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Lubbock soldier receives military award at recent All-American Bowl



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, 7:00am, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Barker 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 at 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 Hunt Elementary.



Army Spec. Matthew C. Smith is one of more than 70 heroes honored at the Army-sponsored "All-American" Bowl. He is shown here with Clifton Geathers, who played for the East team. (Photo by Daren Reehl)

By Dona Fair

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - When the son of a Lubbock couple entered the Alamodome for the Army-sponsored "All-American" Bowl high school all-star game, he received a huge heroes' welcome from the crowd of more than 31,000 fans. But he wasn't sporting a football uniform and running onto the field to begin the game.

Army Spec. Matthew C. Smith, son of Mitchell and

Uetta Smith of 74th, Lubbock, was one of more than 70 heroes who had earned the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart or Army Commendation Medal for their efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom or for assistance after Hurricane Katrina who were honored during pre-game activities. Each soldier-hero was matched with one of the players representing the East and West squads prior to kick-off.

The theme of this year's game is "Leadership and



Soldier heroes from various branches of the military were honored for their accomplishments. They are seen here, marching into the Alamodome for opening ceremonies of the "All-American" Bowl. (Photo by Daren Reehl)

Teamwork in Action." Over the past year, the heroes have participated in various military deployments and received various medals for their distinguished service to our country.

"I am being honored at the All-American Bowl to represent the soldiers who have been through Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom," said the 2001 graduate of Friendship High School in Wolfforth.

Smith was in San Antonio to be honored and to represent the

Army in what has become one of the largest events of its kind in high school sports. "The citizens of San Antonio have been very kind to all of us and have shown their appreciation toward America's military," he said. "I enjoyed meeting the best high school football players in the country and watching the national football championship game." Being able to represent the Army in this way only brings home the importance for young people to serve in the military

today. "Serving in the military is very important because I feel that I owe my country," he said. "I serve because it gives me great pride."

Smith is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., where he serves as an infantryman. Just like the young football athletes he has encountered this week, he will continue to score many more touchdowns in the future during his military career.

Texas Black Publishers meet in Dallas



Enterprise Rent-A-Car DFW group relations manager Robert McRae and TPA president Willie Hobdy.

(TPA NEWSWIRE) - Members of the Texas Publishers Association (TPA), an association of African American owned newspapers, met recently in Lancaster, Texas to begin preparation for their annual convention which will take place in Austin on March 30 - April 1, 2006 at the

Austin Airport Hilton. Farnah Gray, the 21-year-old self-made millionaire will be the keynote speaker at the association's annual convention. Following the meeting, Enterprise Rent-A-Car sponsored a luncheon that featured a community forum and diversity workshop that was

presented by Enterprise Rent-A-Car group relations manager Robert McRae. Started in 1957, Enterprise Rent-A-Car grossed \$8.2 billion in revenue last year (2005) and was named "Largest college recruiter in the United States" as reported by Black Collegian magazine in 2004. It is the largest rental car company in North America with more than 6,500 offices and noted for its outstanding service that includes picking up customers at no extra cost.

The secret to the company's success has been its investment in its employees, McRae told the leaders of Texas' Black Press. "Our philosophy has been to empower our employees to make decisions about their work and career," said McRae. "We believe strongly in promoting from within, investing in employee training and development and rewarding employee initiative and capabilities with increased levels of responsibility and earning potential."

"Any time you can get the best of the best to come in and break bread with you and share ideas on how we can best work together on

strengthening and empowering our businesses and the communities we serve, it's a true blessing for newspapers across the state of Texas," said TPA president Willie Hobdy.

The group also recognized the partnership and alliance Enterprise Rent-A-Car has with the Dallas Weekly, one of about eight DFW metro black owned publications that target the African American community. The two have worked closely in promotions that are very innovative and not necessarily focused on advertising, but rather reinforcing and enhancing the image Enterprise employees have about the company.

"Working with black media allows us to give back to the communities where Enterprise customers and employees live and work," said McRae. The monthly TPA luncheons take place in various cities across Texas.

About The Texas Publishers Association:

The Texas Publishers Association is the trade organization of the Black press of Texas. Twenty-two African American publication

from across the state comprise the active membership. The Texas Publisher's Association is the voice of Black Texas provided an Afrocentric perspective to millions of Texas citizens of every race, nationality and creed. As our great state and nation work on keeping America strong it is imperative for the readers of Black newspapers to know whether cultural progress or regressive trends keeps Black Texans in a position of being political and economic afterthoughts. As business leaders in our respective communities, the publishers of Texas' Black newspapers want to be in a position to tell our readers how these positive and negative trends affect them.

