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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 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

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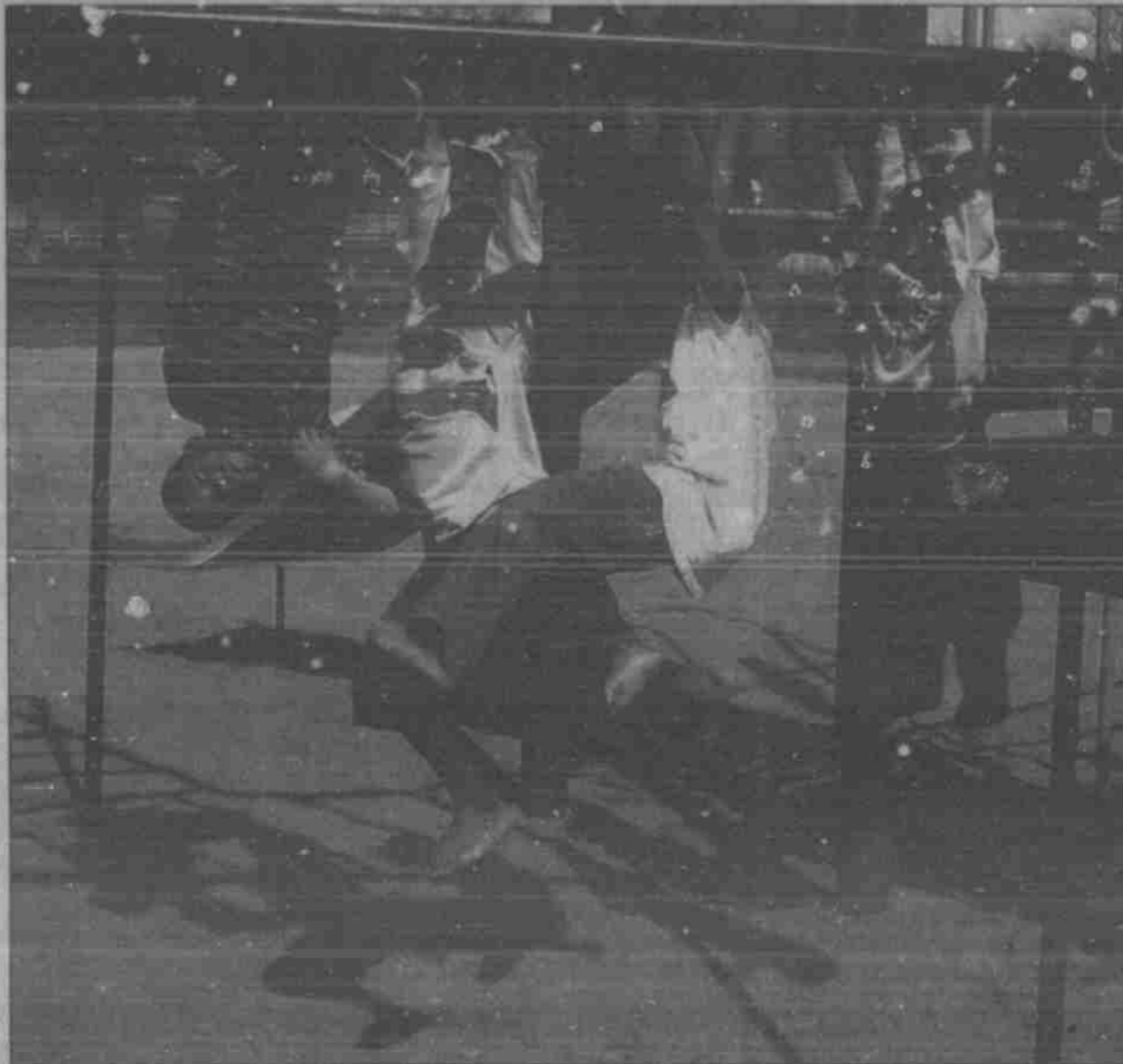
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Monkeying around



Children enjoy a beautiful day at Higinbotham Park in Lubbock. Pictured here are Rodney Moore, Isaiah McCline, Joslyn Axtell, Tyra McCline and Tray McCline.

Cotton Kings fight to the top and breathlessly await their next phase

Well, it's been four long years, but the Cotton Kings have finally made it back to the playoffs. In the final four games of the regular season, things took a dramatic turn. The Kings knew that they had to win at least two of the last four games in order to make it to the playoffs and have a chance at winning some titles. They were up against some fierce rivals. Coach Dashney and crew never wavered. They got on the bus to Colorado, struggled through a bus wreck in the winter storm, and then continued on to beat the number one team in the Central Hockey League - the Colorado Eagles. After two days, the Kings beat the Eagles again on home ice in front of a crowd that went wild with glee. Pandemonium and jubilation ensued. The Kings had secured a playoff berth.

Everyone who was following hockey knew that they had already accomplished their goal, and could rest easy for the last two games of the season. But, instead of rolling over, the Kings went on to win their last two games, beating New Mexico in a 5-0 shutout, and Amarillo in a tension-filled game that was won in the final two minutes of play. Players left into each others arms, Amarillo fans shoved and cursed at Lubbock fans, and there was even a hair-pulling incident between two women that got them both arrested.

If you thought for a moment that hockey doesn't mean anything to people from Lubbock, you can ask anyone who was at that game. They could tell you details of the weekend action, but probably wouldn't be able to talk about Bobby Knight and Marsha Sharp's group, except to tell you that they knew they were doing well.

After resting on Monday, the Cotton Kings did something else for the fans. They invited them to dinner. On Tuesday, every player, staff

member and fan came to call. With well wishes, applause and cheers, the fans showered the players with appreciation. The feeling seemed to be mutual.

The Kings aren't done yet. In the coming games, they know what they're up against. While Amarillo has enjoyed success in the last few years, the Cotton Kings have struggled. The current Kings know about how bad it was in the past and they are aiming high. When the Cotton Kings snatched the game and the division title from the Gorillas, the competition became especially fierce between the two clubs. The Cotton Kings' have something to prove, and it makes for passionate play, great teamwork and great communication.

Kings' General Manager Fred Meseke has pointed out the players' intelligence and respect for each other. When Coach Chris Dashney had to leave town unexpectedly, Meseke stepped in and experienced life within the locker room.

Afterward, he had nothing but praise for the team. He commented recently that the players want to give something to the fans by winning games and regaining respect for Lubbock. It's a love-fest within the organization. Intense intense pride and enthusiasm in the stands and on the ice makes for a family type of atmosphere. The fans are the proud parents and the players, their children.

