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Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market 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.

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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Upward Bound students document historic African American structures

Students enrolled in Texas Tech's Math / Science QUEST Upward Bound Program traveled to the Texas/Mexico border to help document historic structures important to Texas' African American heritage last weekend. The journey, referred to by program officials as a quest, stopped at the famous Wallace Ranch outside of Colorado City. The ranch was established by legendary black cowboy turned rancher D.W. "80-John" Wallace in the late 1800's. The group then traveled to Brackettville, outside Del Rio, home of Black Seminole Indians and Fort Clark.

Upward Bound's Math/Science QUEST Program is geared toward assisting high school students from limited income and first-generation college families, and demonstrating interest in math science and technology career fields, to obtain the skills and motivation needed to succeed in college. The Architecture Preservation QUEST festival project was the fourth in a series of themed-festivals. Previous quests included robotics, biomedicine and forensic sciences. The architecture preservation quest project was not only designed to help the students learn architectural documentation techniques, but was also structured as a service learning activity in which Upward Bound students helped save Texas' African American heritage by encouraging the preservation of historic structures built during the 1800's.

The students were under the direction of renowned TTU professors John White and Gary Smith. White was instrumental in the architectural documentation of Mark Twain's house, Lyndon Johnson's Texas White House and the Statue of Liberty. Smith is best known for his work in documenting some of the most famous ranches in the American West.

Prior to taking the trip, the Upward Bound students came to the Tech campus on Saturday mornings and attended four three-hour crash courses in architectural drafting, photographic documentation, delineation, and preservation-related documentation. Thirty-three students made the trip to the Borderlands. Architectural graduate students went along, serving as assistants and mentors.

At the Wallace Ranch, students heard from D.C. Fowler and his wife, Dorothy. Mr. Fowler is the last surviving grandson of D.W. "80-John" Wallace. 80-John was born just prior to the end of slavery. Wallace left home as a teen



Shown here is the Palisado Building that the Texas Tech Upward Bound students helped document at Fort Clark in Brackettville. The building was built by 25th Infantry Buffalo Soldiers in 1869-70.



D.C. Fowler, the last surviving grandson of D.W. "80-John" Wallace, shares memories of his famous grandfather with Texas Tech Upward Bound Math/Science QUEST students on the Wallace Ranch outside Lorraine, Texas.

Photo by David Johnson, University Daily

Removal and the infamous "Trial of Tears," the Black Seminoles traveled to Oklahoma with their Native American relatives. Slavers raided the reservation often captured black women and children. Over 300 Black

became a cowboy. He worked hard, amassed a fortune and assembled what many say was the largest African American ranch in the country. Student teams took photos of one of Wallace earlier homes in a remote section of the ranch.

In Brackettville, students heard from Willie "Dub" Warrior, president and historian of the Black Seminole Scout Association. The Black Seminoles were primarily escaped slaves who lived for many years among the Seminole in the Florida Everglades. During the Indian

Seminole fled to Mexico. After the end of slavery, the US government is said to have offered the Black Seminoles land in West Texas in exchange for their service as frontier scouts. The scouts served valiantly. Four men received the Congressional Medal of Honor. A written treaty was never found, and many Black Seminole families were forced to become squatters in shanty areas around Fort Clark in Brackettville.

The students took measurements and conducted documentation fieldwork on the barrack



Dorothy Fowler, the wife of the "80-John" Wallace's grandson, D.C. Fowler and president of the newly formed Wallace Community Cultural Center explains a photo exhibit on the Wallace Rancho to Upward Bound students. The students at Colorado City Middle prepared the exhibit.

Photo by David Johnson, University Daily



During the turn of the century, this small, four-porch ranch house was the temporary home of black cowboy turned legendary rancher, D.W. "80-John" Wallace.



Willie Warrior, president of the Black Seminole Scout Association, points out grave sites of Congressional Medal of Honor winners buried in the Seminole Scout Cemetery in Brackettville to renowned Texas Tech architect, John White.

Photo by David Johnson, University Daily

built by Buffalo Soldiers, the school the Black Seminole children attended in the 1800's and a vertical log cabin built by buffalo soldiers during the same time period.

Mr. Warrior closed by offer-

ing the student: this advice. "Everything you do makes history. Even the small things you do make history. Whether the history you make is good history or bad history, that's up to you."

Alderson students prepare for Camp Goddard

On May 9th, thirty-two sixth graders from Alderson Academy will leave for Camp Goddard. Camp Goddard is a five day science camp located in the Arbuckle Mountains of

Oklahoma. The camp adventure provides academic experiences for students in an outdoor setting which are not available in the classroom. Students study forest organization, ecosys-

tems, water cycles, geology and biomes. The camp also promotes team building and a cooperative spirit while fostering personal growth and self esteem.

Only two schools in LISD are fortunate enough to attend this prestigious camp. Carolyn Solomon began the Camp Goddard program in 1986 while she was principal at Bozeman Elementary. When Ms. Solomon became principal at Nat Williams Elementary in 1992, the program expanded to include that campus as well. During the 2001 academy reorganization of quadrant four, the Camp Goddard program moved from Bozeman to Alderson Academy and continues to be an unique opportunity that students look forward to experiencing.

Students chosen to attend Camp Goddard must meet cer-

tain criteria that include the following: they may not have any pink slips, the must have good citizenship grades in all of their classes, they may not have a failing grade in any subject, they must have a recommendation from at least one teacher, they must submit an essay detailing why they would be a good candidate, they must participate in a fundraiser and they must participate in community service.

