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Be a Santa to a Senior program remembers forgotten seniors during the holiday season

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Area retailers, along with agencies that serve older adults, have joined forces with a local senior care service to deliver gifts and companionship to isolated seniors during the busy holiday season. Last year more than 53,000 needy seniors throughout North America received gifts as part of the Be a Santa to a Senior program.

The area office of Home Instead Senior Care, the world's largest provider of non-medical home care and companionship for older adults, this year has teamed with Meals on Wheels and Kraart Super Center, 6201 University

Avenue in Lubbock, to provide presents to seniors who otherwise might not receive a gift this holiday season.

This is the second year of the program where last year 7,000 volunteers distributed 96,000 gifts to the deserving seniors.

"We have been thrilled with the reception and the response to our program both on a local basis as well as nationally," said Tracy Baugh, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Lubbock, Plainview and surrounding communities. "Be a Santa to a Senior is more than just a gift-giving project. The program

is designed to help stimulate human contact and social interaction for seniors who are unlikely to have guests during the holidays."

Here's how the program works: Prior to the holiday season, the participating local non-profit organizations will identify needy, orphaned and isolated seniors in the community and provide those names to Home Instead Senior Care for this community service program.

Christmas trees, which will be on display in the Kraart Super Center from November 15 through December 9, will feature ornaments with the first names only of the needy seniors and their respective gift requests. Christmas trees also will be on display at the following local senior care communities: Ventura Place (3026 54th Street), Wedgewood South Assisted Living (9812 Vinton Avenue), Atria Cottage Village (110 Frankford Avenue), Quail Ridge Alzheimer's Special Care Center (5204 Elgin Avenue) and Elmbrook Estates (5301 66th Street).

Holiday shoppers can pick up an ornament as they did last year from 720 retailers nationally-buy the items on the list and return them unwrapped to the store, along with the ornament attached. Home Instead Senior Care will then enlist the volunteer help of its staff, senior care business associates, non-profit workers and others in the community to collect, wrap and distribute the gifts to these seniors. A citywide gift-wrapping day, when hundreds of the presents will be wrapped, will be held from 3 - 6 p.m. on December 13 at the Lakeridge

United Methodist Church (4701 82nd Street, Lubbock, 806-794-4015).

Last year, an area senior requested facial tissues from the Be a Santa to a Senior program. Upon receiving that gift, she stated that she just used the last tissue to blot her blood from her diabetic testing. Items most requested from the seniors in the program are socks, slippers, clothing, lotions and shampoo.

"This program is a way that we can give back to our community by providing gifts and companionship to our area's older adults who have contributed so much," Baugh said. "Our goal is to bring a little love and joy of the season into their lives."

If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering to help on the citywide gift-wrapping day, contact Tracy Baugh or Deborah Dakin at 806-281-4663. Businesses are encouraged to contact the local Home Instead Senior Care office about adopting groups of seniors. For more information, a web site also is available: www.santatosenior.com.

Community Meetings

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

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

Estacado presents *The Wiz* to schools, families



By Estacado Publications Department

For the first time in recent history, Estacado will present a musical, *The Wiz*, as a real treat for the whole family to enjoy.

The *Wiz* will be presented Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Children under five get in free. Tickets can be bought from Choir members during lunch November 28-30 in the school cafeteria. They will also be available at the door.

The *Wiz* is an updated, "African-Americanized" version of the *Wizard of Oz*. Dorothy gets whisked from her inner-city neighborhood to the mystical Land of Oz. All the characters from *The Wizard of Oz* are in this movie, but with an urban flavor," according to the Internet Movie Database. The Broadway cast included Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Nipsy Russell, Lena Horne and Richard Pryor. It won seven Tony Awards.

This musical will feature students from Estacado's Choir Department and other Quadrant four schools. It is directed by Choir teacher Barbara Jackson who has wanted to produce this show for years. It is choreographed by Jackson and the EHS Cheerleader and Pom Squad sponsor, Meshone Dubose.

"It will be a night enjoyed by all. The talent displayed will be

LISD administrators honored

Secondary school principals from LISD swept the competition in Region 17 when the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) named their top picks for 2005. Alderson Middle School Assistant Principal Shelly Bratcher was named Assistant Principal of the Year for Region 17 and Dr. Royce Avery, principal of Dunbar Middle School, was named Principal of the Year for Region 17 by TASSP.

