus Boycott

Courtesy of Jet Magazine

Claudette Colvin's name may not be one that comes to mind when you think of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, but what she did is something that should not go unnoticed.

As the 50th anniversary of the boycott approaches, Colvin's act of courage remains almost unknown - a lost footnote to Rosa Parks' more famous defiance on a city bus that same year.

Colvin, a 15-year-old Booker T. Washington High School student at the time, refused to give up her bus seat to a White woman nine months before Parks took her stand. For her defiance she was arrested and convicted. A federal court suit involving Colvin eventually led to a Supreme Court order that outlawed segregated buses.

Colvin recently returned to her alma mater, now named the Booker T. Washington Magnet School. While there she shared her story with students and watched Awele Makeba perform *Rage is Not a 1-Day Thing*, a one-woman show that honored her and other civil rights figures. The event took place less than one month before the 50th anniversary of her arrest.

According to the Montgomery Advertiser, Colvin said that she would not change her decision to remain seated.

"I feel proud of what I did," Colvin told the Adviser. "I do feel like what I did was a spark, and it caught on."

The arrest of Parks on Dec. 1, 1955, became the catalyst for the historic boycott, but some believe Colvin deserves recognition that has been overlooked for decades.

"I've probably been a one-person crusader," said Tuskegee attorney Fred Gray of Colvin. Gray was the attorney who represented Parks in the boycott case and Colvin in the days following her arrest.

Gray continued, "Every time I make a speech about the Montgomery Bus Boycott, I talk

about Claudette Colvin because if there had not been a Claudette Colvin, there may very well have never been a Mrs. Rosa Parks as we know her today."

Colvin, who lives in New York City, has shied away from the media in recent years. But Gray said the nation needs to know about her role in the protest of segregated buses.

According to Gray, the teenage Colvin was a persuasive and determined young person who had been a part of Parks' Youth Council in the NAACP. On March 2, 1955, she was coming home from school when she got on a Capital Heights bus downtown at the same place Parks boarded another bus months later.

Colvin was sitting about two seats from the emergency exit when four Whites boarded and the driver ordered her, along with three other Blacks, to get up. She refused and was removed from the bus by two police officers, who took her to jail.

Gray said he told Parks and other Montgomery leaders that he thought Colvin's arrest was a good test case to end segregation on the buses, but Black leadership thought they should wait.

"We didn't feel that the time was right to do what needed to be



Now age 65, Claudette Colvin recalls her defiance 50 years ago as a high school student (r) that ultimately helped desegregate busing throughout the United States.

done and get the kind of support we needed to get," he said.

Nearly a year later, on Feb. 1, 1956, Colvin was one of four Black women who served as plaintiffs in a federal court suit, known as *Browder v. Gayle*, that became the legal vehicle when the U.S. Supreme Court declared bus segregation unconstitutional in December 1956. The Parks arrest case, while sparking the boycott, was a state case.

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Kings fill fourth vet spot with two time ECHL champion Dave Seitz

LUBBOCK, TX - The Lubbock Cotton Kings Head Coach and Director of Hockey Operations Chris Dashney is pleased to announce that veteran American forward David Seitz has been signed for the remainder of the 2004-05 season.

Seitz, 5-10, 184-pounds, played 44 games last season with the South Carolina Stingrays of the ECHL posting five goals and 29 points. Seitz played in South Carolina from 1996-2004 and has championship rings from the 1996-97 and 2000-01 seasons. He was also the playoff MVP in the most recent championship with 13 goals and 28 points in 18 playoff games.

The Buffalo, NY, native has the South Carolina records for most goals, assists, points and is second all-time in games played. In 489 games with the Stingrays, Seitz has 217 goals, 370 assists, and 587 points. He has reached the 30 goal plateau four times and has posted at least 57 points in all but one season.

Seitz started his career in South Carolina in the fall of 1996 after attending Clarkson University from 1992-96. In 129

games at the collegiate level, he scored 45 goals and 104 points including 21 goals and 38 points in his senior season.



Cotton Kings players and staff stand together at Brunswick South Plains Bowl as they are introduced by co-captain, Paul Fioroni during Sunday's bowling tournament. Pictured here are newcomer Dave Seitz (F), Emery Olafson (F), Jason Maxwell (LW) and trainer Bobby Franco. Seitz brings years of experience and veteran leadership on the ice to the Kings as they fight for upcoming playoffs. The Kings have a much-improved record this year with the addition of a new coach, new management and a fresh young team.