Many of the students have had older brothers or sisters that attended Camp Goddard in previous years, and they work

diligently to ensure they, too, will be able to attend. Camp Goddard is a great motivator and gives the students an incentive to do their best. Congratulations to the 2005 campers!

Brother and Sister to graduate from Estacado High School



Alize De' Shelle Roberson & Avery Da' Jaun Roberson

Among the Class of 2005 at Estacado High School will be a brother and sister, Alize De' Shelle Roberson and Avery Da' Jaun Roberson. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Roberson of Lubbock.

Commencement will be held Saturday morning, May 28, 2005. The ceremony will be held at the United Spirit Arena on the campus of Texas Tech University.

Congratulations from the Southwest Digest!

Lubbock Public Libraries Closed on May 6

All four Lubbock Public Library locations will be closed on Friday, May 6, for staff training. We apologize for any inconvenience.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.



Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

It was that time of the year last Sunday morning, May 1, 2005, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, when "Sunday School Teacher Day" was observed by Rev. B. R. Moton and members. It was made known that "Teachers and Pastors" go hand in hand in building "The Christian Church." It was another outstanding day for those who devote their time and effort in the Sunday School Department.

Services were well-attended last Sunday morning, May 1, 2005, at the New Hope Baptist Church, the "Church Where The People Really Care." and Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit New Hope Baptist Church. The doors are always open.

Morning services began with meditation and prayer. The Praise Team sang some inspirational selections. The morning scripture and prayer was offered. The New Hope Choir sang several selections. Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon.

After an invitation to discipleship was extended, Sister Joan Y. Ervin read the morning

announcements. Sister Marian Allen welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. There are many among us who are shut-in. This week, you may not be on this list, but who knows who will be there next week. Your prayers are so important.

Among them ill this week include Brother Clarence Ervin, a patient at University Medical Center, and Lee Etta Barnett in Hugo, Oklahoma.

There are those who have lost loved ones. Among them include Sister Alma Colquitt's uncle, Mervle Holman. God is able!

Today is Cinco de Mayo! Young people at Harwell Elementary School will host a Cinco de Mayo/Young Author's Day Celebration at the school.

From 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., city leaders will be reading to students. At 11:00 a.m., The Rotary Club of Lubbock will present a check for \$2,500 for Spanish library books. A special program will take place with the Harwell Folklorico and Mariachi Amistad from 1:30

p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

The Greater Fort Worth District Sunday School Convention of the 10th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will be held May 31 thru June 2, 2005, at Ceta Canyon Retreat Center in Happy, Texas. Young people from sixty-four churches will be in attendance. Rev. Johnny Mitchell is the Presiding Elder of the District.

One of the Junior Ambassadors of Lubbock is Asya Harris who will be among the young people traveling to Japan on May 28, 2005. The trip will involve ten days. Ashe is the daughter of Shaun and Shelia Harris, and is a ninth grader at Dunbar Junior High School. She admits she is very excited about the upcoming trip to another country.

If you have an opportunity to attend your church for services on any given Sunday morning because of a condition beyond your control, you can tune in to the New Hope Broadcast over Radio Station KJAK, 92.7 FM on Sunday morning from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

FASHION FUN

with Shirley Koberson

Western Hats
Ladies the next time you're out shopping, check out the western hats. They are absolutely everywhere! They will also be a great fashion accessory for you to wear when you attend the Ratin' Tootin' Old Fashioned Southwest Digest Celebration that is happening next Friday, May 6!

This season, these hats will be all the style you'll need to step out on a beautiful day, they are plentiful, beautiful, colorful and excitingly cowboyish.

Western hats are life savers, the perfect hat to grab when you're not too certain of in a hurry, your western hat will fashionably take you from casual to dressy, from ordinary to extraordinary, from plain to just plain good looking.

Go ahead, be bold and different! GO COWGIRL SILLY AND HAVE A BEE-HAW GOOD TIME! HOW GREAT IS THAT!

FASHION Tip... Always wear a smile! Fashion... Just for the fun of it.

In Remembrance

Pastor Willie Levi Loggins married twenty-eight beautiful

Funeral services for Pastor Willie Levi Loggins were held Saturday afternoon, April 9, 2005, at the Agape Temple Church of God in Christ with Elder Alton Graves officiating. Bishop W. H. Watson, pastor, was the eulogist.



Loggins

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Pastor Loggins was born in Reagan, Texas November 21, 1928 to Ruben and Rachel Loggins. He was the third child born to this union. He became a Christian at an early age.

In 1952, he met and married Ms. Lucile Joiner. She passed away January 1976. In 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Loggins adopted a son, Kenneth L. Loggins.

In 1977, he married Ms. Alberta Mills. Pastor Loggins and Alberta Loggins have been

He is survived by his wife, Alberta Loggins; his son, Kenneth Leon Loggins; brothers: James Loggins (Rita), Rueben Loggins (Bobbie), Walter Charles Loggins (Thelma), and Edward Loggins (Ethel); sisters, Aline Loggins and Middle Bradley; four granddaughters; mother-in-law, Mrs. Cobb; and a host of nephews, nieces, friends and brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pastor Loggins served in the U. S. Army from 1950 until 1952. He has lived in Lubbock, Texas for sixty-three years. In 1976, he became a born-again Christian at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop W. D. Haynes. He served as President of the Brethren Council activities.

On the third Sunday of April, 1980, he preached his first message, "It's High Noon, The Sun Is

Going Down," 1 Kings 17th Chapter.

A great man of God, his favorite song was "Going Home, Going Home." Everyone always enjoyed him singing this song.