If the season were over already and there were no playoffs, the fans would still be grateful. When the team stepped in and exceeded expectations, the swell of pride was far greater than anyone could have imagined.

The Cotton Kings need and deserve support and recognition during March Madness. It's not just about hockey, it's about the people who make it happen.

Playoff tickets are for sale now at the Cotton Kings' office. The first game of the series is March 24 with face off at 7:05pm.



Cotton Kings' mascot, Eli entertains the children at Tuesday's playoff party. Eli is cleverly named for the inventor of the cotton gin, Eli Whitney. Eli has made a reputation for himself as a playful and fun-loving representative of the Lubbock Cotton Kings.

Top Ladies Of Distinction charter to be set up in Lubbock

A local meeting to charter a Top Ladies of Distinction organization has been set for Saturday afternoon, April 12, 2005, at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

Top Ladies of Distinction is a prestigious organization created over forty years ago following one of the founding members impressive luncheon with Mrs. Lyndon Baines Johnson, "First

Lady" of the United States of America.

Top Ladies of Distinction is a non-profit, educational, humanitarian and professional public service organization that has expanded its objectives to include its focus on youth (known as Top Teens of America), enhancing the status of women, enhancing the status of 'senior citizens,' community beautification, and community

partnerships.

Chapters nationwide support the National Council of Negro women, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), and the rewarding of national scholarships.

Some honorary members include the late Barbara Jordan, Rosa Parks, Dorothy Height, Gloria Scott, and Maxine Waters.

Local author publishes book about personal trauma

"I Cried" by Evangelist Mary Webb is a book that covers the devastating experience that no one should ever experience, yet many people do. It seems sometimes, that there is no one for you to lean on; no shoulder to cry on. With shame, embarrassment, hurt and other emotions to deal with, things can become quite difficult.



Webb

What will people think? What will they say? It's okay. Why not just ask,

"What would Jesus say?" And don't worry about the rest. Easier said than done, sometimes. God will take care of you - and when you cry from all of the different pains my God it's such a blessing to know that he and his angels catch every tear you shed. This may be you or it may not be, nonetheless, let the Lord minister to you as you share in the devastating reality of the pain I went through. Through it all, I am better than okay. God took care

of me, and I will forever love him, thank him and praise him, whatever your situation, just remember you are not in it alone. God is right by your side and he loves you. And guess what? I do too! Be blessed. This book can be purchased at www.authorhouse.com. This book tells of a woman's weaknesses and strengths at a time when it seemed that life was over. Do you have any idea as to what news you will learn next that may take your breath away? Your life? Neither did she...

AIDS, whether it's your fault or not, it's still devastating. And positive or negative, Jesus makes the difference. Be blessed.

Mary Webb is the second of ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Worker of Lubbock, Texas. She graduated from Estacado High School in Lubbock and is a member of Grow Christian Fellowship Center and enjoys helping others. She uses the skills that God has placed in her to make helping others not just the subject of a book, but a reality.

Ms. Webb can be reached via email at the following: duchess11611@yahoo.com.



Cotton Kings' rookie defenseman, Derick Martin chats with a young fan during the Playoff Party at Texas Roadhouse. Martin is known for his powerful checks on the ice and played in the CHL All-Star game for Lubbock. Martin also earned "Best Defenseman" from the Cotton Kings this year.

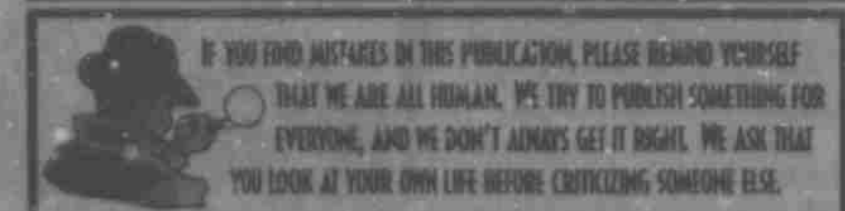
Golden algae confirmed in fish deaths

Biologist Joan Glass with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) was in town for training this week, but pulled double duty late yesterday as she took water and fish samples from Dunbar Historical Lake to help the City of Lubbock determine the cause of a fish kill at this location. After taking samples back to the TPWD lab in Waco, Ms. Glass confirmed Friday afternoon that tests showed high concentrations of golden algae in the water samples. She indicated that the golden algae in Dunbar Historical Lake are responsible for the 700+ fish deaths over the past several days. Of the 700+ fish killed, 95% have been shad, with the other 15% being catfish and bass. Other areas downstream of Dunbar Historical Lake, such as Buffalo Springs Lake, should be aware of this occurrence and the possibility that it could move into their areas.

fish kills from golden algae have been documented in inland waters since 1985. The flagellated golden algae are naturally occurring and typically occur in brackish waters. Massive fish kills can occur when environmental stresses cause a significant increase in the population of golden algae, which subsequently produces an increase of toxin that kill gill-breathing organisms.

The Department of State Health Services (previously known as the Texas Department of Health) has indicated that there is no evidence these toxins are harmful to other wildlife, livestock and humans. However, residents are cautioned not to pickup or ingest fish from a suspected kill area. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is taking the lead in research to learn more about golden algae and how it can be treated. At this time, there is little that can be done when an incident occurs other than monitoring and clean up.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department,



IF YOU FIND MISTAKES IN THIS PUBLICATION, PLEASE BEHIND YOURSELF THAT WE ARE ALL HUMAN. WE TRY TO PUBLISH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, AND WE DON'T ALWAYS GET IT RIGHT. WE ASK THAT YOU LOOK AT YOUR OWN LIFE BEFORE CRITICIZING SOMEONE ELSE.

Jerusalem Temple Church celebrates 44th Anniversary for Bishop J. E. Judie

Slaton, Texas - The Jerusalem Temple Church will celebrate the 44th Anniversary of Bishop J. E. Judie April 1-3, 2005. The public is welcome to attend these services, and the church is located at 997 Johnson Street.

The theme is "Preach the word: Be instant in season, out of season; reprove, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine," II Timothy 4:2.

Serving as conductor will be Elder A. R. McNeal and Sister A. Cooks will be mistress of ceremony. Friday evening, April 1st,

Mother G. Johnson will give the welcome. Sister R. Childers will give the welcome on Saturday evening, April 2nd and Sunday afternoon, April 3rd.

Guest churches include: Rev. Kelly and Church of Post, Texas; Supt. W. Griffin and Church of Hale Center, Texas; Elder T. Simpson and Church of Lubbock, Texas; Elder J. Williams and Church of Lubbock, Texas; and Elder Lawson and Church of Overton, Texas.

