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Local News

Do you know how to
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- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm - Mae Simmons Community Center
- Hubb City Kwanzaa meets every Tue-May, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue C
- Druibar 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
- Forgetful West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st-Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St.
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TCU Market Alumni Center
- Druibar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm, 1303 East 23th 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 Intercultural Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday 7:30 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm
- West Texas Chapter of 490 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

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing. You can mail it to:
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Lubbock, Texas 79408
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PETA's 'Kentucky Fried Cruelty' campaign chief appears in Lubbock

PETA's Dan Shannon, accompanied by a giant "chicken" in a wheelchair, brought his headline-grabbing, international "Kentucky Fried Cruelty" Campaign to Lubbock on Wednesday. Shannon appeared to protest the cruel treatment of chickens by KFC's suppliers, including a slaughterhouse in Moorefield, W.Va., where workers were caught kicking, throwing, and stomping live birds in a widely distributed video. The protest took place at a Lubbock KFC on Wednesday, October 6.



As part of the campaign against restaurant giant KFC, PETA distributed the "Bucket of Blood." The container was filled with fake blood, feathers, bones and display material like stickers and stand up signs.

Goliaths has become a way of life for Dan Shannon, PETA's Senior Campaign Coordinator. Within months of pressuring fast-food giant Wendy's to adopt improved standards of animal welfare for the millions of animals killed for its menus, Shannon gained assurances that grocery chain Safeway would implement similar guidelines. Now Shannon has set his sights on KFC, which raises and kills more than 750 million chickens each year, and is waging an international campaign to get the company to eliminate the worst abuses suffered by animals raised for the company's restaurants. The following are among the improvements that PETA wants KFC to implement—all of which have been approved by members of KFC's own animal-welfare advisory panel:

- Replacing crude shackling and throat-slitting with controlled-atmosphere killing
- Stopping the forced rapid growth of chickens, which causes severe crippling
- Providing enhancements, such as simple perches and sheltered areas
- Replacing violent manual catching of chickens with gentler automated systems

lobbying the NBA to follow suit. He has been interviewed about his animal-protection work on MSNBC, Fox News, CNN, and ESPN and has been featured in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and Sports Illustrated.



This sticker was part of the content of the "Bucket of Blood" sent to the Southwest Digest from the animal rights group, PETA.

Gov. Perry Names Jefferson Chief Justice of Texas Supreme Court

SAN ANTONIO - Gov. Rick Perry today appointed Wallace Jefferson as the new Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court. Jefferson, a lifelong resident of San Antonio, was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court in 2001 by Perry and won reelection to the court in 2002.



Jefferson

to not only serve on the court, but to lead it." Jefferson has written 20 signed majority opinions, and has shown courage in dissent when his principled view of the law requires dissent. In addition to authoring five dissenting opinions, Jefferson has written numerous unsigned and concurring opinions. A graduate of James Madison College at Michigan State University and the University of Texas School of Law, he practiced law with Groce, Locke and Hobdon in San Antonio and later helped found Crofts, Callaway & Jefferson. He served as San Antonio Bar Association president and was named Outstanding Young Lawyer by

the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association. "I have chosen Wallace Jefferson because he has demonstrated great scholarship and a keen legal mind time and again," Perry said. "I believe no one is more prepared to lead this court as it renders decisions of extreme importance to a great many Texans." Jefferson is the first African-American to serve as Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court and became the first African-American on the state's highest court when Perry appointed him in 2001.

can know that if they work hard, pursue their dreams, and fulfill their potential, the door of opportunity is open to them, and to future generations, in ways their ancestors never dreamed possible." Perry also paid tribute to former Chief Justice Tom Phillips and commended the work of the justices currently on the court. "There are many leaders on this court who have distinguished themselves for many years, showing a kind of rare legal brilliance that truly sets them apart," Perry said. "So, while the seating chart will change a little bit, it remains a strong bench filled with brilliant scholars who are rendering the kind of justice Texans demand."

Stenholm votes to protect Pledge of Allegiance from activist judges



Stenholm

Washington, D.C. U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) today voted in support of H.R. 2028, the Pledge Protection Act, legislation which would allow states to decide whether the phrase "under God" should remain in our Pledge of Allegiance. H.R. 2028 would require that any court challenges to the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance be heard by state courts rather than federal courts. "As an independent voice for West Texas, I have always believed Americans have freedom of religion, not freedom from religion," Stenholm said. "West Texans are concerned about a runaway judi-

ciary that often rules on cases in a way that is contrary to the accepted beliefs and standards in our communities." The U.S. Supreme Court earlier this year overturned the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional because it contains the phrase "under God." However, the Supreme Court did so on the grounds that the plaintiff a California atheist, lacked the legal standing to bring the case, not addressing the case on its merits. Stenholm said, "The Supreme Court correctly dismissed the challenge, but it effectively side-stepped the larger con-

stitutional question, leaving the door open for future challenge. If Congress enacts the Pledge Protection Act, it would prevent future lawsuits in lower federal courts." "The Pledge of Allegiance, including the words 'under God' is an integral piece of the fabric of American life, and it's routinely recited at the start of the school day and at high school football games in West Texas," Stenholm continued. "So many of the precious documents created by our Founders, as well as our printed and coined money, are liberally sprinkled with references to God, the Creator, Divine Providence and other evidences

of the threads of faith. I believe it is precisely this foundation of faith that has kept our country strong throughout its history." In addition, on October 8, 2002, Stenholm voted to approve S. 2690, which would reaffirm the language of the Pledge of Allegiance, including the phrase "one Nation under God." This legislation also reaffirms the national motto "In God we trust." The U.S. Senate also approved S. 2690, though in a slightly different form, and the President signed it into law in November 2002. The House of Representatives approved H.R. 2028 by a 247 to 173 margin.