It was while sitting in the pulpit at Christ Temple one Sunday morning, Pastor Loggins was shown a building by his Lord, which was a little church building.

It was April 1986, when Pastor and Missionary Loggins moved into Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ, which was founded and organized by Pastor Loggins at 3500 East Cornell Avenue in Lubbock. He served as the proud pastor until his death on April 3, 2005. The Holy Trinity Family will miss him.

Pastor Loggins also served as the District Treasurer in Lubbock District #2, the Chaplain and District Sunday School Superintendent.

Upcoming Events at the Public Library

Book Discussion at Groves Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the book *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book are available for checkout. This program is made possible by the Friends of the Library. For more information, please call 767-3733.

"Muffins with Mom" at the Godeke Library

Kids, come celebrate Mother's Day at the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, on

Saturday, May 7, at 3:00 p.m. We will have stories, movies, crafts, and refreshments. Your mom will love this time out with you for her special day! For more information, call 792-6566.

Children's Reading Club at the Godeke Branch Library

The "Rocking Horse Reading Club" will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5 at the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker. This is a reading club for children aged 4 and up. This month we will read "Owl Moon" by Jane Yolen, watch a movie, and make a craft. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. For more information, call 792-6566.

Teen Talk and Mothers Day Craft at Patterson Branch Library. The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, invites teens to the library to make a craft for Mother's Day on Thursday, May 5, at 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Patterson Branch Library at 767-3300.

Kids' Jeopardy Game at Patterson Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will host a Jeopardy game for children at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10. For more information, contact the Patterson Branch Library at 767-3300.

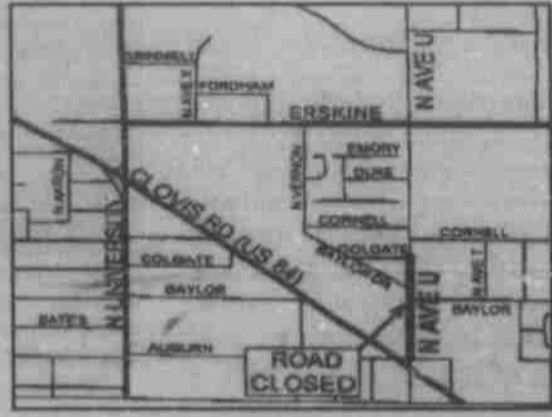
Avenue U to close for 6 weeks for reconstruction

Avenue U from Clovis Highway to Colgate Street will be closed for reconstruction starting Thursday, May 5, 2005 for approximately six weeks.

To access businesses on Avenue U, traffic will be detoured to University, to Erskine, and back to Avenue U.

The City apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciates the cooperation from the businesses on Avenue U during the duration of the reconstruction.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Keith Smith at 775-2341.



Funeral services for Amarillo firefighter observed by region

Funeral services for Amarillo firefighter Brian Hunton, were at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2005, at First Baptist Church in Lubbock, located at Broadway and Avenue V.

Firefighters from all across the country were expected to attend the funeral ceremony and many fire apparatus were in the procession to Resthaven Cemetery on west 19th. The procession traveled south on Avenue V, then west on 19th street all the way to Frankford.

Drivers experienced delays in their normal rush hour commute as the procession made its way to the cemetery, and they showed their respects to the fallen firefighter by exercising patience while the procession was in route.

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Texas Tech University Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 9, 2005 The Rawls Course
Texas Tech University 3720 4th Street

You are cordially invited to participate with an Endowment Fundraising Golf Tournament benefiting the TTU-Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni

6:45 a.m. - Breakfast Shotgun Start
Scramble Format
Breakfast and Lunch Included
No handicap requirements
Cost: \$500 per team or \$125 per player

PRIZES:
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1st place team - \$100 Gift Certificate for each player
2nd place team - \$75 Gift Certificate for each player
3rd place team - \$50 Gift Certificate for each player
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Closest to the Pin - \$100 Gift Certificate
Gift Certificates will be purchased through the Rawls Golf Course.

INFORMATION:
For more information or to obtain a registration form, Call Renji Davis at (806) 535-9081
Payment requested ASAP on day of tournament.
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Expect confirmation within 72 hours.

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Friday, May 27, 2005
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

"Stroke Awareness and The Stroke Team of Covenant Health System"

Presented by Kaiser Tarafdar, M.D., Internal Medicine & Hospitalist
Covenant Health System
Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside
4000 24th Street, Amott Room, 6th floor

Refreshments will be provided. The Heart Matters Breakfast Club is open to the public and free of charge.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus "America Is That Cold"

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

1 John 5:2 - By this we know that we love the Children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

Seven people were trapped in a mountain cabin, in the bitter winter's cold. Each had a log of wood, and this is how the story is told. Their fire was dying out, and there was a need for someone's precious wood. Each had what it took to keep alive. If only he or she would!

Acts 20:35b - Remember the words of the Lord Jesus as how he said it is more blessed to give than to receive.

There was the preacher there, he held onto his log of birch. He said why should my log be used? These are not members of my church!

Matthew 5:16 - Jesus said, let your light so shine before men that they may see the good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

There was a Black man sitting there and his jaws were clinched very tight. He said within himself, "Now is a good time for me to get even with the Whites!"

Luke 6:27-28 - Jesus said, I say unto you which hear, love your enemies, do good to them

which hate you. Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

And there was a rich man. His log, like his riches, did adore. Saying within himself, "Why should I warm the good doe nothing poor?"

1 Timothy 6:10 - For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

There was a poor man sitting there owning nothing, but this hickory stick. His heart hardened, saying, "Why should I warm the mighty rich?"