Also, Supt. W. Haynes and Church, Supt. R. L. Caro and

Church, Elder H. Avey and Church, Elder King and Church, Elder C. Moore and Church and Deacon G. Lewis, all of Lubbock, Texas and Elder Hayston and Church of Post, Texas.

Guest Churches appearing on Sunday afternoon, April 3rd are: Supt. C. Tanner and Church, Bishop Mann and Church, Elder A.E. Scott and Church and Elder R. Rodgers and Church, all of Lubbock, Texas. Bishop K. Collins and Church of Hereford, Texas, Elder P. B. Phenix and Church and Elder C. Peoples and Church, both of Slaton, Texas.

Commentary: Education - What is it?

This is the first of a series of articles that is designed first and foremost to provide knowledge. It is our hope that you, the reader will use this knowledge to the benefit of yourself, your family, and your community. We live in a society in which what we know determines our success; therefore we want to know as much as we can. The writers have identified that the best way to get knowledge is through education, hence the title of this column "Focus of Education". Education is the key to solving many of our problems. We ask you to be open to what we have to say. Do not be quick to reject. At least think about it, and how it speaks to you as an individual, a parent, an employee or whatever capacity in which you serve. At the end of each article, we will give the title of the next one so that you can look forward to reading it. We ask that you do not stop at reading, but that you also use what you read to make a positive difference. If you are moved, we ask you to share what you have gained so that others may be moved too. In this spirit of love, let's join hands and work towards a brighter future. by B.A.G.S. and C.L.P. Making a difference one reading at a time

by C.L.P.
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Education is a word that probably all of us have used at some time, but what exactly does it mean? When we hear the word education, the first thing that may come to mind is school. When we speak of an educated person, we are often referring to someone who has a college degree. Although education is often associated with schooling, not all edu-

cation is obtained from school. Education can be broken down into two types: formal and informal. Formal education is the type that is often associated with schooling. Informal education is what we receive from our daily life experiences such as, how to dress, tie a lace, cross the street, fill the gas tank and interact with others. The person learning the act is the student and person or thing doing the teaching is a teacher, sometimes called an instructor: the parent or guardian, an older child, a caregiver, the television. Informal education is gained through, conversation, observation, trial and error and can take place anywhere: the home, the streets and/ or the school.

Formal education on the other hand is more structured and is often limited to a physical structure or building such as a school. In this case, the teacher has been trained in instructing. Also, there is often a curriculum or a set of lessons that have been planned, and which the student is expected to learn. The school is only one of the ways through which an individual can be educated. It is an institution of learning and functions mostly to prepare individuals to better survive in society. However, does it always succeed in preparing the individual? What kind of society is it preparing its students for? These are some questions that we need to think about.

The concept of schooling has been around for thousands of years. In Biblical days, the school was the medium through which boys were prepared for manhood. Females were for most part left out of the school system. In the United States, Blacks were left

out of formal education system for many years. A result of that is a persistent inequality in the performance of Blacks in the classroom as compared to Whites. Are we as Blacks, not as intelligent as Whites? I say that we are just as capable of doing as well as any other race, but we have to examine ourselves and see where it is that we are lacking.

Now, looking at education through new lenses, the importance that the home plays in building the foundation for education becomes clear. The parent or guardian is the first teacher. He or she teaches the infant how to be a "good child", how to take a bath, use the rest room, hold a spoon to feed. Just as the teacher at school cannot fail to do his or her job as teacher because the negative consequences are immediate, the parent cannot fail to do his or her job as the first teacher. The results are mal-adjusted children who do not know how to function in society and children who have little respect for their elders or to authority. This inevitably transfers into the school, and ultimately we have adults who are unable to earn money through the value of hard work. This leads to poverty, drug addiction, and off-course to them raising kids who are just as mal-adjusted.

With this said we were given the responsibility to be first and foremost teacher to our kids. Let us not be found guilty of negligence. Let us not play any part in raising mal-adjusted kids. Let us not have anything to do with Blacks being considered less capable. We know that's not true. It is time that we take our lives into our hands, and carve out our own futures. So, are you with me? Next article "Loving Your Child."

"Elmo's Coloring Book" comes to Lubbock

Red, yellow and blue... the primary colors are also the colors of Elmo, Big Bird and Cookie Monster. Mix them together and you'll discover a rainbow of Sesame Street Live friends. Children and their families are invited on a colorful journey with Elmo, Zoe, Oscar, Big Bird and the rest of the Sesame Street Live friends in VEE Corporation's "Elmo's Coloring Book." Color it fun at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium from Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 17. Tickets for five colorful perfor-

mances are now on sale. This show is red-hot! Feeling blue? How about mellow yellow or red-hot? Colors evoke many emotions, but what would happen if they all disappeared? Elmo and friends join Professor Art and his helpers, the Palettes, as they travel into their drawings to ancient Egypt, the land of the dinosaurs, and a very musical junkyard. The colors begin to vanish as the characters perform an array of musical numbers, including "Fuzzy and Blue," "Red-Hot Tango," and "Yellow Polka." Along

the way, they learn the importance of sharing, diversity and acceptance of others - even those with no color at all.

Ticket prices range from \$10-20. On opening night, all tickets except those in the Gold Circle are discounted to \$10. To charge ticket, by phone, call Select-A-Seat at 806-770-2000 or toll-free at 800-735-1288. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.selectaseatlubbock.com.

For information online, please visit www.sesamestreetlive.com.

Winston Churchill, III to speak to Texas Tech groups, Lubbock community

Author, journalist and war correspondent Winston Churchill III, grandson of Britain's former Prime Minister Winston Churchill, will visit Lubbock on March 30.

Churchill will address the Texas Tech Rawls College of Business' Chief Executives Roundtable, staff, faculty, students and members of the Lubbock community at 12 p.m. at the Lubbock Country Club. He will discuss current conflicts and issues in the Middle East, including fighting between Israel and the Palestinians, and tensions in Iraq. Churchill served as a correspondent for Look magazine and the British press during conflicts in Vietnam, Angola and the Middle East.

Jerry Stevens, program director of the Chief Executives Roundtable, said Churchill was invited to speak because of his experience covering conflicts in the region and his work with students. Churchill has spoken at events nationwide, including presentations to college students.

Individual seats for the event are \$65. Tables are available for \$750 and include eight seats and

admission to a private reception March 29. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Randi Rives at (806) 742-3940 or randi.rives@ttu.edu. Reservations must be made by March 18.