In the letter nominating Bratcher for the honor, her nominator wrote, "Shelly has a skill that is unmatched in our district as she works in collaborative efforts, both with her faculty, as well as other administrators in our district. She is quick to volunteer to do the dirty work when no one else is interested." Bratcher is currently working on her Doctorate



Avery



Bratcher

of Education degree from Texas Tech University.

In notifying Dr. Avery of his selection, the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals Executive Director Archie McAfee said, "Your selection is indicative of your leadership, and you are to be

commended on your achievements." Dr. Avery earned his Bachelor's degree from Rice University, Master's from Texas A & M - Corpus Christi, and his Doctorate in Education Administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

Junior League presents cookbook to benefit charities

The Junior League of Lubbock, Inc. (JLL), an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, has a rich history of giving to Lubbock and its surrounding communities. Best known for remarkable fundraisers like Holiday Happening and projects such as Legacy Play Village, the League is set to unveil their latest fundraising concoction: a cookbook.

A Perfect Setting - A Collection of West Texas Recipes, is the debut cookbook of the Junior League of Lubbock. This celebration of West Texas is as special and diverse as a wonderful West Texas sunrise or a magnificent sunset. The compilation features appetizers, entrees, desserts, rich West Texas history and more. The book includes beautiful cover photography by Ann McDonald of Lubbock and a foreword by Glenna Goodacre, a Lubbock native who is a world-renowned artist. Goodacre is most recognized for her Vietnam Women's Memorial installed in Washington, D.C.

Premiere copies of the book

will first be available November 16-20 at this year's Holiday Happening event. Purchases can also be made at the JLL Headquarters located at 4205 84th Street in Lubbock or online at www.jllubbock.com. The cookbooks may be purchased for \$27.

"A Perfect Setting celebrates West Texas with beautiful photography, menu ideas, setting suggestions, and more than 250 family-friendly recipes" Kathy Rollo, Cookbook Chairman of the Junior League of Lubbock said. "Plus, Glenna Goodacre's foreword in the cookbook shares her view of the importance of cooking as part of our local heritage."

West Texas hospitality extends itself to extraordinary lengths to make a guest feel at home and recognizes the eternal bond between food and fellowship. Therefore, the women of the

Junior League of Lubbock, Texas, are pleased to unveil *A Perfect Setting - A Collection of West Texas Recipes*.

Proceeds from *A Perfect Setting* will benefit charitable projects in Lubbock and the surrounding communities. The League has utilized fundraiser dollars in the development of signature projects such as Legacy Play Village, the Ronald McDonald House and the Children's Advocacy Center. In addition to contributing both volunteer hours and dollars, during the 2005-2006 League year, the JLL will begin researching its 16th impact area, Hunger.

For more information on the Junior League of Lubbock, its programs or the cookbook, please contact Kathy Rollo at (806) 794-5051 or log on to www.jllubbock.com.

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The Southwest Digest

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our readers!

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

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Word has been received of an upcoming important meeting of for this evening, Thursday, November 17, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p. m. at the New Hope Baptist Church. According to our sources, this organization will be called the Lubbock Area Ministerial Alliance (LAMA) which will include the clergy and laypersons of the churches. It will be designed to involve in the spiritual, economic and political aspect of citizens of the African-American community. Persons interested should attend the meeting which will be held at New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue; Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

There are many among our community who are sick and shut-in at this time. Here are a few names which we are apprised of this week: Brother Henry High, a patient in Covenant Health System ICU; Brother Clarence Ervin, a patient also at Covenant Health System; Sister Johnnie Robinson, a patient at Covenant Lakeside Health System, Room 119; and Brother Oree Matthews, who is resting at home.

Others in the community include Sister Charlie Pratt, at her home; Sister Bobbie Brown, a patient at Covenant Health System, and Brother Rudolph Belvin, a patient at Covenant Health System.

There are many others whom

we do not know about. Your prayers are precious and very important. Shall we pray?

Let us not forget those families who have lost loved ones. Among them include the family of Brother Willie James "Bonnie" Long who was buried last Saturday, November 12th; Brother Richard Rollison, Jr., who was buried Saturday, November 12th.