Member publications include the Smith County Herald, Texas Informer, East Texas Review, Dallas Examiner, Dallas Post Tribune, Corsicana Examiner, Our Texas Magazine, MON-The Gazette, Power Pages, The Kaumba Heritage News, African Herald, Nokia-The Observer, The Villager, San Antonio Observer, San Antonio Register, Houston Style Magazine and African Digest.

Georgian named as head of National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO)

Washington, DC - Atlanta Council Member Felicia Moore has been elected to head the National



League of Cities (NLC) National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) constituency group for 2006. Moore will serve a one-year term as president of NBC-LEO. Also elected as NBC-LEO president-elect is Terry Riley, councilman from Kansas City, Missouri.

"I am humbled by the support given to me by my colleagues from across the country to lead this awesome and powerful organization," said Moore, who also serves as vice chair of NLC's Finance, Administration, and

Intergovernmental Relations Steering Committee. Recently she received the prestigious Gold Level Leadership Ambassador Certificate from NLC for her participation in the Leadership Training Institute program.

NBC-LEO was created in 1970 to represent the interests of African-American elected officials. NBC-LEO's objectives include increasing African-American participation on NLC's steering and policy committees to ensure that policy and program recommendations reflect African-American concerns and will benefit their communities.

The organization also works independently with its members to inform them on issues affecting the African-American community and helps to devise ways to achieve their community objectives

through legislation and direct action. NBC-LEO conducts its annual meetings in conjunction with NLC's Congress of Cities and the Congressional City Conference.

Members of NBC-LEO will be meeting in Harrisburg, Pa. January 26-28, to develop their policy and advocacy priorities for the coming year. During 2005, the group was active in the successful battle to save the Community Development Block Grant program, and began work to promote a number of issues including the reauthorization of the voting rights act.

The National League of Cities is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities in centers of opportunity, leadership and gov-

ernance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 18,000 U.S. cities,

towns and villages, which collectively serve 225 million people.

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The Southwest Digest

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Women Missionary Society of the New Hope Baptist Church will present a pictorial review of the past president of the Society. This program will be held Sunday afternoon, January 29, 2006, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The theme is "They Paved The Way." Proverbs 6:3.

Sister Fattie Barrow is chairman and Sister Joan Y. Ervin is president. Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut in. There are many among us whom this writer does not know about, but remember your prayer is so important to those who are shut in. Some of those include Sister Dorothy Nash, Sister Bobbie Brown, Brother Rudolph Belvin, Brother Clarence Ervin, Sister Odessa Long, and Sister Shirley Canady.

Please don't forget those families who have lost loved ones. Remember God is able!

The Annual Lincoln/Douglas

Tea will be held at the Mae Simmons Community Center on Sunday afternoon, February 12, 2006, beginning at 4:00 p.m. This annual event is sponsored by the Alliance for Human Needs and Social Justice.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Ms. Emma Jackson at (806) 762-5969.

A Friendship Wedding will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 South East Drive, Sunday afternoon, February 19, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Eddie L. Everline is pastor.

The event is being sponsored by the Ma Jones Missionary Society. Participants will involve young people between the ages of 2 and 8.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Sister Ruby Donaldson at 744-7552.

This writer knows there are many activities being sponsored during the Celebration of Black History Month which will get

underway on Wednesday, February 1, 2006. If you have an announcement, then please advise this column. It would be great to report your event or activity in this column.

The Lubbock Public Library will be closing all of its locations on Thursday, January 26th, for staff training and development. Regular hours will resume on Friday, January 27th. If there are any questions, call (806) 775-2824.

Wheateley Elementary School will be sponsoring a "Fifty Years of Excellence In Education Banquet & Silent Auction" Friday evening, January 17, 2006, at the McIntire Conference Center, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The speaker of the hour will be Dr. Carroll A. Thomas, Beaumont Independent School District Superintendent. He is a former principal of Estacado High School. Tickets from this affair will be used for school projects at Lena Hall at 766-1877.

In Remembrance

Pearl Dancer

Pearl Dancer passed away here at the University Medical Center Saturday, January 7, 2006. A private disposition was held under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home.