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Strengthening and securing Social Security

[Editor's Note: This is one of three columns on the upcoming Social Security issue which will be debated on Capitol Hill in Washington, D. C. later this month. The author of these columns is George Scott, retired educator and a Community Volunteer for AARP.]

In this age of heightened insecurity, the last thing the American people deserve is a threat to their own future financial security — and a threat to one of the most successful programs in U. S. history.

Yet as we stand here today, Social Security stands in the line of fire. Most people, from Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington to Main Street in Lubbock, Texas, agree that steps must be taken to strengthen Social Security for the future. But there is a right way and a wrong way. We believe that Social Security needs to be strengthened now for our children and grandchildren. But the solution should not be worse than the problem.

Private accounts that drain money out of Social Security will cut benefits while passing the bill to future generations. Diverting money into private accounts would weaken Social Security, put benefits for future retirees at risk, and do nothing to ensure long-term solvency. Rather than strengthening

Social Security, this would simply make matters worse.

And transition costs to a private account system could easily cost trillions of dollars. That's like throwing a heavy anchor to a nation that is already growing in debt, leaving our children and grandchildren to shoulder the burden.

AARP believes there is a better way and we will wage the fight of our lives to ensure that the only guaranteed source of retirement security for America's families is not needlessly put at risk. This is first and foremost a question of values. Prior to its creation 70 years ago, older Americans were the poorest and most neglected population in the nation. President Franklin Roosevelt and millions of citi-

zens believed that this was not worthy of our great nation. They declared that those who fought our wars and gave a lifetime of service to their families and communities should not have to face poverty in old age.

And so they made a promise to working Americans and retirees. They said, "We can never insure one hundred percent of the population against one hundred percent of the hazards of life, but we have tried to give some measure of protection to the average citizen and to his family against the loss of a job and against poverty-ridden old age."

Now that was the promise of Social Security in 1935 and we don't believe that promise should have an expiration date. The fact is, Social Security is

the only guaranteed, inflation-proof, lifelong benefit that millions of workers — present and future — can count on. And we should not be talking about replacing this rock solid guarantee with a risky gamble.

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Think About It! A new day on the horizon

by Eddie P. Richardson

Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is not here, so I'm in love with today. Therefore, we should all take as our personal creed: "If it is to be, it is left up to me," and live by it everyday in every way. If there is a sign of drug dealers, prostitution, and any kind of lawless acts, a telephone call will do it. You do not have to leave your name. There is even an 800 number.

School is now back on the horizon. We must remember as we drive around the city and other area where schools are located. For sure, one thing must be realized, the penalty is harsh for dealing drugs around a school. Another thing, drug dealers must realize and understand the punishment for drug trafficking around public buildings such as a church, schools, library, senior or community centers is much more tougher.

A word of caution, don't think you are slick, smart or getting away. The drug enforcement people know who you are, what you are doing, and how much you are doing. They have

a laser camera which can take an image from long distances and don't forget the so called "snitches." We believe local authorities have a book on each drug dealer in the area. So if you have been dealing anytime at all, remember it's just a matter of time before they will nail you. When this happens, they will have a full book on you.

Drug dealers, if you think you are getting away, and you are slick or smart, just wait until the new jail is complete and they will have more room to warehouse. Just think how much cleaner the streets will become if your luck has held out so far. Now is the time to quit while you are still ahead, because it is only a matter of time.

Oh, by the way, the Southwest Digest will soon and very soon, start making you a star again. That is, once you are caught and booked. We will feature you on the front page above the fold. In other words, the top of the front page.

A Thought of the Week: "Action speaks louder than

words, what you do I can't hear a word you say."

Many of our community failures have been done to the fact that along with moral, respect, self esteem, pride in self. The community has not done all it can in pushing education. We must do everything possible to turn this trend around. We have lost at least three generations to drugs, crime, teenage pregnancy, low morals, and self-destruction. If we don't turn this trend around soon, it will be too late.