Obama says it's time to move beyond 'One Black' syndrome

by Hazel Trice Edney
WASHINGTON (NNPA) - U.S. Senate Candidate Barack Obama, singled out for his exceptional speech at the Democratic National Convention in Boston, says Blacks have moved past the need for a single national leader.

"We're beyond the point where we just have one messiah," Obama says in an NNPA interview during the Congressional Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Conference. "What we need is collective leadership helping to move the ball forward. I think everybody's got a contribution to make."

Walters did not always hold this opinion. He admits he was among the first to question Obama's racial allegiance because of the belief that he had been a member of the Democratic Leadership Committee, a centrist group that works to move the party to the right.

will not blend in there either, but will speak up on issues that affect African-Americans and others. "Some issues cut across all racial lines, like jobs, education, and health care," he says. "But they especially benefit African-Americans, who are disproportionately unemployed, disproportionately lack health care coverage, disproportionately go to sub-standard schools. There are also these specific issues surrounding civil rights, voting rights, and health disparities in areas like AIDS, in which I look forward to being an advocate, not only because I'm African-American but also because it's the right thing to do."

President Bush packing the federal courts with Far Right extremists. "I hope John Kerry is the next president," he says. "I have confidence that his judicial appointments will be sympathetic to civil rights and voting rights and civil liberties. If President Bush got another four years, I think we'd have to be fearful."

The 42-year-old Illinois state senator, former civil rights lawyer and Harvard law school graduate, became a household word after his rousing primetime speech. Some pundits immediately hailed Obama as the "Tiger Woods" of politics and predicted that he will eclipse Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton in popularity. "There are people like myself, who hopefully can work within an

institution like the United States Senate and do important work," he says, rejecting the notion that African-Americans must choose between he, Jackson or Sharpton. "There are going to be other people like Rev. Sharpton, who will be using a different platform. And, I don't think those things are contradictory. Rev. Jackson is a constituent and family friend and he was an important early supporter of my campaign. I continue to draw from the wisdom and knowledge of those who paid enormous sacrifices to help people like myself have the opportunities that I do."

Obama's quick rise outside his home state has caused political observers to scrutinize him closely. "The rap in Chicago was that he was not Black enough. And so, that's still going to be a lingering question," says University of Maryland Political Scientist Ronald Walters. "But his legislative record tells you that he has been good on progressive legislation. He seems to be a liberal. He seems to have really taken some time to deal with urban issues."

Obama explains, "I try not to label myself as any particular kind of legislator. I like to have flexibility to make judgment calls about what I think is best for my voters."

Everybody's got a voice that they contribute."

If you find mistakes in this publication, please remind yourself that we are all human. We publish something for everyone and we don't always get it right. Some people are always looking for mistakes instead of looking at their own lives.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Clarissa Jay

The pastor, Rev. Danny Poe, and members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, are working hard to be very good host and hostess for the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church October 25 thru 30, 2004. One of their special events will be a Soiree for the Episcopal Supervisor of Missions, Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram, wife of Presiding Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, at the Bobbie Geary and T. J. Patterson Library on Saturday evening, October 23, 2004, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

The Young People Department of the Tenth Episcopal District of the Africa, Methodist Episcopal Church will be meeting at Bethel AME Church on Saturday, October 23, 2004.

A Musical Concert will be held at the Devine Love Baptist Church, 3301 East Parkway Drive, Saturday evening, October 9, 2004, beginning at 7:00 p. m. The concert will feature the Tate 6 & Family. Special guest will include the Devine Love Baptist Church Choir, Agape Church Choir, Faith Deliverance Church Choir, Soul Seekers, Agape Praise Dancers, LeCena Collins and Gary Buntan. The public is invited.

Special congratulations to the new grand parents in the 2300 and 2400 block of Globe Avenue. Great-grandparents are Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Scott, Sr, whose grandson and wife, Rochelle and Ulric Roberson of Houston, Texas, became parents of a girl, Kamaria Skye Roberson, born Wednesday, September 29, 2004. Grandparents are Linda and Fred Roberson of Tomball, Texas.

The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Toler, whose daughter and son-in-law, Rowanda and Reginald Kerr of Houston, Texas, became parents of a girl, Renessa Kerr, born Wednesday, September 22, 2004.

Both newly born are reported to be doing nicely at this report.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in in the community. There are many who we might not know about, but still for God's blessings to all of them. Among those ill at this report is Sister Ora Jean Keys, a longtime resident of our community.

R. S. White Stevens, III, would like to thank those who prayed for him during his illness. God is good. Continue to pray for him, he asked.

The 15th Pastor and Family Appreciation Service for Rev. and Sister B. R. Moton of New Hope

Baptist Church will be held Sunday afternoon, November 7, 2004, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

"God's Messengers In Song" will be held Friday night, October 8, 2004, at 7:00 p. m. at New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue. Special guests include: Sister Shirley Davis, Lyons Chapel Baptist Church; Pastor Raymond Foster of Levelland, Texas; Pastor Norman Garrett, Faith First Baptist Church; Minister Cercelle McCutcheon and Minister Cheryl Martin, both of New Hope Baptist Church; Rev. Homer Avery and Group, First Progressive Baptist Church; and Rev. Charles Wilson of New Hope Baptist Church.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, October 3, 2004, at New Hope Baptist Church, the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

The morning scripture was read by Rev. Cheryl Martin, and Rev. Charles Wilson offered the morning prayer. After several selections by the New Hope Choir, Pastor Moton delivered the sermon of the morning. His subject was "Set For Life, But What About The morning announcements were read by Sister Winnie Jackson. Sister Joan Ervin welcomed visitors.

In Remembrance

Tressie Averyhart

A former Plainview, Texas resident, Mrs. Tressie Averyhart passed away here at Covenant Medical Center Lakeside on Wednesday, September 29, 2004.

Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon, October 2, 2004, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Plainview.