Johnnie Ray Hicks

Funeral services for Johnnie Ray Hicks were held last Saturday morning, January 21, 2006, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home.

She was born in September 18, 1929 in Milam County, Texas to the late John and Ellen Dykes. She married Bennie Lee Hicks, Sr. October 27, 1947.

Mrs. Hicks passed away Sunday, January 15, 2006, at

Southwest Medical Center.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Bennie Lee Hicks, Sr.; four sons: Melvin, Ferrion, Bennie, Jr., and Wayne; and three daughters: Bobbie, Claudette and Teresa.

She was preceded in death by a son, Glenn.

Lula Mae Ross

Funeral services were held for Lula Mae Ross Saturday afternoon, January 14, 2006, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

Arrangements were under the direction of McCary Funeral Home in Littlefield under the direction of M. C. Brock, Sr.

Mrs. Ross passed away Monday, January 9, 2006, at a hospital temple.

She was a longtime resident of Lubbock, and was born Lula Mae Releford to Willie and Irene (Jackson) Releford on April 4, 1929 in Honeygrove.

She married Willie Ross August 31, 1948 in Mart. The couple moved to Lubbock in 1952. She retired from Texas

Instruments, Inc.

Mrs. Ross is survived by her husband of 57 years, Willie; four children: Katharyn, Larry, Kenneth and Donald; eight grandchildren: Nefeterius, Nadine, Tamiara, Donald Morris, Jonathan, Julia, Donald, Jr., and Dorianne; a brother, Willie Releford.

Bobby Ray Williams

Funeral services were held for a former Lubbock citizen, Bobby Ray Williams, in Garland at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 25, 2006. Arrangements were under the direction of the Eastgate Funeral Home of Garland.

He was a former businessman in Lubbock, and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1961.

He passed away Thursday, January 19, 2006 in Dallas.

FASHION FUN
by Shirley Roberson
Vickie Winans
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Vickie Winans is a gospel superstar who has achieved six Grammy nominations and won 8 Stellar Awards. Now Vickie is a member of the Donnavinci family. Donna Donnavinci produces clothing in four distinctive lines that really address and meet the needs of a multitude of women in the church. Vickie says, she's a huge fan of their latest entry to the family, DVC Exclusive Knits. They offer quality and style of some of the world's most famous designers, but at a price that are affordable, placing them in the class all by themselves. Remember ladies, elegance comes from the soul!

FASHION TIP: Always wear a smile! FASHION - Just for the fun of it!

Covenant Health System to Go Red For Women

Employees at Covenant Heart Institute and Covenant Health System are joining companies across the nation and wearing something red on Friday, February 3, to support the American Heart Association's Wear Red Day event and increase awareness of heart disease, the No. 1 killer of women.

Wear Red Day is a component of Go Red For Women, the American Heart Association's national campaign to raise awareness of heart disease in women and encourage women to take charge of their health.

"Covenant Health System and companies across the nation are really putting their passion into action by participating in the Wear Red Day Campaign," said Steve Hunter, President and CEO of Covenant Health System. "At Covenant Health System, more than 1000 employees will participate in the campaign

because for many of them heart disease is personal. Wear Red Day provides an opportunity for everyone to remember their female friends and family members who have suffered from the disease. It's also a time to take charge of their own health."

Hunter believes it is important to support organizations and programs that impact our community.

"Since heart disease affects so many of our employees' personal lives, Wear Red Day is a wonderful opportunity," Hunter said. "The American Heart Association makes the event easy and fun. We just pick the date, wear red and help spread the awareness of an issue that affects the lives of so many women."

For information on conducting a Wear Red Day Campaign at your place of business, contact the American Heart Association office at (806) 762-6599.

Lincoln/Douglas Tea set here

The public is invited to attend the annual celebration of the Lincoln/Douglas Tea on Sunday afternoon, February 12, 2006, at the Mae Simmons Community Center, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

A special program will be held. Hors d'Oeuvre will be served. Donations are \$7.00 per person.

This annual event is sponsored by The Alliance for Human Needs & Social Justice. For additional information, call either 747-6591 or 762-8965.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Should Blacks Abort Black History Month?

Joyce King, a freelance writer in Dallas asked the question in a January 26, 2006 article, "Do we really still need Black History month?" Ms. King's question and her argument for its "Time to Dump Black History Month," was based on the rhetorical statement of Actor Morgan Freeman, "You're going to relegate my history to a month."