The end results - pay now or later. Now is paying for turn around and prevention. But the bottom line is the parents who must begin parenting in order to make the whole thing a huge success. This lays in the hands of the community. If a parent is not rearing and teaching their children right from wrong, call local law enforcement agencies and make them responsible for their children. Now, if the parents refuse to rear their children and live up to their responsibility, then fine or jail them!
Nuff Sed! Why Not?

THIS N THAT

THANKS, FOR A VERY GOOD YEAR. EHS LADY MATADORS! THIS N THAT wants to thank those fighting ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL LADY MATADORS BASKETBALL TEAM for a job well done. Although a team from Fort Worth, Texas, Dunbar High School, defeated the Lady Matadors by a close score of 46-43. The eighth rated Dunbar five just had enough gas to out last our Lady Mats. Anyway, it was the Lady Matadors first time to play in the Region 1-4A semifinals, and they did well. The Lady Matadors finishes the season with 29 wins and only 7 losses. THANKS, LADY MATADORS and COACH DIANE MORGAN and staff for an outstanding year. We can't hardly wait until next year.

"RAY" IS A VERY GOOD MOVIE! THIS N THAT had an opportunity to see the film "RAY", and it is an outstanding movie. The works of JAMIE FOXX is great. So if you haven't seen it, you need to take time and see it. One thought in the movie ... "DON'T BECOME A CRIPPLE IN ANYTHING YOU DO IN LIFE!" IT'S A VERY GOOD MOVIE!

ST. JAMES BAPTIST CHOR OUT; FIRST PROGRESSIVE IS IN! THIS N THAT learned from the president of the Federation of Choirs, MS. BENNIE SIMS, that ST. James Baptist Church Choir submitted a letter to the Federation of Choirs to discontinue their position effective immediately. As a result of this

letter ... the Federation of Choirs accepted this request during their monthly meeting at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon February 27, 2005 and accepted the FIRST PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR to replace them. When this was made known, one could only think of how hard the late REV. KADO LANG, former pastor of St. James Baptist Church, worked for the Federation of Choirs. The FEDERATION OF CHOIRS celebrated its 50TH ANNIVERSARY just last year. There are only ELEVEN CHOIRS who make up the membership membership for the organization.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "YOU can gain knowledge on your own but WISDOM comes from GOD."

WEEDS ARE UP HIGH IN EAST LUBBOCK THIS N THAT has been noticing all the TALL WEEDS in East Lubbock, as this is an outcome of the recent rains this area of the country has received during the winter months. No doubt about it, the City of Lubbock should begin taking a look at this situation, as there a lot of absentee landowners in this part of the city. Just need to get ready as this will perhaps be a LONG SEASON FOR WEEDS.

INTERESTED IN LIVING IN NEW APARTMENTS? THIS N THAT would advise all of you who are thinking about living in the upcoming PARK MEADOWS VILLAS OF LUBBOCK,

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WHY NOT PUT MARGARET RANDLE'S PICTURE ON WALL? THIS N THAT had an opportunity to be in the hallway of KCBD-TV, CHANNEL 11, and observed some very interesting photos of present personalities of the station, as well as those who have come and gone. But a young lady, MARGARET RANDLE'S PHOTO was not on the wall. For at least ten years, she has hosted a monthly program called "WHAT'S GOING ON?" No doubt about it, the local principal of Wheatley Elementary School is worthy to be seen on the wall.

DON'T FORGET THE NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT! THIS N THAT is hoping the City of Lubbock will keep the NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT out front and there will be more development in this area of the city. So when you see a local official, ask them the status of this project. As our older Black citizens would say "IF YOU DON'T ASK, YOU DON'T GET."

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

How does it make you feel when your household and livelihood is neglected by the responsible members of your family, in lieu of some folly across town from which you derive no pleasure? This is the feeling that one gets when you look at the amount of hard earned American dollars that President Bush and Secretary of State Condolizza Rice are asking for and promising to other countries.

How logical is it to get Congress to provide monies to tear up a country and then turn around and ask for just as much or more to rebuild what was torn down? At this time in America, times are hard and the so-called Baby Boomers are expected to retire. This is the group of people who went for the big buck jobs

and sent the cost of living rocketing. They will want their retirement to be just as spectacular as their days of work and play. There is fear that there will not be enough money in the Social Security Treasury to pay for their retirement. This may be true, especially if the funds paid into Social Security are used to fund foreign wars and replacement of destruction caused by war in other countries.