Burial was held in Olton Cemetery in Olton, Texas under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Rev. Eddie Earl Burgess

Funeral services for Rev. Eddie Earl Burgess were held last Saturday afternoon, October 2, 2004, at Marlin Missionary Baptist Church in Marlin, Texas with Rev. Louder officiating.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Paul's Funeral Home of Marlin.

He passed away Monday, September 27, 2004, in Temple, Texas, after battling a long illness.

He was born August 4, 1956 to L. D. and Lillie Burgess in Kossie, Texas, where he was raised.

As an adult, he moved to Lubbock, Texas where he gave his life to Christ and began ministering.

He is survived by his wife, Janice of Kossie, Texas; three sons: Eddie, Jr. and Ats-won, both of Austin, Texas, and Michael of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, Lashell of Austin, Texas; father and step-mother, L.D. and Letha of Lubbock, Texas; four brothers: Eric of Kossie, Texas, Darrell, Gerald and Larry, all of Lubbock, Texas; five sisters: Vivian of Mexia, Texas, Onnie, Angie and Lyn, all of Lubbock, Texas and Vanessa of Groesbeck, Texas; five grandchildren,

and a host of nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his

mother, Lillie Mae Burgess, and a

grandchild.

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—Jerry Falwell, *The New York Times*, July 16, 2004

"I think George Bush is going to win in a walk. I really believe I'm hearing from the Lord it's going to be like a blowout election in 2004. The Lord has just blessed him... It doesn't make any difference what he does, good or bad..."

—Pat Robertson, *AP/Fox News*, January 2, 2004

We are not single-issue voters.

We believe that poverty-caring for the poor and vulnerable is a religious issue. Do the candidates' policies promise "ways of choice" or respect international law and cooperation in responding to such global issues? (Matthew 25:35-40, Isaiah 10:1-2)

We believe that war—and our call to be peacemakers—is a religious issue. Do the candidates' policies protect the creation or serve corporate interests that damage it? (Genesis 2:15, Psalm 54:1)

We believe that human rights-respecting the image of God in every person—is a religious issue. How do the candidates propose to change the attitudes and policies that led to the abuse and torture of legal prisoners? (Genesis 1:27)

We believe that our response to terrorism is a religious issue. Do the candidates support the dangerous language of religious bigotry in the war on terrorism and endorse the role of God, church, and nation? Do the candidates see evil only in our enemies but never in our own policies? (Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 8:12-13)

We believe that a consistent ethic of human life is a religious issue. Do the candidates promise an abortion, capital punishment, embryonic research or mass destruction, HIV/AIDS—and other policies—and provide around the world obey the biblical injunction to *Love thy Neighbor*? (Deuteronomy 30:15)

To sign this petition and make your voice heard, go to www.lakelakeoutreach.org

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- Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening YPWW - 6:00 pm
- Tuesday Young Adult Study - 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- Thursday Praise Team & Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm

Bus ministry available.
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May the God of hope fill you with a joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15: 13



Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The Sugarland Express: Tom DeLay

A sense of ecstasy feels my being when I read Burle Pettit commentary in Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, October 3, 2004. Pettit is editor emeritus of The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. Pettit's commentary entitled "Redistricting will bring another casualty to West Texas" mirrored what I have been trying to convey since the "Sugarland Express" - Tom DeLay (House Majority Leader of U. S. Representatives) started a partisan assault to elect more Republicans. What I have stated during this period of conflict is West Texas will be best served with two U. S. Representatives rather than one. I have painted the picture time and time again that DeLay's interest is personal gain. The boys in the quagmire of neo-conservatism south of Lubbock that bow at his feet, interest lies in Oil and Gas and not in agriculture. Allow me to quote Pettit. "I wound up rekindling the fire I harbored for Tom DeLay ... not for what the Speaker did to us, but rather: what he's making us do to ourselves.

Stenholm and Neugebauer each bring to the table something special that has naught to do with political philosophy or even the mechanics of its application. I find myself, agreeing with both in some matters, disagreeing with them on others. But both of them have a couple of common ingredients that came not from their experiences in public service but on their very upbringing. Either would serve well the people they are vying against each other to represent. In truth, West Texas needs them both in Congress. But, thanks to DeLay, a Texan who in my opinion values partisanship above purpose, we have to send one of them back home." Again I need to remind the people of West Texas and Lubbock in particular, "I told you so," about the political tactics of Tom DeLay and the seamy side of Staples from Palestine, Dewhurst of Midland, Governor Perry, and other sleazy "Tom, Dick and Harry." The issue with this writer has not been with whether or not one was Republican or Democrat, but what would affect

the livelihood of West Texas. Tom DeLay makes others look at Republicans in Texas through "colored glass." Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said that Republicans illegally manipulated the Texas redistricting process to keep a majority in Congress. "They resorted to criminal activity in order to affect the election of a Legislature that would redraw lines that had already been drawn for this decade" - "It gave a criminal basis to the representation in Texas, rather than a legitimate basis to it." Whether Pelosi is right or wrong, the redistricting process will have great and long-lasting effects on the people of West Texas. The arm twisting and heavy-handed attempts by DeLay on fellow Republican to do his bidding tell you something of the man's character. The indictments and the ethics report rebuking DeLay should be a wake-up call to the people of West Texas to not let the disingenuous behavior of "Slick-Willy's" make you a sitting duck. Mind your p's and q's.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"Prayer"

Father, forgive us of our sins, heal our land, and help us love all mankind-help this country to restore kindness. We join together in prayer for those in high places who govern our land. Please give them divine protection.