Ms. King states "I agree with Freeman, who made his comments in December on 60 Minutes, that black history is American history. It is past time to only relegate the struggles and sacrifices, the victories and accomplishments of colored people to one month. The same people who fought in every documented war, who discovered, who invented, who taught, who created, and who dies loving this great country should be integrated into the larger tone that makes up American history."

Ms. King continues "If people knew a little 'black history,' no one would need a month to remind America how worthy of celebratory inclusion this phenomenon is year-round. February, I fear, is being wrongly perceived, like (as) other things prefaced with the word 'black.' Nothing could be more wrong. Our intertwined history, Americas with African, Native American, or European blood (and I have all three) belong together on the pages of textbooks being used to teach our children all year.

Whereas, this writer agrees in part with Actor Morgan

Freeman and Joyce King however, there is another side of the story pleading to be told and exercised in the soul of a country that is still undeniable fraction by race and or ethnic groups.

Black Americans must not stick their heads in the sand and believe that Americans of other races or ethnic groups in the political, social, and economic atmosphere of this present era will render equity and impart the same justice for their cause as they would their own. Certainly, Black Americans must not be Black just for a month. The culture of our blackness should permeate the planet earth and the atmospheric heavens every day. We must not be foolish enough to think that race, ethnic group and class do not divide this country. Case in point—The profile of general demographic characteristics of the summary of 2000 census of the United States population reveals the following: White alone 194,552,744; White and Hispanic or Latino (of any race - Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban Other Hispanic or Latino) 216,930,975; Black or African American 36,419,434; American Indian and Alaska Native 4,119,301; Asian 11,898,828; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander 874,414; Some other race 18,521,486. If it is worthy to note one may be a Mexican and white, Puerto Rican and white, Cuban and white or other Hispanic or Latino and white (Sorry! I did not see an African American and white as being White in the 2000

census. Does that one drop blood rule still exist secretly?)"

Sorry Actor Morgan Freeman and Ms. King, life in America is still a land of whoredom for Black Americans. Yes, there are a great number of Black Americans who are doing well. However, these blacks must always remember they are where they are on the rung of American life because they are reaping the fruits of the labor from those who have gone before them and paved the way.

Yes, Blacks should be black everyday of their life. However, Blacks must also pause to pay special recognition to those who were "sold" to whites by Black African Kings of their own kind, prostituted economically by white slave masters, pimped and sold out by Baal A-kissing house Negroes, kicked in the rear by racist police officers and disregarded as humans by judges.

Blacks must also be made aware of present day Black Americans who have risen to the top of the political ladder like Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice to become 65th and 66th Secretary of State, respectively in a conservative Republican Administration.

If Blacks are being told they do not need a month of recognition by Black elitists and their white and sub-white liberal friends, "they had better watch out and better not pout because white supremacists, mouthing euphemism, and their sub-ethnic groups are coming to town!" They sure in the world are not Santa Claus!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

As the members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast talks about "Christian Maturity", these scriptures come forth: John 14:12-15; Acts 2:1; St. John 15: and Acts 1:8.

Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than those shall he do because I go to my Father.

Acts 1:8: But ye shall receive power. After that, the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Act 2:1. And when the day of Pentecost, was fully come. They were all with one accord in one place.

Where is our power? Not only you, but the Christian believ-

ers. It does not matter how long you've been in church. If we're not filled with the Holy Ghost your Christianity will run out on you, leave you powerless. You know the Gospel is being preached throughout the world. Now it needs to be demonstrated. We need to see it in action. Did you read these scriptures??? They were on one accord. In one place and suddenly it came like a rushing wind. And filled them. Not one or two, but all of them. Christians, when the Holy Spirit fills your soul, it's more than a feeling. Action steps out of the ordinary, and has favor with all people. It just may be we're trying too hard to save in our own strength. He said if we would lift him up and he will draw. This year, Saints, let's let the good

news activate itself this year, through us!

Remember again, they were on one "accord". This may have something to do with it. Just a thought!

We will work the word this year. Faith without works is dead! Keep praying for your neighbor, the ones you can't get along with; that church member who has that special seat, and a bad attitude; the kids on the street corner. Those who are struggling with health problems. Let's pray, Saints! It works! Mark 11:22-26. Speak to your mountains!