Churchill entered the British Parliament in 1970 as the youngest Conservative Party member and served for 27 years. He is the author of "Six Day War," an account of Israel's war

with its Arab neighbors, and "Defending the West," a book about threats posed by the Soviet Union.

The Chief Executives Roundtable is a Rawls College of Business program in which participants' membership fees are used for business student scholarships and to bring in nationally known speakers to address students, faculty and the CER members.

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Here it is again, the greatest celebration in the history of mankind, the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning, as we celebrate March 27, 2005. What a glorious time of the year. Just to think about this time of the year, makes one really think about Jesus Christ.

May each of you have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season, but don't forget why we are celebrating this day. Pass on the real meaning of Easter to your family and friends.

May God continue to bless you and your family members. Happy Easter.

Let us not forget those in our community who are sick and shut-in and are recuperating at this time. Among them include Sister Charlie Bell Pratt, who is at home. Brother W. H. Pitts, Jr., who is a patient at the Lubbock Hospitality House, 4710 Slide Road.

Sister Ruby Donaldson is recuperating nicely after an operation last week. She will be in rehab for several weeks.

The son of Brother and Sister Clarence Ervin, Tyrone Ervin, was to have entered a Dallas hos-

pital this week. There are others, but God knows. Your precious prayers, visits, kind words and any kind deed will be most appreciated by those who are sick and shut-in. Today, there are those who are sick and shut-in, and tomorrow it could be you or me. God is able.

Holy Week Services are set for Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, Thursday and Friday evening, March 24 and 25, 2005, beginning each evening at 6:00 p. m. Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr. is pastor.

The Community Health Center of Lubbock would like to invite all children between the ages of 1 and 12 to attend an Easter Egg Hunt at the Chatman Community Health Center, 2301 Cedar Avenue, on Friday afternoon, March 25, 2005, from 1:30 p. m. until 3:00 p. m.

The 79th Church Anniversary of the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, will be held Sunday afternoon, April 17, 2005, beginning at 3:30 p. m. The theme is

"Building A personal Relationship With The Lord," St. Luke 17:15-16.

Special guest will be Rev. Cleophus Marshall, III, pastor of the Fountain of Life Christian Center, of San Antonio, Texas.

Rev. B. R. Moton is host pastor. The public is invited.

During the Celebrity Luncheon, the association for Women in Communications will honor people and organizations that have benefited the community.

Among them who will be honored will be T. J. Patterson who will receive the George Mahon Award. Those Gold Medalist winners are Louise Underwood, Bob Bellah, Lovelle Owens and Rose Mediano. Headliners are Dr. Patti Patterson, Delbert McDougal, Hutch Haley, Jonathan Johnson and Lubbock - The Giant Side of Texas. The Louise Allen Award will be presented to Betenbough Charitable Foundation.

The ceremony will be held at 11:30 a. m. on Friday, April 22, 2005, in the McInturf Conference Center at University Medical Center.

In Remembrance

James Albert Harvest

Jacksonville, Texas - Funeral services for a Lubbock, Texas resident, James Albert Harvest, were held last Saturday afternoon, March 19, 2005, at the Rock Hill Baptist Church in Jacksonville.

Arrangements were under the direction of Williams Funeral Home of Jacksonville.

Mr. Harvest passed away Thursday, March 10, 2005, at the Carol Young Medical Facility in Dickerson, Texas.

He was a member of the First Progressive Baptist Church of Lubbock.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Harvest; four daughters, a son, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her mother, Jo Nell Johnson of Lubbock, Texas; two sons, Cedric and Rodrick Johnson of Lubbock, Texas; four brothers: Lester, Jerry, Fredrick and Horace Johnson, all

of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Evette Simmons of Lubbock, Texas; three grandchildren, a host of other relatives, and a special friend, Michael Cole of Lubbock, Texas.

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Wednesday: Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm
God's Plan for Saving Man
All have sinned - Romans 3:23
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:38
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb 5:9
How do we obey him?
Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3
Confess - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
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Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am
Sunday Evening YPPW - 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. For college students, a meal will be provided.
"Bless 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 Making a better District 2

Making A Better District 2

Thursday, March 17, 2005, a District 2 Town Hall meeting was held in the Southwestern section of the district at Smith Temple Community Church located at 66th and Avenue P across from Lowrey Field.

District 1 Council member, Mrs. Linda DeLeon, supportively flanked the host council member Floyd Price. Other members of Lubbock's City Staff were present including Chief of Staff, Dixon Platt, Chief of Police Claude Jones, and head of departments of Codes Enforcement and Health, The City's Legal Department was also represented.

This meeting was fruitful in that those present were informed on the Codes that governed and how they apply to the daily lives of the citizenry of Lubbock. An example is if one automobile is park on the grass instead of a driveway, the sum imposed as punishment for the offense could be \$200 or more. Another example of Lubbock City government working with its citizens is one may call to remove a vehicle that is not operational with proper documentation at a reasonable exchange.

Council member Floyd Price is to be congratulated for his efforts in helping to continue raise the level of the quality of life of the people of

District 2. The homeowners and tenants who live with us in the District are encouraged to make sure their property is kept up and above the standard. You can make your community a fine place to live and for the young to raise their children.

The other issue that the people of District 2 need to be aware of is crime in the neighborhood. The City of Lubbock has one of the best police departments in the state of Texas. We have a dedicated police chief in Claude Jones. He is committed to keeping our community safe. He works with the citizenry of Lubbock. I am personally aware of this because of interaction on Boards we serve. He has much needed support in a dedicated staff person: Tom Mann.

Those of you who live in District 2 need to be aware that as Lubbock grows it is not always the recipient of people of moral character. Our close proximity to the border of Mexico allows the unusual to filter in our neighborhoods. For instance, I was informed that on the 18th day of this month a group of young Hispanics males around 18 years of age were allegedly shooting a weapon that could discard repeatedly at a black male around 50 years of age without cause or provocation. These males and the shooter repeatedly called the victim

the "N" word while shooting at him as he was running to escape death or serious injury from a deadly firearm.

This community must not let his type of behavior be condoned. There is no room in our society for bigotry and prejudice. The alleged actions of these young men constitute the elements of a "hate crime." Bias is defined as a preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of people based on race, religion, ethnic/national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

A hate crime is defined as a criminal offense committed against a person or property, which is motivated by the offender's bias against race, religion, ethnic/national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

District 2 was marred with hate crimes committed several years ago by white Hispanic males against blacks. We must not let our community become ethnic torn apart by young hoodlums. Don't be afraid to call the police. I can almost guarantee you, that the police department will handle these criminals and the attorneys, juries, judges and all who make up the Criminal Justice System will mete punishment that will put such perpetrators away for a long time or eternity. This type of behavior hurt the whole of Lubbock morally, socially and economically.