Father we pray for those on local level medical staff, news media, fire fighters, policemen, rescue workers, pastors, evangelist, and the whole Family of God. Give them the strength to step out on faith, nothing wavering. We pray for our communities, and our children who are walking in the streets with their pants hanging. Shield them with divine protection, until they realize all of your creation has a purpose on this earth. Touch the hearts of parents all over the world that they walk Godly before their children and the

world. Unite all believers with a mighty power to come against evil that's in your world. Protect us from every deadly and evil thing the enemy would use to cause harm. Confirm your word among the Christian community, and show the world you are the true and living God. Give our ministers and missionaries divine favor and protection. Warn them of any impending dangers and direct their steps. Allow your servants to rule in the midsts of their adversaries for the sake of the Gospel. Thank you for the victory, Lord! And pour your Holy Spirit out in this world, and in the hearts of your people, and they will yield a mighty harvest for your Glory. Thank you, Lord! It's all about you. In your name we pray. Amen.

Thought For The Week:

"People have forgotten kindness. Think about it. Dear People, you don't have to be brilliant. Just do all you possibly can to love humanity. It's important to stop today being negative. It's easier to be positive. You can sleep without extra help. You relieve yourself of so much pain. See some good in all of creation, especially those made in the image and the likeness of God. We love you, Lubbock!"

If you feel the need to pray with someone or have someone pray with you, come by or write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, 2132 East 30th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79404.

The monthly meeting report will appear next week.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services begun last Sunday morning, October 3, 2004, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, with Sunday School. Sister Luella Harris, superintendent, was at her post of duty.

The morning lesson was taught by Minister Nina Davis. The lesson was reviewed by Rev. Edward Canady, pastor.

The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a. m. The morning devotions were conducted by

Sister George A. Hereford and Sister Annie Onasanya.

The Senior Choir of St. Matthew Baptist Church sung out of their hearts. What a time all had singing God's praises!

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His scripture text was St. Luke 7:19-20. His subject was: "Are You The One?" This was a very interesting question to be answered by all.

Again, all in attendance were

blessed by the message, and were fed with some spiritual food.

The General Church will sponsor a "Fish Fry" on Saturday, October 9, 2004 in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 11:30 a. m. Come by and purchase some good fish, or call for delivery: 744-7154. Also, a bake sale will be held the same day.

Thought For The Week: "The world is watching us — do they see Jesus."

City-Wide Ushers urged to bring canned goods for the hungry during the upcoming holiday season

The members of the City Wide Ushers will meet at Rising Star Baptist Church, 2420 East Cornell Avenue, where Rev. H. Culver is pastor, on Saturday, October 9, 2004, beginning at 5:00 p. m.

Ushers are reminded that this is the last month before the Thanksgiving Day holiday. It is important that we bring enough non-perishable canned goods for the gift baskets we present to those who are hungry. We do not want anyone to go hungry during the holiday season. Love is no good unless we give it away. So let's share with those in need.

We are extending an invitation for those of you who would like to become a part of our group to come and join us Saturday

evening. We welcome you.

If you are not an usher and want to become one, we will help you. If you belong to God, you can be his door keeper.

So come, and you will be glad you came and we will enjoy having

you! We want to thank all of you who took part in our Breakfast last month at Eyons Chapel Baptist Church. What a time we had!

Sister Sarah Bunton, president, and Sister Minnie Darthard, reporter.



We Thank God for Jesus

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

REVELATION 2:7a JESUS SAID, HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES. WITH THE WORLD DYING AROUND US, AND WE CAN SEE THE SIGNS OF TIME, THE TIME FOR THE LORD'S RETURN IS NEAR! PEOPLE ARE OUT OF THEIR MINDS. ISAIAH 1:4a, AH SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INQUITY, A SEED OF EVILDOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS. THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD.

THE PREACHERS ARE PLAYING CHURCH, AND SOULS IS NOT THEIR CONCERN, HE IS PLAYING WITH SOULS, AND THE MONEY IS HIS BIGGEST CONCERN!!! MATTHEW 23:19, JESUS SAID, GO YE THEREFORE, AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. THE PREACHERS ARE PLEASING THE PEOPLE, NOT SPEAKING AGAINST SIN, HE ONLY WANTS THE TITHES AND OFFERING, EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT BORN AGAIN.

LUKE 12:54-56, JESUS SAID, WHEN YOU SEE A CLOUD RISE OUT OF THE WEST, STRAIGHTWAY YOU SAY, THERE COMES A SHOWER, AND SO IT IS, AND WHEN YOU SEE THE SOUTH

WIND BLOW, YOU SAY, THERE WILL BE RAIN, AND LO, COMETH PAST, YOU HYPOCRITES, YOU CAN DISCERN THE FACE OF THE SKY AND OF THE EARTH, BUT HOW IS IT THAT YOU DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME.

THE PREACHERS HAVE HYPOCRITES, HOLDING POSITIONS IN THE CHURCH, AND HE KNOW THAT IT IS NOT RIGHT, AND THE WHOLE CHURCH IS HURT.

MALACHI 1:6a, THE LORD SAID, A SON HONORETH HIS FATHER, A SERVANT HIS MASTER, IF THEN I BE A FATHER, WHERE IS MINE HONOUR? AND IF I BE A MASTER, WHERE IS MY FEAR? SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS UNTO YOU, PRIESTS (PREACHER) THAT DESPISE MY NAME.

WILL THE PREACHERS ROB GOD???

PREACHERS WANT TO HAVE BIG CHURCHES, AND DON'T CARE HOW IT COMES, THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE WAYS OF GOD, OF HIS FEAR, THEY HAVE NONE!!

ISAIAH 55:8, THE LORD SAID, FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOURS THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS.

(HERE IS WISDOM, PREACHERS: IF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WAS COMING TO YOUR CHURCH, AND SAID, IF ANYBODY IS HOLDING AN OFFICE THAT IS NOT PROFESSING TO BE SAVED, AND SAID, HE WOULD TAKE THE CHURCHES TAX EXEMPT RIGHTS, AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO START PAYING TAXES!!! NOW HE SAID HE WILL BE COMING THIS SUNDAY, WOULD THAT PERSON BE IN THAT POSITION? HELL NO, BECAUSE YOU FEAR THE PRESIDENT!!! AND YOU LOVE THE MONEY.