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

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, January 22, 2006, was another outstanding day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services began with Sunday School beginning at 10:15 a.m. with the superintendent, Sister Luella Harris, and teachers were at their post of duty. The morning lesson was taught by Sister, N. Davis, and was reviewed by Pastor Canady. It was another wonderful lesson. The subject was "Set An Example." The scripture text was 1 Timothy 4:1-16.

The morning devotion was led by Brother Jackson and Brother Bailey. The spirit was very high. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir was at their post of duty singing out of their hearts and souls. Those present were touched by this part of the service.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady who spoke on the subject: "Do You Believe?" His scripture text was St. Mark 5:36. This was a person-

al question in which we should all ask from time to time. It was a spirit filled message, and was well received by all in attendance.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut in. At this report, those on the sick list include Sister Shirley Canady, our pastor's wife, who is a patient at Covenant Health Center; and

Sister Ruby Robinson who is ill at her residence. Let us pray for these as well as others who are ill as well.

Please don't forget those who have lost loved ones. They, too, need our prayers.

Thought of the Week: "Listen to your own drummer, but hear the rest of the orchestra."

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11 Timothy 3:1-2 - This know - that in the last days, perilous (dangerous) times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, and unholy.

The Lord told us these things would be. Things that would happen in the last days, but the churches are lukewarm in the Lord's work, where souls need to be saved!!!

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a; 7b - To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven, a time to be born, and a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

The churches see these signs, and they should be about God's business. It's harvest time, but they keep on playing church, car wash, bake sales, fish fries. Money is on their minds!!!

Isaiah 56:10-11 - The Lord said, my watchmen are blind. They are all ignorant. They are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand. They all look to their own way. Everyone for his gain from his quarter (universally).

*** Yes, The Watchmen Are Robbing God!!! ***

God tried to get America's attention through the Devil's. The 9/11 bombing thing, and America came to knees for a little while, then back to her old games!!!

Jeremiah 8:7 - The Lord said, yes, the stork in the heaven knows her appointed time, and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observed the time of their coming. But my people know not the judgment of the Lord.

The Lord let the Devil send some hurricanes to get his people to turn back his own way, but America is a stiff necked heifer. She doesn't want to hear what God has to say!!!

Hoshea 4:6 - The Lord said, my people are despised for lack of knowledge, because you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.

So the hurricanes did get prayer, but it was just a little time and little while. But America went back to her ways, stealing, killing, and molesting even a little child!!!

Deuteronomy 12:8 - The Lord said, you shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his eyes.

*** Yes, America Is Robbing God!!! ***

So, God let the Devil send some forest fires. It burned up the land, and turned it back. The people prayed for a while, and put out the fires. But to God, they didn't turn back!!!

Luke 16:8 - Jesus said, the children of this world. The Devil's are in their generation wiser than the children of light

(God's). Then God allowed the Devil to send a drift, and it sucks up moisture from the land, and vomits up to 60 mph. Then came prayer, because the people didn't like the sand!!!

Hoshea 8:7 - The Lord said for they have sown the wind and they shall reap the whirlwind. It has no stalk. The bud shall yield no meal. If so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

Then the Lord let the Devil send rain in some parts of America. Over 10 days and nights, the people cried out to the Lord. Please, please, please stop it. This is not right!!!

Luke 12:54-56 - Jesus said, when you see a cloud rise out of the West. Straightway you say, There comes a shower, and so it is and when you see the South wind. You say, there will be heat, and it comes to pass you hypocrites. You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth. But how is it that you do not discern this time?

So God, let the Devil into the White House. The cheating for all mankind could see America is nothing but a liar, and it's on her money - "In God We Trust!!" Now that can't be!!!

Galatians 6:7-8a - Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of it reap corruption.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Air Force Airman Isreal Trevino has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

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Trevino is a 2005 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock, Texas.

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TLC looking for contestants

TLC is currently casting for the upcoming season of the home design series about homeowners' different design taste for one space, *Moving Up*. The series is hosted by star designer Doug Wilson.

TLC is searching for people who are moving sometime between January 23 and March 30, 2006. We need people with outgoing personalities or unique, extreme taste in design. Diversity is important to *Moving Up* as well so we need people from a wide range of socio-economic and cultural backgrounds.

All candidates should demonstrate a strong passion for design and should have plans to change the decor of their new home right away.