Matthew 24:12 - Jesus said, because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Then there was a White woman, and she held her precious log back, because she looked at one of the faces around the fire, and it was Black!

1 John 4:20 - If any man (or woman) says I love God, and hate his (or her) brother, he (or she) is a liar: for he that loves not his brother (or sister) who he hath seen. How can he love God whom he hath not seen?

And there was a Spanish man

there, and to his dear log, he did cling, and saying within himself, "These are not my people as our language is not the same!"

Galatians 6:10 - As we have an opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

And the Oriental man said, "I will not give mine up for the majority. I will hold mine back, because they should give to me as I'm the minority!"

And when the mixing came, it was proof of humanity's hateful sin. They didn't die from the outside cold, but from their cold hearted America. How bless we could all forever be, if each would say, "Here, take my log, no charge, take it! It's free! It doesn't matter if you are Red or Yellow, Brown, Black or White! All of us are God's precious children, and are loved in his eyesight! So give out that handshake, that hug and that smile as they are all Free! The beauty of God's love will go all around the world and back to you and me."

John 13:35 - Jesus said, by this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "The Hammer" Must Go

"The words 'I told you so' came to bear as I read Dave McNeely column in the Saturday's commentary of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. In the column title 'Is the hammer about to be dropped on 'The Hammer?'" the columnist gives a description of the brutal tactics of the U. S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

This writer has a serious beef with DeLay for his leadership role in the unethical tactics in the redistricting of Texas. West Texas lost a seat and the big city boys that catered to the Bug Exterminator "got over like a big dog" so to speak.

Why would the majority group of West Texas give in to this bug exterminator? I would hate to think it was stupidity of the commoners and greed by the wealthy and "want-a-bees". McNeely zeros in on the person that led a political fight that is sooner or later if nothing unusual happens that will cause West Texas some economic problems. Listen to Mr. McNeely — Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R. Sugarland, who acid criticism of judges who didn't

stop removal of life support from Terri Schiavo—a woman in a vegetative state for 15 years—put the him on the public's front burner. He brought renewed attention to his ideological crusade, plus tactics that, even should they pass the legal test, stunk the smell test. The result has been a storm of negative publicity.

DeLay's nickname "The Hammer" came from his hard-charging vote counting and arm-twisting, both of Republican House members and corporate lobbyists, as Majority Whip and later as Majority Leader.

His in your-face arrogance is making him so hot that he may do in not only himself, but several of his GOP colleagues.... DeLay has been criticized by the House Ethics Committee four times. DeLay retaliated by pulling enough of the committee's teeth that House Democrats on the committed boycotted organizing to do business to avoid acquiescence in DeLay's dentistry.

DeLay's close running buddy for years, lobbyist Jack

Abramoff, is being questioned not just for taking tens of millions of dollars from Indian tribes (This chaos this writer's hide because my paternal grandmother was Native American) in connection with gambling casinos, and working both sides of the issue, but for arranging money for post DeLay trips abroad that are now being questioned.

DeLay has put his wife and daughter on his political payroll, for more than a half million dollars since 2001. And that money was raised largely from those seeking legislative or regulatory favors.

The former is part of the story of the guy who action will cause those who need Medicaid and Medicare the most to be shut out because of the recent cut in benefits. Yes, this is the bug exterminator who is looking out for himself and his family will other Americans or hurt by his dirty tactics and bullying ways. This writer believes that in a wholesome society people of this nature, including some south of Lubbock, sure be exterminated from politics.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"If My People Pray" "Our Favorite Scripture"

11 Chronicles 7:12-22 - "Then the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice.

When I shut up heaven: and there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people.

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

Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to prayers made in this place. For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever, and my

eyes and my heart will be there perpetually. As for you, if you walk before me as your Father David walked, according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep my statutes and my judgments.

Then I will establish the throne of your Kingdom, as I covenanted with David, your Father, saying, "You shall not fail to have a man as ruler in Israel."

But if you turn away and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them. Then I will uproot them from my land which I have given them, and this house which I have sanctified for my name sake I will cast out of my sight, and will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples, and as for the house which is exalted. Everyone who passes by it will be astonished

and say, why has the Lord done thus to this land and this house?

Then they will answer, because they forsook the Lord God of their Father, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and embraced other gods, and worshipped them and served them. Therefore, he has brought all this calamity on them.

For all the hurting people out there, God loves you and wants you well! Keep reading and believing. Are you going through a struggle? Then pray for others.

Don't forget your drive by prayers on your way to church. Also, pray for other churches!

Thanks for reading, People!
Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christine Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher, and Sister Rosiana Henderson, secretary.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well-attended last Sunday morning, May 1, 2005.

Services begun with Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. with Assistant Superintendent Sister Orelia Moore in charge. Sister Nina Davis taught the morning lesson. Pastor Edward Canady reviewed the morning lesson. It was most inspiring lesson. It was one in which made us really think about our posture with our God.

Sister Annie Onasanya and Sister Barbara Johnson were in charge of the morning devotional period. The spirit was in that devotion.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir members were at their post of duty last Sunday

morning, looking good for God, and singing God's praises. What a mighty God we serve!

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "Bring It To Me!" His scripture text was St. Matthew 14:15-18. Thanks, Pastor Canady for bringing us to another level. God bless you!

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in members as

well as others whom we do not know about at this time. Among those who are ill include Sister Shirley Canady who is home from the hospital at this report. Sister Luella Harris, and Brother Leonard Bell who is still a patient at the University Medical Center.