LUKE 20:25, JESUS SAID, RENDER (GIVE) THEREFORE UNTO CAESAR THE THINGS WHICH BE CAESAR'S, AND UNTO GOD THE THINGS WHICH BE GOD'S.

SOME PREACHERS ARE LIKE SAMSON, PLAYING WITH THE WITH SINFUL MAN, THEY KNOW GOD'S LAW, DEATH IS THE WAGES, FOR ALL MAN'S SINS.

LUKE 16:13, JESUS SAID, NO SERVANT CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS: FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE, AND LOVE THE OTHER; ELSE HE WILL HOLD TO THE ONE, AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON (MONEY).

23rd anniversary celebration planned for Rev. and Mrs. J.H. Ford



The public and friends of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church are invited to come and dine and fellowship in the celebration of their Pastor and Wife's 23rd Banquet and Appreciation Service, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Ford.

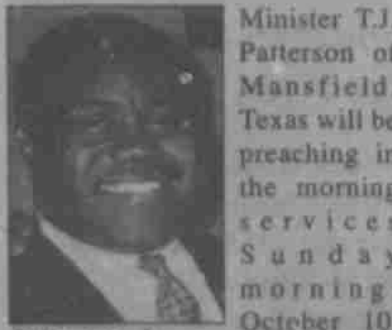
The festivities will kick off Saturday evening, October 9, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. with a divine Banquet Service at the Lubbock Country Club, 3400 Mesa Road, in Lubbock. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, and

all are welcome.

The celebration continues Sunday afternoon, October 10, 2004, at 3:00 p. m. at the Greater St. Luke HSH Missionary Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street. The theme for this blessed occasion is: "Servant of God-Standing on the Promises of God," Joshua 1:5-7.

Guest speaker is Rev. D. Hill, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas.

Patterson, Jr. to preach on Sunday at First Progressive Baptist



First Progressive Baptist Church, 4203 East 63rd Street. Services begin at 11:00 a. m., and Rev. Homer Avery is pastor.

A graduate of Dunbar High School and former member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, he graduated from North Texas State University in Denton, Texas

and the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas. At present time, Minister Patterson is a Senior Assistant Attorney for the City of Fort Worth, Texas.

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Sickle cell disease awareness stamp to be issued by the U.S. postal service

ATLANTA, GA- To raise awareness, encourage early testing, treatment, and focus attention on finding a cure, the U.S. Postal Service will issue the 37-cent Sickle Cell Disease Awareness postage stamp on Sept. 29 in Atlanta at the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America's (SCDAA) 32nd Annual Convention.

The first-day-of-issue dedication ceremony, free and open to the public, will take place at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel, 2450 Galleria Parkway.

Affecting one in 12 African Americans, sickle cell disease damages blood cells by changing smooth and round cells into sickle shapes and making them hard and sticky. This results in the blocking of blood flow and damage to organs. Complications range from intense pain to stroke or death.

Atlanta, as host city to the event, holds the unique distinction of being the only city in the nation where the stamp will be available on Wednesday, Sept. 29. The stamp will be available at Post Offices and Philatelic Centers nationwide on Thursday, Sept. 30.

"The Sickle Cell Disease Awareness stamp brings a greater understanding of the seriousness of sickle cell disease and the thousands of lives it affects, most of whom are African Americans," said Henry Pankey, vice president, Emergency Preparedness, U.S. Postal Service.

"This stamp is part of the Postal Service's 2004 stamp program, a program that celebrates the lives of people who go through life with sickle cell disease. To have this kind of awareness will hopefully encourage people who have not been tested to get the test and to inspire others to become educated about what sickle cell disease is and what it is not," said Tionne "T-B o z" Watkins, Sickle Cell Disease Patient and Celebrity Spokesperson.

"The stamp will inspire hope in thousands of patients and their families throughout the world that eliminating this disease is important enough to gain the support of the United States Postal Service in helping us continue our mission toward better treatment and eventually a universal cure," she added.

Stamp illustrator and designer James Gurney of Rhinebeck, NY, created a tender image of a mother holding her baby for the Sickle Cell Disease Awareness commemorative stamp. Featuring the inscription "Test

Early for Sickle Cell," the design conveys the importance of early testing. Gurney, best known for his highly acclaimed "Dinotopia" books, created fifteen U.S. postage stamps for the 1997 World of Dinosaurs commemorative pane.

It is estimated that more than 80,000 Americans have sickle cell disease and more than two million Americans have the sickle cell trait, meaning they carry one copy of the gene for the disease. There is presently no universal cure for sickle cell disease, though many patients, given proper treatment, can lead fairly normal lives into their 40s and beyond. Researchers continue to look for a cure and for new, more effective treatments.

Sickle cell disease is common throughout the world, and people of all races should be screened to determine if they are carriers of the inherited sickle cell trait or if they have the disease. A simple and painless blood test is all that is needed.

Although "sickle cell disease" and "sickle cell anemia" are sometimes used interchangeably, the general term, "sickle cell disease," refers to a group of inherited disorders that affect the red blood cells. Persons are usually diagnosed with the disease when they are newborns, though the disease can also be diagnosed in a fetus in an early stage of pregnancy.

Sickle cell disease is caused by an inherited form of hemoglobin, a protein that enables red blood cells to carry oxygen from the lungs, via the bloodstream, to all parts of the body. Red blood cells with normal hemoglobin are smooth and round, and glide easily through blood vessels. In the bodies of people with sickle cell disease, after the carrier cells release oxygen they assume a curved or "sickle" shape and become hard and sticky, blocking blood flow and causing damage to organs. Other complications include episodes of intense pain, swelling, fatigue, jaundice, stroke and anemia.