On every level of government in this country, from the local, county, state and the federal government, it is difficult to secure funds for the things that the average American citizen considers his right to have provided for him. It is hard to secure funds for health and education in this country. State governments are overwhelmed with budgets for which they actually do not have funds to support. Local entities are cutting services and raising taxes. Where is the money?

Big Business and Big Government have the money.

Businesses have left this country and located in countries where they pay pennies for help to manufacture goods which they send to the United States at premium prices. Check out the tags in your clothes and on items which you buy. Seldom will you see a label say, "Made in the United States." Big Government allows this to happen while standing on the back of the poor wage earner or low salaried working citizen. Big Business keeps its money and gives Big Government a pittance for allowing it to leave the country and avoid paying the taxes that they should pay, thus leaving the U. S. Treasury low on funds, with less to give to the states and consequently the poor in our country gets poorer. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and demand that our governments put the tax burden where it should be: on individuals making six figures in salary and corporations paying a pittance. Leave Social Security alone and raise taxes where need be.

Letter to the Editor

East Lubbock improvements

I would like to commend and address the residents who took a long look at the unpleasant living conditions at East Lubbock's Parkway Village Apartments. Finally someone has taken action by saying enough is enough. As many of us know, this complex served as a haven for young people who wanted to be gang members to play their loud music, smoke and sell their drugs, and many unlawful violations that can be mentioned. A salient minority are laboring to change the name of this complex and the living conditions, and a new client for the betterment of this complex.

I thank God for their efforts because it appears that many of East Lubbock's exalted ministers, civic leaders, and community leaders are not willing to remove themselves from their comfort zones and go to the car washes, apartment complexes and other sectors of East Lubbock where unlawful activities are and can be seen on any warm day of the week.

I don't believe God is happy

that apathetic exalted ministers, civic leaders and community leaders are not involved in an effort to take back our community. We have witnessed a young man being killed at the Parkway Village Apartments, a family murdered at Windcrest Estacado Apartments, a bootlegger was murdered in his home, and a humble and an innocent citizen who sold candy out of her home was murdered.

It appears that East Lubbock has become a sector of

Lubbock endowed with many people who are uninvolved and apathetic to the unpleasant ride of life. Where are the concerned and involved citizens who are glorified praying and preaching ministers, civic leaders and community leaders who are bold in taking on their rightful role in making East Lubbock the type of community that God intended for it to be.

- Maurice Williams, Lubbock

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According to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, macular degeneration affects 10 million Americans and is the leading cause of legal blindness in individuals over the age of 65.

Dr. William Boothe, an ophthalmologist on staff at Covenant Health

System, said the disease is unique in the way it affects vision.

"It is not a black blind," Dr. Boothe said, "it is like your vision is a puzzle and the central pieces are missing."

Some individuals have been known to suffer from hallucinations due to the disease preventing normal nerve impulses from reaching the brain. Those individuals with hallucinations have to be educated and reassured that they are not suffering from a psychotic disorder.

The disease is linked to a genetic trait and tends to affect the elderly Caucasian population. Dr. Boothe also said smoking has been correlated to the disease.

There is currently no cure for AMD, but there

are three methods used to treat it.


Laser Coagulation is the most used method to treat AMD and works by killing the area around the lesion. It slightly worsens the patient's vision, but prevents the lesion from spreading and causing more damage to the eye. The other two methods, Photodynamic Therapy and Macugen injections, are newer methods but also are intended to prevent the disease from worsening and don't improve or help regain lost vision.

The best option available is detecting AMD in its early forms and preventing it from spreading. Recent research shows that the nutrients lutein and zeaxanthin have benefits for eye,

skin and cardiovascular health.

Dr. Boothe said adding these nutrients to your diet is a good idea, but you don't have to give up eating for vitamins. Many fruits and vegetables are high in lutein and zeaxanthin, and adjusting your diet may be easier than taking a vitamin.

"They are found in dark green leafy vegetables, fruit, corn and egg yolks," Dr. Boothe said. "A reasonable amount of supplements is a good idea, but the best thing to do is not smoke."