Thought of the Week: "If God doesn't remove an obstacle, he'll help you find a way around it."

Safety City hosts Children's Safety Fair

Safety City wants to prepare your kids for the "Safest Summer Ever" at their annual Children's Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, May 7, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Over 20 organizations will be represented at the fair located inside the grounds of Safety City at 46th Street and Avenue U.

Organizations will provide health and safety information, handouts, demonstrations or activities for children. Join Lubbock Cotton Kings mascot Sparky and also McGruff the Crime Dog to help make this a memorable day for all participants. Children are encouraged to bring their Teddy Bear for the "Best Dressed Teddy Bear" contest, which will begin at 12:00 Noon.

Other activities include immunizations (with current shot records), finger painting, face painting, door prizes, massages for parents and more! Participants are listed below. In case of rain, the event will be moved across the parking lot to the Clapp Party House. For more information, call 767-2712.

Organizations appearing:

- Parks and Recreation - Summer Activity Information
- Durham - School Safety

- Flex Fitness - Karate Demonstrations
- Lords and Lady Salon - Massage
- City of Lubbock Health Department - Immunizations (10am - 1pm)
- City of Lubbock Health Department - Hand Washing
- South Plains Mall - Bags and info
- Lubbock Sheriff's Dept. - Fingerprinting
- Family Outreach - Shaken Baby Syndrome
- St. Clair's Orthodontics

- WPS - Domestic Violence
- Police Dept. - Cars/Police Dogs
- Fire Department - Fire truck 911
- Science Spectrum - Animals
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Are the obesity warnings a lot like Chicken Little?

By Eduardo J. Sanchez, M.D.
Commissioner, Texas
Department of State
Health Services

Just check the scales: more Americans are getting bigger. Six out of 10 adults are now overweight or obese. The question is, does it matter?

Recently, two articles in the Journal of the American Medical Association reported that far fewer people will die from being overweight or obesity than earlier estimates had indicated. Media coverage suggested that health officials' concerns about the consequences of obesity, like Chicken Little's cries about the sky falling, are out of proportion to reality.

Should I begin with the good news or the bad news?

The good news is that among obese people today, high cholesterol is down 21 percent compared with obese people 40 years ago. High blood pressure is down 18 percent, and fewer obese people are smoking today. The fact that these risk factors for cardiovascular disease are better managed means more obese people will live longer.

The bad news is that they will have to live more years in poorer health. An obese 40-year-old has the same health problems as someone who is 60. As one of the studies said about obese Americans living longer, "The net result... may

be a population that is, paradoxically, more obese, diabetic, arthritic, disabled and medicated but with lower overall CVD risk." Make no mistake, the health consequences for obese adults, and the family members who must care for them, will directly affect the quality of life for everyone concerned.

These health problems also are spilling over to our children. One-third of all Texas youngsters born after 2000 are projected to develop type 2 diabetes unless we act now. When I graduated from medical school in 1988, type 2 diabetes was called adult-onset diabetes. It was not a disease that affected children. Today, children as young as 6 are diagnosed with

type 2 diabetes. The only reason children get type 2 diabetes is because they are overweight.

As the number of Texans who are overweight or obese increases, so do our health-care costs. In 1980, Americans spent \$1,000 a person a year on medical care. Today, it's more than \$6,000 a person. By the end of the decade, the projected cost is \$9,000 a person.

The average cost of treating a patient with diabetes is \$1,000 a month. If one out of three children are developing type 2 diabetes, and 1,000 children are born in Texas every day - well you do the math.

There are many ways to analyze why health-care costs are rising. Some contend that

we are receiving better care. What is clear is that obese individuals are receiving more care, because they require more care.

The increase in obesity is colliding with other demographic trends that will push health-care costs skyward. Today, one in 10 Texans is 65 or older. A generation from now, one in six will be 65 or older. The elderly need more care and often more expensive care. We already are experiencing a shortage of doctors, nurses

and other health professionals in many of our communities. An aging, increasingly obese population will put even more strain on an already overburdened system.

We like everything big in Texas, but our waistlines ought to be the exception. The obese may not die from a heart attack as readily as they might have a generation ago, but they require ongoing medical intervention to keep them going.

Living longer is a good goal. But living longer in good

Gatlin Brothers to perform with Lubbock Symphony Orchestra

Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers will be in conceit with the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra on Friday, June 10th, 2005, where they will be performing a Tribute to Texas. Concert sponsors are American State Bank, University Medical Center, and Arntech Insurance Services.

The concert will be held at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium. A pre-concert dinner, which is sponsored by Graco Real Estate Development, Inc. will be held at 6 p.m. at the Stadium Club (at Jones Stadium). Tickets for the dinner, which includes some of the best seats in the house, are \$125 per person. Tickets to the concert are \$55, \$45, \$35, \$30, and \$20.

Over 40 years ago, Larry, and his brothers Steve and Rudy,

started singing in their hometown of Abilene, Texas, and from there went on to make music history. A four-decade career has taken the Gatlin brothers from dusty Texas stages to White House performances for five presidents, from the Broadway show and tour "Will Rogers Follies" to the Grammy Awards.

The Gatlins attended high school in Odessa, Texas. After high school, Larry went to the University of Houston on a football scholarship. There he majored in English, which later served him well in his song writing skills. After graduating, Steve attended Texas Tech in Lubbock, where he graduated in 1973 with an elementary education degree. He taught in the Lubbock Independent School

system and married his wife, Cynthia, who was also a teacher. Rudy, the younger brother, also attended Texas Tech in Lubbock, graduating with a B.A. in business administration.