Treatments for sickle cell disease include antibiotic therapy, supplemental oxygen, transfusions and bone marrow transplantation, a technique more successful in younger people. The drug hydroxyurea has been found to reduce the principal symptoms of sickle cell disease, apparently by activating a gene that triggers the body's production of fetal hemoglobin.

To see the Sickle Cell Disease Awareness stamp and other images from the 2004 Commemorative Stamp Program, visit the Postal Store at www.usps.com/shop and click on "Release Schedule" in the Collector's Corner.

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News and Announcements

New Light Baptist hosts local guests

The Rev. Danny Poe and the Male Chorus of Bethel A.M.E. Church will be our guests on Sunday October 10, 2004. The 3 p.m. program will be sponsored by the New Light Baptist Church Choir.

Muggle Mondays at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, is pleased to announce a new program for Harry Potter fans in middle

school and up. Muggles and wizards alike are invited to attend a monthly meeting to discuss the Harry Potter books, movies and websites.

The first meeting will be on Monday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. Meetings will be held the first Monday of each month. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 792-6566.

Free skin cancer screening October 9

Most Americans still don't know about the warning signs of one of the most common types of

skin cancer. Caused by cumulative sun exposure, actinic keratosis (AK) is very common - affecting as many as 10 million Americans - more than all skin cancers combined.

That's why medical residents from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Department of Dermatology will conduct a free skin cancer screening (on exposed parts of the body only) on Saturday, October 9, 10am - 4pm, at the Home Depot (5801 West Loop 289, Lubbock, TX). In addition to the screening, visitors will receive free educational information about AKs and skin cancer.



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M.D. Anderson Children's Art Project - it's a virtual Santa's workshop this time of year

HOUSTON - The offices of the Children's Art Project at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center are a hive of activity - Santa's helpers busily sorting, assembling and filling orders that will make wishes come true for boys and girls at M.D. Anderson.

For more than 30 years, the Children's Art Project (CAP) has featured the artwork of pediatric cancer patients on greeting cards and gifts to help fund programs at M.D. Anderson that make life more normal for children with cancer. This almost \$7 million dollar, year-round business has returned more than \$18.5 million to fund patient-focused programs such as the in-hospital education program, the Child Life program, two summer camps, college scholarships, pediatric activities and many other programs at M.D. Anderson. CAP builds on the talent of the young patients at the cancer center, creating three different product lines each year.

This season, Santa's bag will be full - sterling silver jewelry, silk ties and scarves, tote bags, umbrellas and even list pads to help every Santa make certain that no one's forgotten. Seasonal cards sporting snowmen, wreaths, ornaments, holiday trees, angels, doves and even Santa himself come packaged ready to send to friends and family. From whimsical to religious, there are traditional greetings to suit every taste - and many of the designs are seen or other gift items in the product line.

New this year is an item that has been requested by customers for many years - gift wrap. The popular "Santa Angel" design flies over a blue background and there are complementary stick-on gift labels.

Also new this year is a photo card (15 cards, \$12) that is compatible for printing on a home computer. Packaged flat, the card will feed smoothly through the printer, allowing the sender to print a photo or message on the card.

Christopher Radko has again



Pictured here are Christmas ornaments from M.D. Anderson's Children's Art Project.

collaborated with the Children's Art Project, producing three new ornaments, the "Ruffled Heart," "Santa Angel" and "Sarah's Angel." The "Gift Heart," "Cow Pig" and "Groovy Hearts" ornaments are still available for sale. These collector's items are painted inside with sterling silver to enhance their vibrant colors. A special Radko signature tag is attached and the ornament is packaged in a signature box for safe-keeping after the decorating season - although these ornaments are perfect to display all year long. The ornaments sell for \$40.

"The Children's Art Project expands its product line and its purpose every year," says Shannan Murray, project executive director. "This year we are delighted to fund an exciting new rehabilitative therapy program called WAGS (Welcoming Animals to Give Support) in addition to the education, child life and many other programs CAP supports. The children who are treated here are able to have a more normal childhood because of these great programs."

All of the charming products in the Holiday 2004 Collection are developed from the artwork of young patients at M.D. Anderson and all proceeds from their sale are returned to the cancer center. Children's Art Project products are available at retail outlets throughout the country, online and through direct mail. For a free catalogue or to place an order, call 1-800-231-1580 or visit www.childrensart.org.

Honey in the Beebo

Author Blaine's History, Plight of Southern Blacks in New Novel

ATLANTA, Texas - Not long ago, segregation and Jim Crow laws ruled the American South and murderous racism resulted in the deaths of countless innocent African-Americans. The new novel, Honey in the Beebo (now available through AuthorHouse), is author William B. Clayton's literary reminder to never forget the hatred that transpired and the lives so carelessly lost to bigotry.

Set in a rural farming community in Mississippi during the Great Depression, Honey in the Beebo recounts a tale of good and evil based on people and events from Clayton's childhood. The book follows the story of Moses Blue, a black sharecropper, and his employer, Henry Trotter, a white landowner and community leader. Although the times keep these men separate, tragedy causes them to strike up an enduring friendship that sees beyond skin color and look for justice.

Honey in the Beebo



The trouble centers on Moses' grandson, Pookey Blue, a giant man with the mind of a child. When Lonnie Mapes, a devious, young black man from Detroit, murders a white woman, he frames Pookey for the crime. The angry lynch mob is merciless when they catch Pookey and set him ablaze in the woods. Moses, distraught over the loss of the grandson he and his wife, Hattie, raised from birth, is determined to discover the truth. With Henry's support, he seethes for justice in the hopes of clearing Pookey's name and putting away the killers. However, the town is held together by a tight-lipped network of men led by Carson Adkins, a bootlegger who lives by his own rules, and Martin Benbow, a cowardly but ruthless county constable. Clayton examines the various lives of the characters and how murder, prejudice and the Depression affected them.