Please note: Interested candidates must still occupy their current home. First-time buyers moving into a home that is already vacant are unfortunately not eligible since we must work with a pair of buyers and sellers.

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Jesse Jackson dismisses claim of rift with MLK

CHICAGO - The Rev. Jesse Jackson last Monday contested the assertion in a new Martin Luther King Jr. biography that he had a bitter split with the slain civil rights leader.

Speaking to reporters after a breakfast held by his Rainbow/PUSH Coalition to commemorate King's birthday, Jackson denied that King accused him of trying to use the movement to promote himself. That claim was made in historian Taylor Branch's book "At Canebrake's Edge: America in the King Years, 1965-68," which was released last week.

Asked about the passage in question, Jackson said King and his colleagues argued frequently about strategy but always came to a consensus afterward.

"We often had challenging meetings," he said. "And that was what we did. But in the end we left there together."

In the book, Branch describes King storming out of a meeting with Jackson and other aides in a "flurry" days before his death. The author quotes King as saying angrily to Jackson, "If you want to carve out your own niche in society, go ahead. But for God's sake, leave me out!"

Jackson said a heated argument did take place a few days before King's 1968 assassination. But as evidence there was no break between them, he distributed excerpts from the famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech that King delivered in Memphis on the eve of his death, mentioning Jackson by name.

After urging striking sanitation workers to boycott several corporations over their hiring policies, King said in that speech: "As Jesse Jackson has said, up to now, only the garbage men have been feeling pain. Now we must redistribute the pain."

Jackson said on Monday that those comments came "five minutes" after the meeting Branch refers to. And if what he said is true, this wouldn't be here. That paragraph speaks for itself.

He said he holds Branch in "high regard" but was never interviewed for the book.

At the breakfast, attended by about 2,000 people, Jackson called King a "prophet" but said his "I Have a Dream" speech has yet to be fulfilled for blacks.

"We are free, but not equal," Jackson said. "We are unequal in life expectancy, unequal in infant mortality, unequal in access to education."

MLK Committee Needs Your Help!

At the present time, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee is searching for the "First Black Families" in Lubbock, Texas. These are Black Families who moved to Lubbock between 1921 and 1945. If you or your family did move to Lubbock during that time, please fill out the form below and mail it to the:

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How about some FREE Cotton Kings tickets?

Southwest Digest has joined forces with the Lubbock Cotton Kings to give our readers the chance to see the most exciting game in town. Each week, we will award tickets to upcoming Cotton Kings home games to people who are able to correctly answer our weekly trivia question. The questions are easy and the answers can be found quite easily.

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An Important Message for Individuals Affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita...

If you were displaced by the hurricanes and are still living in a hotel or motel, it is important to understand that FEMA will end its direct-billing program for hotel and motel rooms on February 7, 2006, unless you contact FEMA by January 30, 2006.

For FEMA to continue to pay for your hotel room beyond February 7, 2006, you must contact FEMA **no later than** January 30 to receive an authorization code to provide to your hotel. Any evacuee changing hotels or checking into a hotel between now and January 30 must also have a FEMA authorization code.

If you haven't done so already, register for help from FEMA today. You can also get help locating housing through FEMA.

To register or request authorization for FEMA to continue to pay for your room beyond February 7, call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or for TTY callers, 1-800-462-7585 as soon as possible, but no later than January 30, and provide this authorization code to your hotel.

If you were displaced from a low income housing unit funded by the government, or you were homeless before the storm, the Department of Housing and Urban Development can help you find housing options. Call 1-866-373-9509 (TTY 1-809-877-8339). Lines are open 24 hours a day.

In addition to temporary housing assistance, there are a number of grant programs that you may be eligible for. You do not need to complete a loan application with the Small Business Administration to be considered for FEMA's temporary housing assistance or funds for certain other disaster related needs you may have.

More than 700,000 families have already been helped with rental assistance to pay for long-term housing. Join them and move on to a better housing option today.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

FULTON BERRY SERVING AS INTERIM DIRECTOR OF LHA! THIS N THAT has been apprised that **FULTON BERRY** is serving as **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** of the Lubbock Housing Authority, Inc. A veteran of more than 27 years, Berry brings much experience to this post which has been held by **OSCAR JONLS**. At present time, he is busy getting decent housing for those who have been displaced in Lubbock because of Hurricane Katrina. There are approximately 65 families living in Lubbock because of this national disaster, according to Berry. His task is a chore, but as he explains, the rewards are worth all of it and then some. **THIS N THAT** wishes him the very best in this endeavor.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "If you are **OFFENDED** by what's on television, **YOU** can turn off your set, but **YOU** can't turn off **YOUR NEIGHBORS!**"

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT! **THIS N THAT** reminds us that there are only two **NATIONAL HOLIDAYS** which bear the names of persons. Guess who they are? You're right; they are **CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS & DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** It is something for all of us to be proud of.