The aunt of Sister Mary Mitchell and Sister Winnie Jackson was funeralized Thursday, November 10th.

The Nurses Ministry of the New Hope Baptist Church will be meeting Saturday afternoon, November 19, 2005, at the church. Minister Cheryl Martin is president.

One of the many people who was in attendance of the funeral of Brother Richard Rollison, Jr. last Saturday, November 12th, at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was Brother Roscoe Howard of Port Gibson, Mississippi. He is a former resident of Lubbock, and a member of Bethel.

If you are a resident of the Chatman Hill Neighborhood, then don't forget your meetings the second Thursday of each month at the Ella Hles Elementary school, beginning at 6:00 p. m. Your attendance is

needed as there is so much to be accomplished. For more information about the neighborhood association, call Carey Childers, president, at 762-4664.

Church services at the New Hope Baptist Church, the "Church Where The People Really Care," were well attended last Sunday morning, November 12th. Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then visit New Hope.

Services began with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team sang selections of inspiration. The morning scripture was read by Minister Martin and the morning prayer was offered by Minister Walker. The New Hope Choir sang several selections.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Moton. His subject was "Unspeakable Joy." His scripture text was I Peter 1:3-8, I Corinthians 15:9.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Natalie Cooper and Brother Curtis Gipson welcomed all visitors.

This writer hoped many of you did vote in the November 8th election. If you are not a registered voter, you need to do so as soon as possible as there are many upcoming elections in a few months. Just go to Lubbock County Courthouse and register as soon as possible. Voting is so important!

In Remembrance

Willie James "Bonnie" Long
Funeral services for Willie James "Bonnie" Long were held last Saturday afternoon, November 12, 2005, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. Johnny Lee Barnes officiating.



Long

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Long passed away Wednesday, November 9, 2005, in Lubbock. He was born September 26, 1931 in Sealy.

Richard Rollison, Jr.

Funeral services for a longtime resident, Richard Rollison, Jr., were held Saturday afternoon, November 12, 2005, at



Rollison

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, pastor, officiating. Rev. Eddie Williams, pastor of Bakers Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Big Spring, was the eulogist.

Interment was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary Funeral Home & Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

The Stewards of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church were pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Winford Mullins, Henry Dewberry, John Walton, Ray

Reynolds, Alexander Johnson, Jr. and Richard Rollison, Jr.

He was born October 9, 1927 in Panola County, Texas to the late Richard and Mimmie Rollison. He attended the Panola County School System. As a young man, he moved to Lubbock after being honorably discharged from the U. S. Army where he served in the Korean War. He worked for A. J. Richardson Plumbing Company. Later, he was hired at First National Bank where he retired after 37 years.

He joined the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a faithful member for more than 50 years. His past accomplishments at Bethel include: Chairperson of Class Leaders, member of the Male Chorus, Chancellor Choir, and Steward Board. In 1994, he was named Steward of the Year. He was a faithful member of Bethel Sunday School. He served as a member of Booker T. Washington, American Legion, Post 808.

He married Katie Young, and to this family four children were born. A daughter, Pamela Sue, the youngest, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Katie; a daughter, Carolyn; sons, Larry (Paula), and Richard, III; sisters: Amber Gould and Rosie Mullins; brother, Claude "Peter"; nine grandchildren: Tashumbe, Alissa "Lesa", Michael, Jeremy, LaTrisha, Richard IV, Roderick, Timethia, Ashley, and Taylor; eight great-grandchildren: Aaliyah, Arielle, Alexis, Alyssabeth, Tyshawn, Cameron, Shauntavia, and Antjuanique; a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Men of Ethel will sponsor Thanksgiving dinner

The Men of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (M.O.B.) will sponsor a Pre-Thanksgiving on Sunday afternoon, November 20, 2005, immediately after church services in the A. W. Wilson Fellowship Hall. Bethel is located at 2202 Southeast Drive.

"It is an effort to extend the Hand of God to those in need during this holiday season," said Brother Hillary Hutchinson, Men's Ministry Chairperson.

Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr. is pastor.