We Thank God for Jesus Jesus is Risen

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

ECCLESIASTES 1:9 - The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; there is no new thing under the sun.

There is a rhythm in that verse, and the rhythm is ever so TRUE. LIFE IS LIKE A RE-RUN IN THIS OLD WORLD. THERE IS NOTHING NEW.

Isaiah 1:2-5 - Hear, O heaven, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. Why should ye be stricken anymore? Ye will revolt more and more, the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

IT WAS 1900 PLUS YEARS ago and its happening ALL OVER AGAIN. THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS, THE PEOPLE DON'T WANT HIM TO RULE THIS LAND.

Luke 19:12-14 - Jesus said, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, "Occupy till I come." But his citizens hated him, saying, "We will not have this man to reign over us."

This U.S.A. STARTED OUT FOLLOWING JESUS, IN MANY WAYS, BUT IT HAS NOW BECOME LIKE ADAM, EVE, AND JUDAS. JESUS HAS BEEN BETRAYED.

John 1:10-12 - He (JESUS)

was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. But as many as received him, to them gave him power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

Man has come up with a new thing: EVERYONE IS TO HAVE HIS RIGHTS, FOLLOWING A MAN AND HIS DREAMS: AMERICA IS HAVING NIGHTMARES EVERYNIGHT!

Romans 1:22-23a - Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible men.

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EVEN THE CHURCHES NOW: IS LIKE TRYING TO DRAW BEES WITHOUT HONEY, THEY'RE NOT LIFTING UP THE NAME OF JESUS.

BUT IT'S NOW, MONEY, MONEY, MONEY.

Matthew 16:23 - Jesus said, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offense unto me; for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

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1 Corinthians 15:1-20 - If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that sleep.

Now the U.S.A. believes in the PHILOSOPHY: WORDS OF MANY SINNER'S MEN, AS THOUGH THE 66 BOOKS OF THE HOLY BIBLE, THERE IS NO WISDOM WITHIN.

Revelation 2:7-5 & 7a - Jesus said, Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen, and REPENT AND DO THE FIRST WORKS, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will REMOVE THY CANDLESTICK OUT OF HIS PLACE, EXCEPT THOU REPENT. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

God is not through with us yet. So let's pray for one another always. Directed - Arranged - Produced - Guided By OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

This week, the members and friends of The Outreach Prayer Breakfast are praying for the healing of the People.

"Father, in the name of Jesus, we confess your word concerning healing, as we do this, we believe and say your word will not return to you void, but will accomplish what it says it will. Therefore, we believe, in the name of Jesus, that all who read will be healed, according to 1 Peter 2:24. It is written, Jesus himself took our infirmities and bore our sickness. Therefore, with great boldness and confidence, we stand on the authority of the written word, and say that we are redeemed from the curse of poverty and sickness.

Satan, we speak to you, in the name of Jesus, and say that your principalities, power, your spirit who rule the present darkness, and your spiritual wickedness in heavenly places are bound from operating against God's people. Especially those who have given up hope. We are property of the Almighty God, and we give you no place in these, we dwell in the Secret Place of the Most High God. We abide remain stable and fixed under the shadows

of the Almighty.

Now "Father", because we reverence and worship you, we have the assurance or your word that the angels of the Lord encamps around about us and delivers us from every evil work. No evil shall befall us; no plague or calamity shall come near our dwellings. We confess the word of God abides in us, and delivers perfect soundness of "mind". Wholeness in body and spirit from the deepest part even to the joints and the whole body. Your word, Lord, is medication and life in our flesh, for the law of the spirit of life operates in us, according how we believe, and make us free of the law of sin and death. We have on the whole armour of God, and the shield of faith protects us from all the fiery darts of the wicked. Jesus is the high priest of our confession and we hold fast our confession of Faith in the word. We stand immovable and fixed in full assurance that we have health and healing now, in the name of Jesus. And Friends, he died for all of us. He loves all of us no matter what you have done. No matter your condition. If you can believe, you can truly receive from Jesus.

Reference Scriptures: Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24, 1 Peter 2:24, Matthew 8:17, Mark 11:22, Galatians 3:13; Psalm 91:10, James 4:7, Ephesians 6:14, II Corinthians 10:4, Psalms 34:7, II Timothy 1:7, Hebrews 4:12, Proverbs 4:22, Romans 8:2, Ephesians 6:11-16, Psalms 112:7 and II Chronicles 7:12-14.

Of course, we eat the world's diet, and we get sick, but check out these scriptures.

Thank you for reading, People. May God continue to bless each of you in all that you do on a daily basis. Please keep those drive by prayers going for our communities, schools, churches and our leaders.

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

Courses in wine, ballroom dancing new for spring

People interested in learning about wine, or wanting some tips on fancy footwork can still enroll in Texas Tech University Outreach and Extended Studies' spring Study with the Masters courses. Texas Tech Lifelong Learning Community for people age 55 and older, is also taking enrollments for the remainder of spring courses and events.

The Study with the Masters series offers specialized non-credit courses taught exclusively by Texas Tech faculty. Ballroom Dancing, co-sponsored by Lubbock Ballet begins March 30, and, the ever-popular, always foil Wine 101: An Introduction to Wine begins March 31. Enrollment is limited and participants are encouraged to register early.

The Texas Tech Lifelong Learning Community still has limited space for enrollments in the Conversation with the Classics: Shakespeare's The Tempest, which begins April 4, as well as Poetry Writing, which begins April 5. For people who want to learn more about classical music, enrollments are open for Appreciating Classical Music Masterpieces, which begins April 18 and will be taught by Clint Barrick, program director at 89.1

KOHH-FM. A course in Spirit Basics also begins April 18.

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, March 20, 2005, church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were very inspiring. Sunday School begun at 10:05 a.m.

Sister Shirley Canady was in charge of Sunday school. The morning lesson was entitled "Justified By Faith." The lesson was taught by Sister Nina Davis, and was reviewed by Pastor Edward Canady.

The morning worship hour begun at 11:15 a.m. Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson led the morning devotion.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir, which is always at

its post of duty, sung out of their hearts and souls. What a time all had singing God's praises.

Minister Monty Smith delivered the morning message. His subject was "Weakness." His scripture text was II Corinthians 12:9 and II Samuel 11:1-5. What a wonderful sermon.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church sick and shut-in list includes: Sister Luella Harris,

Sister Louise Tillman, Sister Orelia Moore and Sister Katy Golden.