SUPPORT THE JUNETEENTH BANQUET IN FEBRUARY! **THIS N THAT** is asking all who can to **SUPPORT** the upcoming **LUBBOCK JUNE-**

TEENTH EMANCIPATION COMMITTEE in their annual **JUNETEENTH BANQUET AND DANCE**. The event is set for Saturday evening, February 18th at the Koko Palace, 5101 Avenue Q, from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. For more information, call either Tonya Johnson, President at (806) 744-2495 or Erica Hicks at (806) 767-9193.

VERY GOOD JOB, JOHN HALL! **THIS N THAT** wants to take this opportunity and congratulate **JOHN HALL**, executive director of the North & East Lubbock Development program, for the positive effort in bringing back the effort of the **KING'S DOMINION** project. Construction will begin in April. According to Hall, the project is back on track, and more still be seen in the very near future. Also, positive steps are being made for the proposed shopping center which will be located on Parkway Drive. **THIS N THAT** would not when you see him, let him know how much we appreciate the job he is doing as well as his staff. Then there is the Board of Directors and Advisory Board who too, are working hard for the program.

LUBBOCK LIBRARIES HAVE WELL DEVELOPED STAFFS! **THIS N THAT** is very pleased with the efforts of the **LUBBOCK PUBLIC LIBRARIES**, who have well-developed staff, and are always in a positive position to do their very best for their customers. During

the year, there are **STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT** programs on tap to enhance their abilities. Today, Thursday, January 26th, all Lubbock Libraries are closed for staff training development. **THIS N THAT** appreciates the **LUBBOCK PUBLIC LIBRARIES** for all they do. These libraries are **MAHON, GODEKE BRANCH, GROVES BRANCH & PATTERSON BRANCH.**

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER TO VOTE! **THIS N THAT** is asking all of you who are not **REGISTERED TO VOTE**, to do so as soon as possible because the upcoming **PRIMARY ELECTIONS**, which will be held in March, 2006. Remember, if you are not registered, you will not be eligible to cast your precious vote for the governor, state representative, or any other partisan political office. Need to register **TODAY** if you are not.

CITY POLITICS SHOULD BE INTERESTING THIS YEAR! **THIS N THAT** has been paying attention to the upcoming **MAYOR'S ELECTION** for the City of Lubbock, which will bring about several candidates. But, it also appears as though the **DISTRICT ONE** race could also be a very interesting effort, as the incumbent, **LINDA DELEON** could be challenged. If this happens, it could prove to be an exciting venture because the apparent challenger has experience. Stay tuned for more about this District One race.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Each day as the winter becomes entrenched in the season, many Americans are looking forward to the end of the cold season. The reason, the skyrocketing cost of keeping warm. People of all economic status are hurting by the cost of fuel with which to heat their homes or cook their meals. Something has to be done to alleviate this situation.

History may have some answers for what we need in America. This country was built on Christian ideals and the economic belief in capitalism. Our founding fathers used the model of the government of Great Britain as a framework for establishing the *United States Constitution*, which serves as the guide for our federal government and its relationship to the various states. The framers of the *Constitution* hoped and

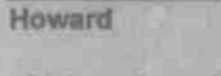
planned to eliminate everything which they felt was a weakness in the government of Great Britain in an attempt to make the United States a better and more desirable place to live. Though they had great foresight, they could not envision the age of technology where so much is computerized and a conventional way of life is almost extinct.

Until about 1880, Great Britain was a semi-socialist country. The government controlled the production and distribution of major industries and goods, which affected all citizens. That is, everyone in the country was guaranteed the basic necessities of life. This included and still includes medical care. Many of Great Britain's holdings were sold or privatized since 1980 as a result of the great recession of the 70's and world trade problems. It appeared that Great Britain prospered and so did the citizens when the government controlled all necessary industries. Privatization became important for world trade, while the gov-

ernment keeps a close watch on private industry to insure that citizens are treated fairly.