National public service sorority celebrates 35 years at Texas



Sorors Of Eta Lambda Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

During the recent Texas Tech University Homecoming Weekend, the Eta Lambda Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. celebrated their 35th Anniversary. The chapter as chartered at Texas Tech University in 1970, and was the first African-American organization chartered on the campus.

Charter members attending the activities during the Homecoming Weekend were: Gwen Ray Titus, Virginia Hobbs Edmondson, Karen Johnson Hill, Stephanie Williams Taylor, Roslyn Williams and Sharon Patrick Knolle.

The Chapter offers the

Estacado Alumni to sponsor New Year Eve Ball

The Estacado High School Alumni Association will sponsor a New Year Eve Ball On December 31, 2006, beginning at 7:30 p. m. until 2:00 a. m. at the Four Season Party House, 4815 Interstate 27.

Tickets are \$60 per couple and \$35 for individuals. Tickets must be purchased on or before December 1, 2005.

For more information, contact either Linda Woods, 783-1559; David Carrizales, 632-6390; Sandra Reed, 765-0777 or Michael Smith, 787-4632.

Gwen Titus-Eta Lambda scholarship annually to local graduating high school seniors who attend Texas Tech University. The Chapter hosts public service programs in the community and on the campus such as the annual Health Extravaganza,

book and school supply donations, collegiate forums, voter's registration, education programs and donations to worthy causes. The Chapter also works in conjunction with the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter with the Delta Academy mentoring program.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Harvest Time And Blind Leading The Blind!

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

Revelation 1:7-8 - Jesus said, he has faith in you, let him hear what the spirit said unto the churches.

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

Churches, the Lord is telling us in His word about the last and evil days. How we need to be about His business, because souls are not being saved!!

I Peter 4:17-18 - For the time is come that judgment must be upon the House of God, and if it first begin with us, What shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, Where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

As the churches see the harvest is ready, and know that it's harvest time, but the churches are busy with doing their own thing. Money is on their minds!!!

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 - To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck (up root) up that which is planted.

*** Are The Churches Robbing God Of His Fruit? ***

Lord, we can see the churches are going the wrong way. They do not follow you. They are following a man who said, "We shall overcome!" Now look who're the fools!!

Romans 1:18-23 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth (Churches) in unrighteousness, and changed the glory of the un-corruptible God into the corruptible man (M. L. K.), and to birds, four footed beasts and creeping things.

Lord, the churches didn't follow you, but followed a man with a dream. Now the country is in my rights nightmares, and this is no dream!!

Will A Man, Rod God???

Jeremiah 23:25-26 - The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said. That prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophet that prophesy lies? Yes, they prophets of the deceit of their own heart which speak to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which tell every man to his neighbor, as

their fishers have forgotten my names for Ba'al. The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell his dream, and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff (Stubble) to the wheat?

(Of that nightmares came: Kill the Family Rights, Same Sex Marriage Rights, No Prayer in School Rights, Gang Rights, Women Rights, White Rights, Gay Rights, Abortion Rights, Drug Corner Rights, Drive By Shooting Rights, Black Rights, No Spanking Rights, Shackling Rights, No Respect Of Elder Rights, Black Suicide Rights, Bomb The Federal Building Rights, and many more Rights from the Devil.)

Lord, now the Family's morals are gone and the families are dying. Please send your workers into your vineyard, because these are end times!!

Revelation 1:29a - Jesus said, he that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the Churches.

II Chronicles 7:14 - The Lord said, If my people, which are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will heal their land.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast just want to "Thank All" who were present last Saturday afternoon, November 12th, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Spirit of the Lord was present in that place. Thanks to the Great Women of Faith who spoke with evidence as well as all others who were present. Thank you. Be sure "to eat healthy, Saints!"

"Let's Pray"

"Father, in the precious name of Jesus, we pray that all in attendance on Saturday afternoon and for those who weren't and long to be present, go forward in perfect Health and Prosperity are our continued prayer. Amen."

Here are several scriptures we mention from time to time: James 5:14-16; I Peter 2:24; Mark 11:22-26; and II Chronicles 7:14.

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

Thoughts: "God's unknown

soldiers will rise up this coming year. Those who no one mentions or know about; never heard their name, will make a tremendous difference in the world.

Prejudice is keeping God from healing this Nation!