Honey in the Beebo is an important novel that remembers the atrocities and degradation that were once commonplace in the not-so-distant past.

Originally written more than 30 years ago, Honey in the Beebo, Clayton's first novel, was meant to preserve a legacy for his children and grandchildren. AuthorHouse is the world leader in publishing and print-on-demand services. Founded in 1997, AuthorHouse has helped more than 20,000 people worldwide become published authors. For more information, visit www.authorhouse.com.

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In Cinque

by Reneita Howard



"Love is a Many Splendored Thing". That was a popular song and the title to a movie about fifty years ago. The song can still be heard on the radio today as well as the background music for some television commercials. Some people even say that "love makes the world go around." These statements are basically rhetoric. "Love will keep us together," but love cannot feed, clothe and shelter us, alone. These are the things that parents are responsible for doing for their families.

Parents; what is wrong with parents? Parents are what is wrong with families. Families today, that are families, are basically families with one parent. Every child under the sun was conceived by two parents. That means that one parent is somewhere else, doing some-

thing else, other than contributing to the well-being of his family, unless he is deceased. Even then, deceased parents who have really been there for their families, worked to support them, usually have resources available to their families after death. On the other hand, many parents are in jail. Too often the incarceration is a result of taking a shortcut from the responsibilities of a family due to bad planning before the family came into being.

Believe it or not; families need a solid foundation to exist. It needs a social and financial plan for its sustentation. If there is a workable plan, love will keep it together! About the only plan that most young people make today is a wedding plan; a big splash at some church with all of their friends and relatives, where they make vows to each other; the traditional Christian vows or some that they make up themselves about their love for each other; undying love, unconditional love and pledge to keep these vows until death do they part. Normally, some-

ordained minister will perform the ceremony. Thousands of dollars are spent on the wedding and a honeymoon in some quaint remote place. When they return to their homes, it is often a small apartment. When they miss the first month's rent, some of the love comes up missing, too. For some couples, the family got started at the honeymoon whereas others had their own children as flower girls and ring bearers at the wedding ceremony. There are couples however, who have civil ceremonies with a couple of witnesses at the court house or at home.

Many of the civil ceremony couples have made a plan to establish a home of their own with some guidelines for raising children and taking care of family responsibilities. Instead of the big expensive wedding and honeymoon, they use that money to make a down-payment on a home in which they can rear children. We need to get "in cinque" and establish more practical means for approaching family life.

THIS N' THAT

PARENTS, LET'S GET BEHIND ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL! THIS N' THAT ... was not happy with the report of the problem at our own ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL and we know this can be corrected. That is ... if those parents of those who miss the various ... TESTS ... would be present to take the test. This brings about a concern that we have PARENTS who are making their YOUNG PEOPLE attend school. So it appears as though this is a PARENT PROBLEM ... one apparently in which parents are not being parents ... and therefore ... the school suffers. Surely this can be corrected. As we see it, SUPERINTENDENT WAYNE HAVENS wants to do all he can to FIX THIS PROBLEM and this is good but we need ... PARENTS to stand up and what they must do to see that their young people are attending site: school. PARENTS, LET'S GET BEHIND ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL! Just think will happen ... if this would happen. There's no telling how STRONG Estacado High School would become. Remember ... PRESTIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS help develop communities and with plans on the table for NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK. We don't need to go backward, we need to move forward. Come on ... PARENTS ... let's make this happen. THIS N' THAT knows this can happen! Will you help? Hope so!

ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL GRADS CAN HELP! THIS N' THAT would hope those of you who have graduated from ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL would do all you can to help our high school ... as there are many of you who reside in Lubbock, and you are making plans for a ... HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASS REUNION next year. Do what you can ... and the outcome will be great! NEED TO VISIT ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL! THIS N'

THAT would hope there are those in the community who will take time to visit ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL OR any of our public schools. Go by and see what you can do. If you do not have any children attending, still go by and let the officials of the school know you care and are willing to help anyway you can...

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "EDUCATION IS A MOUNTAIN and our young people need to CLIMB IT!"

ESTACADO MATADORS, YOU'RE STILL IMPROVING! THIS N' THAT wants the ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS to know that you are ... IMPROVING and you still have an opportunity to win DISTRICT ... that is ... if you keep your mind focused on the prize. Just continue to hang in there and if you just CLAY as a team the outcome will be outstanding... Hang in there MATADORS!!

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS DOING GOOD JOB! THIS N' THAT was looking at some information about a program called COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS and learned that this program is on NINE CAMPUSES and four of those campuses are ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL, CAVAZOS JUNIOR HIGH, DUNBAR JUNIOR HIGH, AND ALDERSON ACADEMY. In looking at the 2002-2003 school year 99.20% of young people in this program

stayed in school and 78% of these students had a very positive improvement and 90.7% of these students graduated from high school. These are good numbers ... and this is a dedicated program helping our children from elementary school to high school.

HOPE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE! THIS N' THAT heped those of you who were not a QUALIFIED REGISTERED VOTER did become one before the deadline. Now if you are REGISTERED TO VOTE please make plans to vote in the upcoming GENERAL ELECTION when the next PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA will be elected.

Hope you will vote... Too many people have died so you and I have an opportunity to VOTE!

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Think About It!

It's a busy time: Think, look, listen, analyse & act!

by Eddie P. Richardson

There is no doubt about it, it's a very busy time of the year. We must think, look, listen, analyse and act! We have some very important issues and elections shortly on hand. These major elections include the election of the President of the United States of America, a congressman from this area and as well as state and county officers. They are all very important. Please research, study, analyse the issues and the candidates. Most of all, VOTE! Make sure you think about who and what is in the best interest of the people for the good of all people.

The most important issue facing us and the whole world is the upcoming Presidential election. This one deserves a lot of thought, especially at the level of world situation. We are in a crisis, and everything appears to be out of posture. What we do in the United States of America will affect the whole world. The question is: "Who can best manage it? George W. Bush or John Kerry?"