This country could learn something from Great Britain's history. They have encouraged the private sector, but they have curbed government spending, inflation and taxes. Our government's spending encourages inflation and taxes. Has the time come for our government to control major industries, which provide natural resources for citizens? Is a mild form of socialism what we need now in America to insure that all citizens can keep warm in the winter and cool in the summer? We are already a limited socialistic country because we have a welfare system. It is time for us to get in cinque' and let our government know that it is not fair for some of us to freeze in cold weather while others become more wealthy because we are cold, and can afford to go somewhere that it is warm when the weather is cold here. The petroleum industry has got to be dealt with!

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All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare.

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Wells Fargo Home Mortgage opens new culturally-themed branches

DES MOINES, Iowa, /PRNewswire/ — Wells Fargo Home Mortgage opened nearly 50 branches in 18 cities the past year with culturally-themed decor that reflects the location and cultural makeup of their communities. As part of its national goal to bring the dream of home ownership to more people, the company launched its new store concept to further expand its outreach to ethnic minorities by providing a greater presence in targeted areas.

Each branch features a "gallery" with African-American, Asian or Latino artwork and colorful signs in languages including: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Japanese, Taglish, Cantonese or Korean. Many of the new branches will be in convenient locations for easy access to patrons.

"By reflecting the culture of the communities we serve, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage has created a setting that is warm and inviting for our customers," said Jackson Coscy, senior vice president of Emerging Markets for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. "We believe that this approach will provide our customers with a friendly venue to learn about the home financing options available

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Notice of Opportunities for a Public Hearing

Re: City of Lubbock/Citibus Section 5307 capital, operating, and planning assistance grant application for fiscal year 2005-2006; Section 5309 earmark funding for facility improvements; Section 5316 Jobs Access Reverse Commute funding; and Section 5317 New Freedom program.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public hearing will occur on **Tuesday, February 21, 2006, at 12:00 noon at the Citibus conference room, 801 Texas Avenue.** The purpose of this hearing is to consider financial assistance under the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended, for the following programs:

Section 5307 Capital Assistance Grant – This program cost is estimated at \$1,824,565, \$1,459,652 of which will be provided by Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds and \$364,913 as local match. This funding will be used to purchase bus shelters, preventive maintenance, support vehicles, misc. support equipment, facility renovation, and non-fixed route ADA services.

Section 5307 Operating Assistance Grant – This program cost is estimated at \$5,773,236, of which \$969,712 will be provided by Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds, \$792,376 by the Texas Department of Transportation, \$3,259,700 from farebox revenues, and \$751,448 from the City of Lubbock. This funding will be used to provide public transportation services in the Lubbock urbanized areas by the City of Lubbock/City Transit Management, Inc., dba Citibus.

Section 5307 Planning Assistance Grant – This program cost is estimated at \$200,000, \$160,000 of which will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds and \$40,000 as local match. The funding will be used to conduct surveys, long- and short-range planning activities, route assessments, community outreach, Jobs Access Reverse Commute planning, and training and travel for professional development.

Section 5309 Facility Improvements – This program cost is estimated at \$717,750, \$574,200 of which will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 funds and \$143,550 as local match. Citibus intends to request toll credits for the local match. These funds will be used to upgrade the bus/employee parking lot and to replace the bus wash.

Section 5316 Jobs Access Reverse Commute – This program cost is estimated at \$286,284, \$143,142 of which will be provided by Section 5316 Jobs Access Reverse Commute funds and \$143,142 as local match. These funds will be used to provide fixed route service and the Evening Service.

Section 5317 New Freedom – This program cost is estimated at maximum of \$103,940, \$51,970 of which will be provided by Section 5317 New Freedom funds, and a maximum of \$51,971 as local match. The funds will be used to provide regional transportation coordination.

Interested individuals and agencies may submit evidence and recommendations orally or in writing before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2006. Written comments may be addressed to Citibus Planning Department, PO Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas, 79457; emailed to mharvey@citibus.com; or faxed to 806-712-2012. Oral comments may be made by calling 806-712-2003. Written documentation on the above projects is available at the Citibus offices, 801 Texas Avenue.



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Rental Information:

The community will contain 140 units, some of which will be:

- One bedroom, one bath units of approximately 750 square feet
- Two bedroom, two bath units of approximately 1000 square feet
- Three bedroom, two bath units of approximately 1300 square feet
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