Thought For The Week: "There would be no crown wearers in Heaven had Christ not been the cross bearer on earth."

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Would be a very good idea to visit one of them on Easter Sunday.

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Instructors and volunteers needed for community centers

Earn extra money! Do you have a talent or special knowledge you would like to share with others? The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for new classes and instructors for current and summer sessions at our community centers and the Garden and Arts Center. Teach as little or as much as you like! Instructors work with staff to set their class dates and times, the material covered, any supplies needed, and the cost. Volunteers are also needed:

Lubbock Senior Center
Contact: Paula Brown, 767-

2710
Volunteers are needed to teach a daytime aerobics/fitness class for seniors, to teach Western-style dances and to assist in teaching ceramics.

Hodges Community Center and Maxey Community Center
Contact: Patsy Ramirez, 767-3706

Instructors are needed for youth classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Gymnastics and youth and adult classes in Arts and crafts. Instructors should be proficient in their subject. For youth class-

es, instructors should have experience working with children.

Lubbock Garden and Arts Center
Gwen Armstrong, 767-3724

Instructors are needed for adult classes in pilates, piano, floral arranging, airbrush painting, ceramics, drawing, and other arts and crafts.

Maggie Trejo Supercenter and Mae Simmons Community and Senior Center
Contact: Olivia Solis, 707-2705

Volunteers are needed to teach computer classes two to three times a week for seniors or youth. Trejo Supercenter is also looking for volunteers to teach sewing once a week to seniors and a volunteer to teach salsa dancing.

Rawlings Community and Senior Center
Contact: Herminia Marlines, 767-2704

Volunteers are needed to teach computer classes for seniors or youth and an instructor for an evening aerobics class.

Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, Inc. holds April Fool's Spring Fling

Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, Inc. is proud to announce the first annual April Fool's Spring Fling. This fundraiser is one of two fundraisers held annually. Our goal this year is to raise over \$30,000 to support future productions and educational outreach endeavors. Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, Inc. is also celebrating its 40th anniversary of presenting Texas history in the canyon and would like to invite local community members to share in this celebration. The event will take place Friday, April 1, 2008 from 6:30 to 10:30 pm at the Civic Center North Exhibit Hall in Canyon, Texas. Coors Cowboy Club will provide dinner and drinks. We will also have casino games and armadillo races. Gambling chips are available for \$10 a bag, and each bag purchased will offer a chance to win one of several prizes to be raffled

throughout the evening. Texas Express, the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation musical group, will join the Prairie Dogs for live performances throughout the evening. Tickets are available for purchase at www.epicetexas.com, or by calling 805-655-2181. Group tables and sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Our sponsors and donors include Irwin Greenhouses, Mamott Hotels, Durcan & Boyd Jewelers, Graham Jewelers, Coors Cowboy Club, Barbara Tabor Day Spa, Rabum Rentals, J. Winston, Kenneth Wyatt, Coca-Cola, Foust Feed & Trailers, Doche Cleaners, Spirit Emporium, Happy State Bank, and Jack Sisemore Traveland.

The mission of Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, Inc. is to preserve and present Texas history through education and entertainment.

Too cool for school



Iles Elementary students pause during their afternoon skate Monday afternoon at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum for a "photo op". Initially, the girls eagerly posed for photos while rink manager, Kris Whitaker kept the boys busy with a game of dodgeball at the far end of the ice. Iles participates in the "Learn to Skate" program sponsored by Lubbock Cotton Kings hockey. Brian Yearwood is principal at Iles Elementary School in Lubbock.

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Wal-Mart awards \$1.5 million to the United Negro College Fund; Retailer establishes emergency assistance fund for 'Strive for Excellence Scholars'

BENTONVILLE, Ark., March 4 (PRNewswire-FirmCall) — Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (NYSE: WMT) today announced it has provided an award of \$1.5 million to the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) that includes a \$1 million grant to establish the Wal-Mart Emergency Assistance Fund and \$500,000 in operating support for UNCF member schools. The award will be distributed in two allocations beginning this year. The gift was announced by Lee Scott, President and CEO, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., last night at the United Negro College Fund 61st Anniversary Dinner.

U.S. Census Bureau research indicates that only 40 percent of the African-American students who enroll in college are able to continue in school through graduation, compared to 60 percent of white students, and that the primary cause for this attrition is the lack of resources required for tuition and fees, books and other direct costs of attending college. The Wal-Mart Emergency Assistance Fund would target those individual cases of unmet need. Grant recipients will be known as "Wal-Mart Striving for Excellence Scholars," linking

program objectives to one of the core values at Wal-Mart. The designation also acknowledges a focus on assisting nontraditional students such as first generation attendees and single parents and students who are in need of short-term financial assistance to continue their studies.

"At Wal-Mart, we make a difference in the lives of our customers and associates each day by providing quality merchandise at affordable prices and quality jobs with growth opportunities," said Scott. "We would like to extend that commitment to the students that are a part of the 38 member UNCF schools. These grants will provide 'just in time' financial aid and help ensure that those students who are in the greatest financial need, may have an opportunity to continue in school through graduation."

The UNCF has raised funds to support its 38 member historically black colleges and universities and the students who attend them for more than 60 years. It has raised and distributed more than \$2.3 billion for student scholarships and college operating funds.

"Wal-Mart's support is a critical component of our efforts to

assist minority students who are faced with financial adversity, which often times affect their ability to finish school," says Dr. Michael Lemax, UNCF's President and CEO. "We applaud Wal-Mart for its commitment to higher education."

Wal-Mart's gift to UNCF for the Emergency Assistance Fund will be divided among UNCF's 38 member schools based on UNCF's member institution distribution formula. Colleges can award Wal-Mart Emergency Assistance Fund grants to students from any city or state, pursuing any major, as long as each scholarship completed the student's financial aid package and no individual scholarship exceeded \$3,000.

For its fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 2005, cash donations through Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and the Wal-Mart & SAM'S CLUB Foundation exceeded a record \$170 million. Wal-Mart's philanthropic efforts last year assisted more than 100,000 organizations, and overall, gave back \$5 every second to support causes extending from disaster recovery efforts and educational initiatives to funding hospital equipment and treatment.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. oper-

ates Wal-Mart Stores, Supercenters, Neighborhood Markets and SAM'S CLUB locations in the United States. Internationally, the company operates in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Korea and the United Kingdom. The company's securities are listed on the New York and Pacific stock exchanges under the symbol WMT. More information about Wal-Mart can be found by visiting www.walmart-facts.com. Online merchandise sales are available at www.walmart.com.