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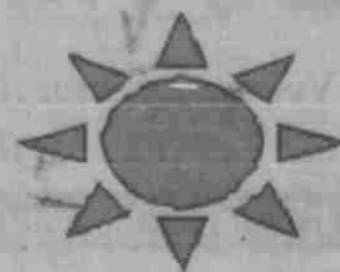
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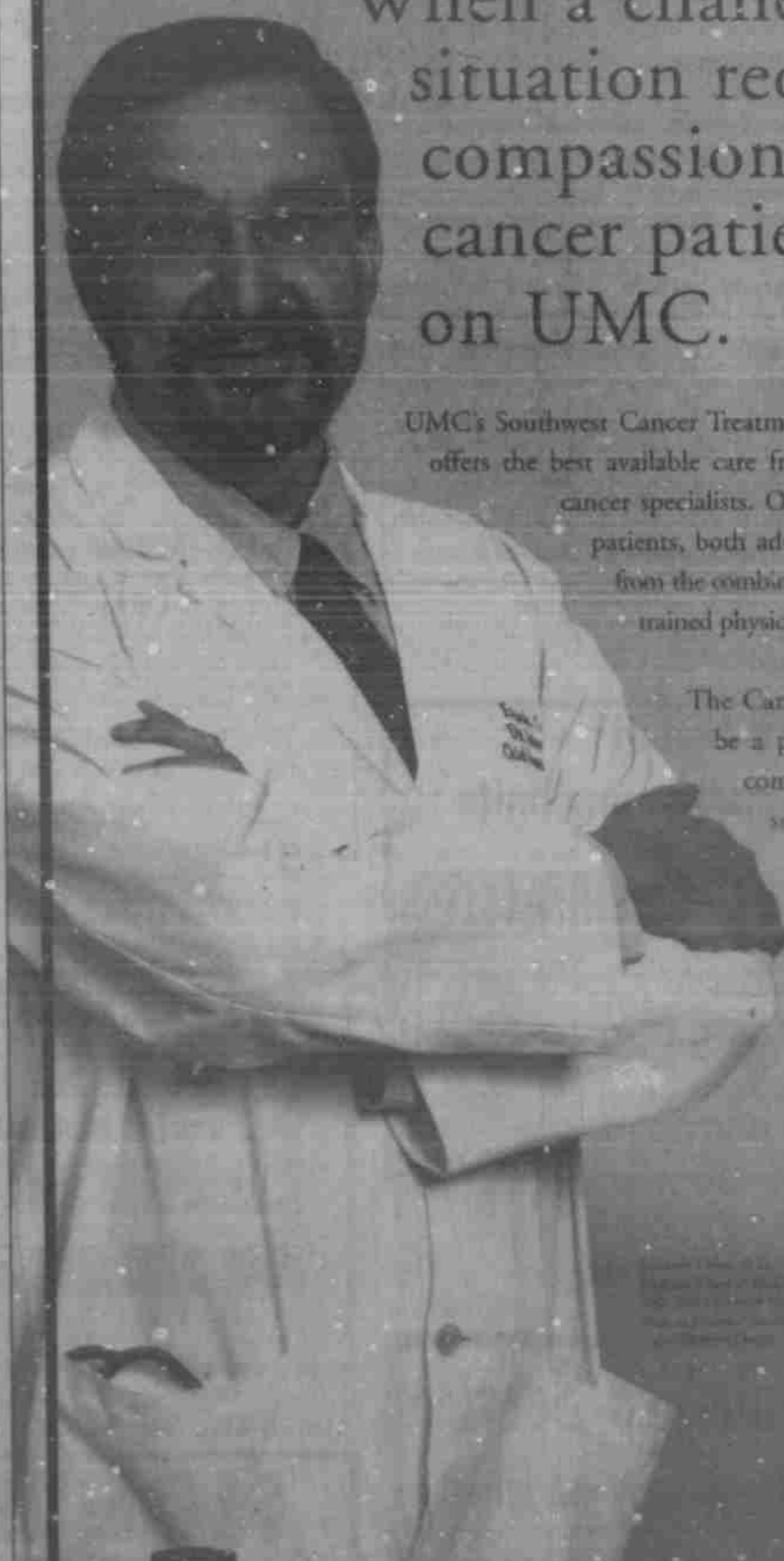
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