Thanks to Mr. Ronald Brooks for your dynamic Health presentation. Also, Brother T. J. Patterson for his presence. Thanks, Pastor W. D. Davis for your prayers. May God add a special blessing upon your life and also your family.

Speaking about God's Diet Plan, here are some scriptures:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. Hosea 4:6

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou may prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. III John 1:2

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the

voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. Deuteronomy 28:15

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

Exodus 20:5 - Brief words of inspiration were given by Sister Gertrude Williams, Sister Bobbie Patterson and Sister Vivian Peoples.

Sister Annie Day sang a solo, and Sister Roberta Loggins gave brief remarks. A welcome was given by Sister Earnestine Fraizer, with a response by Sister Shelia Harris. The devotion was conducted by Sister Christene Burleson, Sister Lula and Sister Dorothy Hood.

Refreshments were served immediately after the program.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; Sister Rosanna Henderson, secretary; and Sister Dorothy Nash, treasurer.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, November 13, 2005, was another great day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is pastor.

The morning services began with Sunday School beginning at 10:05 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris at her post of duty.

The morning lesson was taught by Sister Harris, and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The morning subject was "Offering of One Self." It was a wonderful lesson.

son.

The morning worship hour began at 11:20 a.m. The devotional services were led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sang out of their hearts and soul; it is just good to hear God in songs and hymns.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "Are You Who Say You Are?" His scripture text was

Genesis 27:18-23. Praise God for the message and the messenger.

Thought For The Week: "With practice, anyone can master the art of thankfulness."

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All have sinned - Romans 3:23
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We must do God's will and obey His laws to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21, Heb. 5:9
How do we obey Him?
Hear His gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
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From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith The Devaluing of Black Women

During the month of October and 31 of November 9, 2005, the article "Bastardizing Blacks by White Males" has been printed and reprinted. This writer and other African Americans have the belief that the life of black women are based on their sexual behavior. Because of this belief those who are not familiar with the "culture of poverty" syndrome, see black Americans in an illicit way. They demoralize single parent blacks and place their group on the clouds of purity through the sanctity of marriage.

As a black American, and like many others, we realize the state of moral corruption that exists within the group. We also realize that other racial groups have problems with moral behavior of their young and old. This behavior is not just a black "thing." While the state of the black family without a father is vividly pointed out, one must also look at the legal killings of babies, children and innocent people in unjust wars based on

lies by the majority group in America.

If the having of bastard children by black women is looked upon with disdain, then so much more should the killing of innocent people of other countries for gain of any sought be frowned on by all Americans and the world.

If the having of bastard children by black women stemming from a "culture of poverty" be frowned on by white males who make life a living hell by not even giving the families enough of the basics to exist, nor the means through education to get them out of their state through worthwhile employment - then legal stealing and high class loan sharking by the powers of white males through credit card, unjust tax credits, gasoline prices and the like be condemned. In a society that honors and protect the values of the Ten Commandment, the eighth says, "You shall not steal."

It should be made known out-of-wedlock birth rates for whites, Latino, Asian, and

Native American females are also rising. When we look at the picture in its totality, we should give energy to helping all Americans who have a problem with the institution of marriage. We might need to take a look and see if there is any hypocrisy in our lives that lead to what is deemed as immoral behavior that is destroying the institution of marriage.

Those of us who say that we are Christians, whether we be black or white, should be a witness by our lives the practice and design by God's way of marriage, so other may see through us and correct their lifestyle so that it may lead to marriage and family.

We must as communities of people realize the harsh reality that the abundance of "domestic violence" in today's world plays a fact in whether one will or not exchange the vows of marriage. Today's woman is sophisticated enough to look out for the well-being of her health and not suffer from slavery through "domestic violence."

Aging Tuskegee Airmen visit Air Force unit in Iraq to inspire young soldiers

BAGHDAD, Iraq - They came to Iraq to inspire a younger generation serving with one of the most historic units in the U.S. Air Force. Instead they were humbled by what the 332 Expeditionary Air Wing has accomplished.

More than 60 years after the formation of a pioneering group of black pilots known as the Tuskegee Airmen, three of its aging members visited their former unit in Balad, a city just north of Baghdad.