Founded in 1944, The United Negro College Fund is the nation's oldest and most successful minority higher education assistance organization. UNCF has raised \$2.3 billion to support its 38 member institutions and has helped more than 350,000 students earn undergraduate and graduate degrees. UNCF administers more than 450 programs, including scholarship, internship and fellowship programs, mentoring, summer enrichment, and curriculum and faculty development programs. Today, UNCF supports more than 65,000 students at over 900 colleges and universities across the country.

Tips for keeping your child passengers safe on the road

Motor vehicle injuries are one of the greatest public health problems facing children today. However, child passenger safety is a serious issue many people may overlook. Leading trauma experts say child safety seats, when used properly, reduce the number of deaths among children in motor vehicle crashes by 71 percent in infants and 54 percent in toddlers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, approximately 1,600 children ages 0 to 14 years were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2003. More than half of those children were unrestrained. Of the children ages 4 and younger who were fatally injured, 35 percent were unrestrained.

The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control notes that a survey of more than

17,500 children found that only 15 percent of children in safety seats were harnessed correctly in properly installed seats.

Paula Ponder, R.N., a trauma outcomes coordinator for Covenant Health System, said, "Approximately 80 percent of child safety seats are used improperly. To solve this problem, you should follow the instructions that come with your safety seat and have it checked by a certified child passenger safety technician."

The NHTSA provides proper usage tips for child safety seats as follows:

- Infants, from birth to at least 1 year should never be placed in a front seat where an air bag is present;
- Infant child seats should be tightly installed in the rear seat, facing the rear;
- Children ages 1 to 4 should

be placed in a forward-facing only or high-back booster in the rear seat, facing forward; and

• Children ages 4 to at least 8 should be placed in a belt-positioning booster or a high-back belt positioning booster in the rear seat.

Many children who have outgrown their child safety seats are inappropriately placed in adult seat belts instead of booster seats.

"There are many safety seats on the market," Ponder said. "The best child safety seat is the one that fits your child properly, is easy to use and fits in your vehicle correctly."

She also noted the consequences for breaking the laws concerning child passenger safety can be a Class C misdemeanor with a fine up to \$200.

"The bottom line is child passenger restraint devices do

save lives and any reduction in death in this age group is worth the time it takes to use a car seat or booster seat," Ponder said.

EEOC sues local car dealership for age bias

EL PASO, Texas - Brownfield Motorplex, Inc. discriminated against a 60-year-old employee at its Brownfield, Texas, car dealership when it terminated him on April 1, 2003, due to ageism, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) charges in a lawsuit filed today in federal district court.

In the suit, the EEOC says that Brownfield Motorplex fired the older employee from his job as a car salesman because of his age, then 60, and told that employee that it wanted a younger sales staff. The litigation was filed under the Age Discrimination in Employment

Act in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division, Civil Action Number 5-05CV0060-C, after the agency's El Paso Area Office investigated a charge of discrimination, found merit, and first attempted to reach a voluntary pre-litigation settlement through its conciliation process.

"Older Americans need and want to work for a variety of reasons," said Leticia Dominguez, trial attorney with the EEOC's El Paso Area Office. "When an employer prevents a qualified individual over the age of 40 from working strictly because of that person's

age, then that employer violates federal law and should expect to be held accountable. Employers must heighten their awareness of age discrimination - especially with the graying of the workforce - and refrain from making decisions based on myths and stereotypes about older workers."

The EEOC's suit seeks back pay and liquidated damages, as well as other relief including a permanent injunction preventing the car dealership from discharging employees because of their age. Further information about the Commission and the laws it enforces is available online at www.eeoc.gov.

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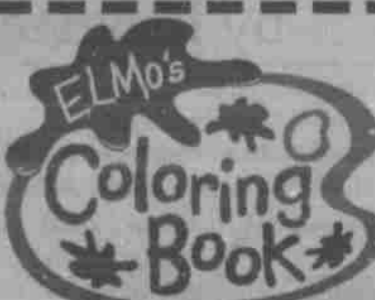
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Think About It!

Black History Month has come and gone, now what?

by Eddie P. Richardson

This writer saw a McDonald's advertisement on the back cover of a recent *Jet Magazine* cover with Serena Williams, which supported my stand on Black History Month. She was pinning one of her designer gowns on a manikin. "The accomplishments of my ancestors cannot be limited to the month of February. Just as my success will not be limited to tennis. It's important to remember the past, work for the future and to always give back. That's why I celebrate Black History everyday with McDonald's 365 Black."

Continuing, she said, "I am not a subscriber to Black History or any other special ethnic history. I am a proponent of the true American history and if this was the case, there would not be a need for special history."

"Every group in America made a great contribution to form-

ing and shaping America, starting at the beginning. The American Indians' land and home was invaded by the Europeans and were removed from their homeland and homes and placed in concentration camps, called reservations. The Africans were bought and sold into slavery and furnished free labor, especially farm labor to help shape America. There were also the Chinese whose labor was utilized to develop the railroads in the California area of this country. The Italians, Irish, Polish, Germans and every other group made their contributions to this great country, The United States of America. Even a part of this, at one time, belonged to Mexico. So you can't tell the American History without telling the true history. You tell the true story unless there is inclusion of all groups and we must cover

every group."

If we had been fed true American history all along, instead of the poison we were fed as history, and, in most cases, especially some minorities not fed at all.

That's why this writer is forced to support Black History Month as a necessary evil, because it is all we have. If it were not for it, we would have nothing.

At time, we hear the racist say "America, love it or leave it." This writer loves America, but there are some things I do not love. That's why I work so hard on correcting them.

There is no way I'm going to leave America. I will be on the last boat, behind the last Indian. There is no country as great as the United States of America!

Closing Thought: "Stop complaining and start acting!"

THIS 'N' THAT

CONGRATS IN STORE FOR ESTACADO'S HENDERSON! THIS N THAT ... wants to say, "CONGRATS to LAVONDA HENDERSON, who played guard for the Estacado High School Lady Matadors, for being selected as an Outstanding Player in Basketball this year. We continue to wish her well as she continues her education at another level next fall. Do your very best LAVONDA HENDERSON, as there are many young girls in the Lubbock and West Texas community who are watching what you are going to do. So don't let them down, but most important ... don't let yourself down!