Larry's life was changed in the early '70's by the legendary Dottie West who aided him in moving to Nashville to write songs that would be recorded by names like Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson, Barbara Streisand, Tom Jones, and Elvis Presley. In 1972, Larry landed a solo deal with Monument Records through friend Kris Kristofferson, and invited his siblings to Nashville to sing backup on his first two albums - 1974's The Pilgrim and 1975's Rain Rainbow. The release of The Pilgrim landed Gatlin his first hit with "Sweet Becky

Walker" and then found him at #1 on the charts the next year with "Broken Lady" a song that captured a Grammy in 1976 - the same year all three brothers were inducted into the Grand Ole Opry.

Since that time, the Gatlins have lit up major marquees and packed concert halls across America. In the past several years the brothers have performed shows in Branson.

Tickets may be purchased online at the LSO website: www.lubbocksymphony.org, by calling the Lubbock Symphony office at 762-1688, or visiting the LSO office at 1313 Broadway, Suite 2.

For more information, call 762-1688.

Buddy Holly Center hosts musical summer camp workshop

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Cost: \$125 for two weeks

Pre-registration is required for all classes and workshops. For more information or to register please call 805-767-2686 or go to our website at www.buddyhollycenter.org. The Buddy Holly Center is located at 1801 Ave. G in the Depot District of Lubbock, Texas.

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Dr. Betts studied Biochemistry at the University of Texas and attended medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. He then completed a General Surgery internship at the Western Reserve Care System in Ohio.



Dr. Betts spent two years at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Aurora, Colorado during the Panama incursion and the first Gulf War.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC FORUMS FOR PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PLAN

The Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (LMPO), in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is hosting a series of meetings to encourage public input on the proposed transportation funding plan for the Lubbock Metropolitan Area. Various funding options will be presented, including potential toll roads and local financing funds of transportation projects in the metropolitan area. Public comments are invited at this meeting.

The following meetings are scheduled:

- Date:** May 10, 2005
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Hutchinson Junior High - Cafeteria
31st and Canton
Lubbock, Texas
- Date:** May 12, 2005
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Estacado High School - Auditorium
MLK & East Itasca
Lubbock, Texas
- Date:** May 24, 2005
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Crestview Elementary
81st and Huron
Lubbock, Texas

Persons with special communications or accommodations needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT at (806) 748-4490. Requests should be made at least 72 hours prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate those needs. Written comments will be accepted at Texas Department of Transportation, 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas 79404-5201. For more information, call Steven P. Warren, P.E. at (806) 748-4490 or e-mail at swarren@dot.state.tx.us.

Social Security cuts could hit African-Americans hardest

With President Bush's huge deficits looming over the country's budgets for the foreseeable future, Social Security is now a target.

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan recently made that clear. He strongly suggested that Social Security benefits should be cut in the future. Citing "demographic changes" due to the retirement of the baby boomer generation, he said "action is better taken as soon as possible."

Some pundits and politicians denounced Greenspan's comments, but African-American leaders were strangely silent. This is troubling considering that African-Americans have a large stake in the ultimate future of the nearly 70-year-old retirement program.

Although African-Americans comprise 12 percent of the population, they represent 17 percent of the population that receives disability benefits through the Social Security program, according to the Social Security Administration.

For 37 percent of African-Americans who are classified as elderly, Social Security retirement is, in fact, their only source of income, compared to 20 percent of the general population. And without these benefits, the poverty rate for elderly African-Americans would more than double, from 24 percent to 65 percent, the Social Security Administration estimates.

As for African-American children, "23 percent of all children receiving Social Security survivor benefits are African-American."

Conservatives are calling for the replacement of the current system with private investment accounts. When confronted with the prospect that the private investment account proposal could present major problems for the average African-American, they allege the current

benefit program is, and has been, detrimental to African-Americans.

There is little truth to this. In April 2003, the General Accounting Office (GAO) reported that, on average, African-Americans and Hispanics, "get more for their money in Social Security than do whites."

It also reported that African-Americans and Hispanics have a higher incidence of career-ending disabilities, making them disproportionately reliant on the system. The report makes it clear that African-Americans and Hispanics receive a "better return" under the current system and that privatization of the program would, in fact, "hurt minorities."

African-Americans - and everyone, for that matter - should closely monitor the coming debate over the program and speak forcefully for its survival. There is simply too much at stake.

Alan Greenspan and George Bush do not need their Social Security retirement benefits.

Most of us do not have their lux-

ury. Brian Gilmore is a lawyer and poet with two collections of poetry, including "Jungle Nights and Soda Fountain Rags: A Poem for Duke

Ellington and the Duke Ellington Orchestra" (Karibu Books, 2000). He can be reached via email at: bmjproj@progressive.org.

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THIS 'N' THAT

VERY GOOD NAME CHANGE! THIS N THAT was glad to see the reaming of a city park in honor of one of our former citizens. The late ROY FURR PIONEER PARK, which is located at 6th Street and Avenue T. The park was dedicated last Saturday afternoon, April 30, 2005 for his dedication and commitment to the City of Lubbock and to his employees at FURR'S. If you know of the history of Lubbock, you can't forge the efforts of ROY FURR. This is a very good gesture.

HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO DAY! THIS N THAT wants to say HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO DAY as we celebrate today. Cinco de Mayo commemorates the victory of the MEXICANS over the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It is primarily a REGIONAL HOLIDAY celebrated in the Mexican capitol city of PUEBLA and throughout the state of PUEBLA. There is also a lot of recognition in other parts of Mexico and in U. S. regions with large MEXICAN-AMERICAN POPULATIONS. It is not, as some people believe, MEXICO'S INDEPENDENCE DAY, which is actually SEPTEMBER 16th. Happy CINCO DE MAYO!

VERY IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEARING! THIS N THAT is asking all of you who can, to attend THE LUBBOCK METROPOLITAN PLANNING

ORGANIZATION (LMPO) meeting. The LMPO, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are holding a PUBLIC FORUM, to encourage public input on the proposed transportation-funding plan for the Lubbock Metropolitan Area. One of three meetings will be held THURSDAY NIGHT, May 12, 2005 at ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL, Martin Luther King, Blvd. & East Itasca Avenue, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All are asked to come and give their input on a variety of funding options, which will include POTENTIAL TOLL ROADS and LOCAL FINANCING FUNDS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS in the metropolitan area. For more information, call Steven P. Warren, P.E. at (806) 748-4490. Hope many of you will be present.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "TO ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS. Remember you have worked hard all these years, and now there are so many OPPORTUNITIES for each of you. Continue to do your VERY BEST!"

BETTER BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU DUMP YOUR RUBBISH! THIS N THAT has been noticing that there are INDIVIDUALS who are taking advantage of some of the citizens by dumping their RUBBISH into

others garbage containers, and leave in a hurry. Now this is not a good thing to do to your neighbors. If you continue to do this, THIS N THAT just may publish some of the pictures made available to us... Better be careful when taking advantage of others.... It just make good sense to be careful where you dump your rubbish, as there are those in the CHATMAN HILL AREA who are watching night and day. If you have witnessed some of this kind of activity, and you live in Chatman Hill, let THIS N THAT hear from you! It would be a good thing for the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association to get involved with, and involve all its members. If this is not done, this could lead to many more negative activities in the Chatman Hill Area, and we want to stay on top of these things.... Do you agree? Hope so!

VERY GOOD PROGRAM! THIS N THAT Attended the 2005 Arbor Day Celebration at the Quest Memorial Grove In the Buddy Holly Recreation Area, last Friday morning, April 29, 2005.... It was a very inspiring program. As the founder of the effort, DR. A. E. "GENE" QUEST, JR. has planted more than 100 trees over the years. In attendance were City Councilpersons LINDA DELEON, PHYLLIS JONES & FLOYD PRICE.



Think About It!

"Yes, I Can!"

by Eddie P. Richardson

Yes, I Can was the title of a book written by the late Sammy Davis, Jr. after his release from the military service with a bad taste of themilitary after receiving some bad experiences before President Harry S. Truman integrated the Armed Forces.

This holds true today as there are always obstacles and stumbling blocks. A person can do or be anything he or she wants to be if they are willing to work hard and pay the price. Nothing or anything as well as anybody can keep us from succeeding if we want the end results to be positive for us.

Look back in history and check the archives and you will see so many of our forefathers of all races, cultures and backgrounds who had to overcome huge odds to become successful.

They, no doubt, had faith and believed in themselves, worked harder, gave more because they believed in themselves.

One of our major problems today is we want someone to give it to us. We want to see instant success without paying the price. We want to take the elevator and ignore the stairs. Even if we take the elevator, we do not know what's down below. You can't lead where you don't go. Can't teach what you don't know.

A good example of "Yes, I Can" is the speaker for the first ever Juneteenth fundraising banquet. Anthony A. Williams, mayor of Washington, D.C. who came from an average Black background who served as a dishwasher, a waiter, and is now in his second term as Mayor of

the Capitol City of the United States of America. Mayor Williams graduated with honors from not just one, but two Ivy League institutions - Harvard and Yale. He has held numerous high level positions before becoming mayor of Washington D.C.

Lubbock was honored to have this gentleman in our city on October 18, 2003, at the McInturff Conference Center. This writer encourages Lubbock and surrounding areas to listen to this man's story.

It is worth your time, and listening to him helps with a worthwhile effort.

Closing thought: "You can't beg and bargain at the same time. You either do one or the other. You have to find a team and play on it, and keep in mind you can't play on both."

Meridian announces new recording from comedian Rod Z



Rod Z

of "If I'm Lying", on the Alien and Alien Music Group label introduced Rod to the world. Full of insightful & edgy comedy.

Rod won the hearts of his audience in his debut release with such topics as "Good Old Days" and "Church People". Many admire his gift to entertain through comedy and this gift has given Rod Z the opportunity to open for such artists as Kirk Franklin, Trinity 5-7 and others.

His sophomore release, "I Ain't Lied Yet", compliments the success of his first outing as this comedic man of God continues to shine the spotlight on amusing observations of human behavior. "I Ain't Lied Yet" is packed with such hilarious tracks as "Greek (Frat) Graduations", "White & Black

Marching Bands", "Amazin' Grace Remix", "Ghetto Christian" and more!

To stand before a single audience with diverse situations and provide them an escape from their cares is a gift. And for Rod, it is a God given gift that he embraces with confidence and humility. Rod Z continues to tour the country riveting audiences with his comedy and charisma. An animated artist, Rod is known for prompting laughs without sometimes saying a word. This anointed man of God believes "Laughter is Good Medicine" and "I Ain't Lied Yet" promises to provide a healthy dose.

Look for Rod Z "I Ain't Lied Yet" in the comedy section on DVD, in stores May 24, 2005!