The U. S. Congressional race presents District 19 incumbent

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Blacks half as likely to get prostate test

With same health insurance, PSA tests still elude high-risk men

By Sid Kirchheimer
WebMD Medical News

Sept. 27, 2004 — Black men are twice as likely as whites to die from prostate cancer, but according to a new study, they are only half as likely to be screened for it.

Financial status and social status get some of the blame, say researchers at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. After analyzing medical records of some 67,000 men aged 65 and older, they find that those living in poverty were 67% less likely to have undergone PSA testing, and those living near poverty were 31% less likely.

"Poverty has a huge impact on the differences in screening rates,

but it's not the only factor," says medical oncologist Timothy Gilligan, MD, who led the study, published in this week's Archives of Internal Medicine.

"It's got to be at the level of patient behaviors and doctor behavior," he tells WebMD.

Same Coverage

In his study, Gilligan and colleagues reviewed the records of 33,500 men who had routine PSA screenings over a two-year period and compared them with 33,800 others who did not. All were Medicare patients, so they had the same health insurance coverage. About 6% of all the men were black.

Yet despite the same insurance

and access to health care, Gilligan's team found that black men were half as likely to have the primary test to screen for prostate cancer. This blood test, called PSA, is used to help detect prostate cancer.

PSA tests are advised yearly beginning at age 50 for most healthy men but age 45 for black men, who are 60% more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer and twice as likely to die from it, according to the American Cancer Society.

Disparities in Other Conditions

Gilligan's study is the latest to show racial disparities in PSA screening. Previous research has shown that blacks are 25% less

likely to get other routine screening test as well.

"There is abundant evidence in other diseases that the health care provided to blacks is different from health care provided to whites — with kidney disease, heart disease, lung cancer, and other conditions," he says.

"I'm not surprised by our findings, but it was important to document because my interest is in trying to determine what we can do to lower the black mortality rate from prostate cancer. One idea is if we screened them the same way we screen other people, we could do that. But what we've shown is we're not screening them at the same rate."

Why?

He cites patient behaviors for some of the reason: "Black men may be making different decisions based on the same advice. Or they may be given different advice or seeing different sorts of doctors. It's easy to say it's racism, but I think it's more complicated than that. There are issues of trust with the medical system."

Still, he also notes there is evidence that doctors are making different decisions based on skin color. "It hasn't been proven, but there is evidence black patients are treated differently than whites."

Get Screening Message Out

The bottom-line message: "More efforts need to be made to

get the message out in the black community of the importance of screening tests," says M. Suzanne Stratton, PhD, co-director of the Prostate Cancer Prevention Program at Arizona Cancer Center in Tucson. "We're dealing with a much higher risk in that population."

Stratton, who was not involved in Gilligan's research but wrote an accompanying editorial to it, tells WebMD she was not surprised by his findings.

"I don't think anyone was surprised, but it's important to continue to try to get the message out. There seems to be a genetic difference that makes African-American men more susceptible to prostate cancer."

50 best colleges for African-Americans announced

ATLANTA, Sept. 16 /PRNewswire/ — BLACK ENTERPRISE today announced its 2004 list of the 50 Best Colleges & Universities for African Americans. The BE Top Colleges report, which debuted in January 1999, was developed in collaboration with Thomas A. LaVeist, Ph.D., author of the DayStar Guide to Colleges for African Americans and professor of health policy, management, and sociology at Johns Hopkins University. Of the 10 highest ranking schools for 2004, historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) hold five of the top 10 positions; seven of the top 10 are located in the South; and nine of the top 10 are private institutions.

Attaining the No. 1 rank is Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga. Morehouse is the nation's largest private liberal arts institution for African American men. The college previously achieved the top spot in 2002 and 2001. "We could not be more proud of this honor, nor more committed to continuing our historic mission," said Dr. Walter E. Massey, president of Morehouse College. "For more than 137 years, Morehouse has enjoyed a reputation for academic excellence, which has produced some of the nation's most

outstanding leaders. We are proud to aim even higher as we move into the 21st century." Closely following Morehouse is No. 2 ranked Spelman College in Atlanta. Both Spelman and Morehouse are part of the Atlanta University Center, which shares students, faculty, and resources. Spelman's urban setting and high academic reputation were instrumental in accomplishing its rank as a top college. "We are proud of the work that we are doing at Spelman College and appreciate the recognition that this ranking represents," says President Beverly Daniel Tatum. "It is empowering for young black women to come to our campus, an institution where they can say, 'This place was built for me, and it is nothing less than the best.'" The historically black college for women previously ranked No. 1 in 1999.

Rounding out the top 10 are: No. 3, Hampton University, Hampton, Va.; No. 4, Howard University, Washington, D.C.; No. 5, Xavier University, New Orleans, La.; No. 6, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Fla.; No. 7, Stanford University, Stanford, Ca.; No. 8, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.; No. 9, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; and No. 10, Duke University, Durham N.C.

The goal of the 50 Best Colleges for African Americans survey was to be as inclusive as possible while targeting schools that would be of interest to black students. Four hundred and eighty-two colleges were selected based on the following criteria: accredited four-year colleges in which black enrollment was at least 3+ACU-, or colleges that are large or well known. BE surveyed a group of 1,855 black higher education professionals with titles such as president, chancellor, and provost. Each was asked to rate schools based on whether they felt the institutions provided a good social and educational environment for African Americans. Schools were categorized according to the college classification protocol developed by U.S. News and World Report, which is a modified version of the protocol developed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Survey respondents were asked to rate only schools that they were knowledgeable about. The results were then narrowed to the published Top 50. The complete list of the 50 Best Colleges for African Americans appears in the October BLACK ENTERPRISE, which hits newsstands on Sept. 21.

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