NEW OWNERS AT EAST 19TH AMPHITHEATER CENTER! THIS N THAT wants to advise the new owners of the Amphitheater Center on East 19th Street to know that we are hoping you will keep down the LOUD NOISE during your upcoming concerts, which we believe will start during the Easter Holiday with a bash. Hopefully, the new owners, J.M.N.I., INC. will at least make some kind of contact with the DUNBAR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, and the BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, which is less than two blocks from the establishments. Past history reveals that the past

owners, in the early days of their ownership, held programs during church services. Hopefully, this will not be the case with the new owners. You see, NOISE travels fast over those railroad tracks. THIS N THAT is a supporter of everything that will help Lubbock, but will advise when there appears to be some bad activity about to take place.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER REMINDS: "THE BEGINNING doesn't mean a THING. It's really the END which really COUNTS!"

VERY GOOD VISIT WITH JEREMY GREEN! THIS N THAT and Eddie P. Richardson had a very fruitful visit with JEREMY GREEN, a young man who had an accident while practicing for football in Levelland, Texas. In the more than an hour visit, much was discussed, and one got the feeling that this young man, JEREMY GREEN, will not give up. But he wants to make up his own mind before he makes a decision. Hopefully, this kind of communications will continue in the future, as it was a very positive beginning of what we hope will be a continued relationship. THIS N THAT is wishing our new acquaintance the very best in life, and to take advantage of all the opportunities available to him.

VAN ASHLEY, WE WISH YOU WELL! THIS N THAT wants to wish one our friends, VAN ASHLEY, the very best as he is seeking the post of MAYOR for the City of Littlefield. He told THIS N THAT he was a candidate for the post, and has learned a lot since the last time he sought this position. Ashley has been serving as a City Councilman for nearly 19 years, and feels very strongly he is ready and able to undertake such position. THIS N THAT wishes him the very best, and may he capture such position. There is no doubt about it ... He would do an excellent job!

REP. EDWARDS HAS CHEERLEADING BILL! THIS N THAT learned of a House of Representative Bill in Austin sponsored by REP. AL EDWARDS (D-HOUSTON), which would put an end to "SEXUALLY SUGGESTIVE DANCE ROUTINES" at athletic events and other extracurricular competitions. According to Edwards, "It's just too sexually oriented. The way they are shaking their behinds and going on ... breaking it down." THIS N THAT will be watching this bill - as it will be creating some excitement in Austin during the remainder of the session. Anyway ... THIS N THAT SALUTES Rep. Edwards for standing tall for our children.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



I was not surprised when I read an article by U.S. Senator Trent Lott praising the merits of President Bush's plan to privatize Social Security and persuade young workers age 55 and



younger to buy into the idea of the new plan. He did mention that the new plan would be voluntary. According to him, his 91 year old mother who worked until

she was 75 years old, cannot live on her Social Security benefits which will remain the same for the rest of her life, though his 35 year old daughter has a chance to be a part of the new plan.

The new plan will allow his daughter to "begin contributing to one of these personal accounts and then select from a variety of funds in which to invest and grow her retirement. Though she'd have more control over her money, it is not a privatized system as many people have suggested. Like the Thrift Savings Plan, these retirement funds still would be managed by the federal government. Because they would be publicly administered, participants could not withdraw the funds

at any time or for anything they wish."

The information that Senator Lott left out is the fact that the investments may take a drop in value, depending on the stock market, just as any other stock investments. If there is a loss, the investor loses.

Senator Lott stated, "Now, I don't take Social Security reform lightly. In fact, I've worked to stop major Social Security changes before, back in the 1980s, but times have changed ... my elderly mother cannot live on her meager Social Security income. She worked until she was 75, for a small return. It wasn't fair."

Senator Lott failed to mention that as late as 2003, he worked to stop Social Security changes such as the GPO or Government Pension Offset and the WEP or Windfall Elimination Provision. As a teacher who taught in three states, Illinois, Texas, and Mississippi, two which are affected by these provisions of the Social Security legislature, I wrote to all of the senators in these states and the appropriate representatives requesting them to support the House and Senate bills which would repeal these legislative acts.

These acts reduce Social Security benefits for teachers in states who pay into a pension plan, but do not pay

Social Security taxes during the time of their employment. Though the teacher works in other areas and pay Social Security taxes and eventually earn the required quarters to qualify for a Social Security check, the amount is reduced by about one-half. In addition, a married recipient is not eligible for a spouse's benefits upon death of the spouse and vice-versa. The only negative response that I received was from Senator Trent Lott. He assured me that the program was working as it was supposed to and there was no need to change the provisions. If he believes that his mother's income is meager, I wonder what he thinks of mine.

It is time for all working Americans to get 'in cinque' and bombard their senators and representatives with letters letting them know how they feel about the proposed changes to Social Security, keeping in mind that the Congressmen will have a lifetime pension and personally do not have to worry about the 'meager' Social Security benefits.

The GPO and WEP need to be eliminated and workers earning six figure salaries need to pay more into the Social Security treasury; Social Security funds should not be 'lent' to other department of the government.

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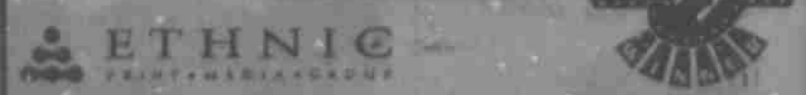
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Laine and her family have spent the last 15 years fighting for "truth and equal justice," and, she states, receiving none. Her quest now is to share her story so that what happened to her family does not happen to others.

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After Laine's brother was accused by his wife of three months of "the most hideous crime any father could endure," the family embarked on a journey that still continues today. Laine has spent nearly \$70,000 in legal fees and continues to incur expenses related to her brother's defense and incarceration.

Laine recounts her family's experience with an attorney whom she claims forged two documents, which ultimately resulted in her brother being labeled a criminal. Furthermore, in the midst of representing his clients, he was placed on probation by the Texas Bar

Association unbeknownst to the Laines. Her subsequent investigation revealed that the attorney is no longer eligible to practice in the state of Texas. She warns, "Upon seeing the term 'criminal attorney,' tread with caution as it may be their profession or a bold statement of their character."

In addition to inadequate counsel, Laine shares the tribulations of dealing with the Texas Bar Association and the departments of Human Services and Child Protective Services. She also delves into the state's prison system, pointing out that Texas prisons led the nation's industries in the 1990s. She examines state legislators' demands for more prisons and the subsequent call to fill the

"empty new prisons Texans were forced to build."

"I have been warned not to write this book, but I ran out of excuses. I am fed-up with being stonewalled and the constant injustice. I am willing to stick my neck out to right this wrong and prevent another family of such injustice!" states Laine. "I want some accountability and responsibility. I want my brother to receive his constitutional rights."

Laine does not claim to be an author, but a voice for the many falsely accused. Her warning to every reader: "The same can happen to you, anytime, anywhere, without warning, life will never be the same."



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