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

It seems to be sinful that large companies which used the labor and talent of the every day common American man and woman to make zillions of dollars for their profit in this day and age, when the world is aware of employment practices which causes one to lose their lives in the long run and some in the short haul, do not want to defray any of the cost for the medical damage being done to workers.

The toll of asbestos and silicon on workers whom have been exposed directly and indirectly to these two substances is not just taken on the individual affected, but on his family as well. Further, it appears that the legislatures and several states feel that it is OK for companies not to pay any monies to these victims.

Victims recognized in early settlements with companies guilty of causing physical discomfort and death to workers, settled in a manner which was acceptable to families of victims. Current victims are not so lucky. The ailment takes years to show up and make one miserable. After years of misery, the victim dies.

Death seems to be a certainty in the case of the sufferers of diseases brought on by exposure to asbestos and silicon, but the manufacturers of items containing either item and state legislatures do not seem to care. Lawyers care and they are becoming multi-millionaires as they pursue cases to recover funds for suffering victims of asbestos and silicon exposure, especially since many companies are filing bankruptcy, or in some cases, just saying that they are bankrupt and will not pay victims.

The medical bills for victims

of asbestos and silicon exposure should be paid by the companies causing the exposure, bankrupt or not.

States do not want these victims on their medical assistance or Medicaid programs. Medicare will pay only 80% of their approved amount for care and these victims need all the help they can get to breathe. Most are no longer able to have gainful employment, limiting their income, causing family hardships.

Early stages of diseases from exposure call for decongestion medicines and medicine to keep the bronchial tubes open. Then they graduate to breathing treatments to open up the passageways of the lungs in order to breathe without too much labor. As time goes on they cough a lot and must

stop whatever they are doing in order to breathe.

Any kind of exertion takes their breath. Soon, they will need oxygen, a little at a time, at first and then on a regular basis. This kind of medical care is expensive. If states are going to support the companies which caused these problems, states need to pass laws to make medical care for sufferers of exposure to asbestos and silicon, mandatory to manufacturers and employers who knew the dangers involved. Further, it is no fun for family members to hear and watch the suffering of their loved ones. We need to get 'in cinque' and put some 'firecrackers' under our legislators to take positive action to help victims rather than celebrate their victories over tort reform.

Funny man Rod Z is back and declares "I Ain't Lied Yet". Rod's first recording, "Stop Me

Local auto repair shop offers "Powder Puff" Clinic

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Commentary: Earth to Michael

By Joseph C. Phillips

I know, I promised not to write about the Michael Jackson circus - I mean trial. To my credit, though tempted for the better part of a year I have managed to hold my peace. When the King of Pop



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missed court due to "flu like symptoms" I remained silent. When he limped into court (late!) accompanied by a doctor wearing surgical scrubs, claiming a back injury, I winced, (mainly from biting my tongue) but didn't utter a word. (Note to Michael: When on trial for child molestation it is probably not a good idea to show up to court wearing Sponge Bob Square Pants jammies.) However, after hearing the pop star's recent interview with the Reverend Jesse Jackson where he played the race card, I can no longer hold my peace.

During his hour-long interview, Michael lamented, "It's very painful, but this has kind of been a pattern among black luminaries in this country." Michael then listed South African president Nelson Mandela and heavyweight boxing champions Jack Johnson and Muhammad Ali as other examples of black men who have been persecuted because of race and flying in the face of convention.

Mandela, you will recall, spent 27 years in a South African prison for opposing the racist and immoral practice of apartheid. Mandela fought for dignity and

self-determination for the black majority of South Africa.

Johnson ruled heavyweight boxing from 1908 - 1915. He was not a man who "knew his place." He married white women and beat up white men. In 1910, Johnson was railroaded on charges of transporting [white] women across state lines for purposes of prostitution, a violation of the Mann act and forced to flee the country.

Ali, of course, was stripped of his heavyweight title in 1967 after refusing induction into the United States' military on religious grounds. For two and a half years, Ali traveled the country speaking out against the war in Vietnam and speaking for human rights. Finally, the U.S. Supreme court upheld Ali's conscientious objection status in 1971.

Fighting an evil political system, and being the manifestation of black manhood are not words one might use to describe Michael Jackson. Jackson is a huge celebrity -- an international music icon.

What he is not is a hero worthy of being mentioned in the same breath as these three men.

The audacity of Jackson comparing his plight to that of these genuine heroes is not what is so infuriating. Nor am I annoyed by Jackson's ridiculous charges of conspiracy. (The album Thriller is the best selling album of all time, Michael has made millions of dollars for his corporate sponsors and fans of all ages, races and nationalities: have embraced him. Who exactly is behind this conspiracy?) No, what I find increasingly difficult to stomach is Michael's arrogance and refusal to take responsibility for his own poor judgment and behavior.

Michael has written more than \$20 million in checks to make similar allegations of impropriety go away. This should have been a lesson - an expensive lesson, but one worth heeding. But for some folks it takes a ton of bricks. Michael is not in trouble due to a worldwide conspiracy nor is he being singled out because whitey

finds him in need of being knocked down a peg or two. Michael is up to his neck in hot water because he was either unable or unwilling to stop inviting young boys into his bed. If he is unable, he should be behind bars. If he is unwilling, then he deserves everything he gets and there aren't enough dog-eared race cards in the deck to prevent me from shrugging when they throw away the key.

Joseph C. Phillips is an actor/writer with a conservative bent based in Los Angeles. His column appears regularly in several newspapers and he is a regular commentator on News and Notes with Ed Gordon on NPR and has a book due out from Running Press next October. Contact him at: Joseph@josephcphillips.com. www.josephcphillips.com

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