"This is the new Air Force, this is the Air Force that represents America, all of it. It is not an organization of African American pilots trying to break the segregation system - they have done it," Lt. Col. Lee Archer, 85, said Friday in a telephone interview from Balad, where the 332 Expeditionary Air Wing is based.

Archer, America's first black ace of World War II, said that when he sat down in the dining room with the 700 or so members of the unit, "they have the same morale we had as a segregated group."

The original Tuskegee Airmen were recruited in an Army Air Corps program to train blacks to fly and maintain combat aircraft during World War II - though some of the retired airmen say the real aim was proving that blacks were incapable of flying and fighting.

Even after the first group completed pilot training in 1942, the members of what was then called the 332nd Fighter Group weren't allowed to fly for more than a year.

Eventually, the black airmen flew escort for bombers. They were credited with shooting down more than 100 enemy aircraft and never losing an American bomber under escort to enemy fighters. In

all, 992 pilots were trained in Tuskegee, Alabama, from 1940 to 1946, about 450 deployed overseas and 150 died in training or combat.

Only about 100 Tuskegee Airmen are still living.

Archer, of New York City, said the new unit "reflects the entire image of America. In that dining room was everything that makes America what it is: black, white, Asian, Pacific islanders, people from different parts of Europe. This is what America is."

He was one of three original Tuskegee Airmen in Balad.

Archer was accompanied by retired Tech. Sgt. George Watson Sr., 85, from New Jersey and Master Sgt. James A. Shepherd, 81, from Maine. The visit was arranged by Air Force officials to link the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen with a new generation.

Speaking for the other members of the group, Archer said the current unit was "doing a spectacular job and their morale is the highest I have seen in a long time one. One of the main things we want to accomplish is to let the young people know that they are part of a long history."

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Commentary: Making poverty a priority

By Marian Wright Edelman

One of the unexpected side effects of Hurricane Katrina is that the storm opened up a national conversation on a piece of the tragedy that wasn't caused by the wind or water: poverty. Katrina ripped the blinders of denial off on the chronic quiet invisible tsunami of poverty that afflicts 37 million Americans, including 13 million children. People were forced to see what poverty looked like on the clear pictures on their television screens: families who didn't have enough money to own a car or have a credit card or enough cash to pay for another way out of the hurricane's path, families left stranded without food, water, or shelter when the storm came.



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Bureau released the latest data on American poverty showing that in 2004, poverty increased in our rich country for the fourth year in a row. The number of American children living in poverty has grown by 12.8 percent over the last four years, and is now over 13 million. This means 1.5 million more children were poor in 2004 than in 2000.

As the numbers were being released, was our government responding by announcing a federal emergency management plan

to deal with child and family poverty? Just the opposite: The Bush Administration and Congress were proposing additional tax cuts for the wealthiest and budget cuts in programs that serve low-income children and families. The persistent and growing high level of child poverty reflects conscious, misguided and unjust choices. How can the Bush Administration and Congress give enormous tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans who have benefited most from the economic recovery while seeking to undermine the programs that assist poor children who continue to be left behind?

More than seven out of every ten poor children in 2004 had at least one employed parent. Working hard and playing by the rules is not enough to lift families out of poverty. Even if a parent with one child works full time at the federal minimum wage, which hasn't been raised since 1997, the family still lives in poverty. Poverty affects all kinds of families and child poverty has risen

significantly among all racial groups. Extreme child poverty, defined as living with an annual income below \$7,610 for a family of three, increased by a terrible 20 percent between 2000 and 2004 and now affects almost 5.6 million children.

Far less wealthy industrialized countries have committed to end child poverty, while the United States is sliding backwards. We can do better. We must demand that our leaders do better.

In an address to the nation from New Orleans seventeen days after the storm hit, President Bush said: "Within the Gulf region are some of the most beautiful and historic places in America. As all of us saw on television, there is also some deep, persistent poverty in this region as well. And that poverty has roots in a history of racial discrimination, which cut off generations from the opportunity of America. We have a duty to confront this poverty with bold action. So let us restore all that we have cherished from yesterday, and let us rise above the legacy of inequality."

This is the exact same "deep,

persistent poverty" the President spoke about in his first inaugural address, in January 2001, when he said, "in the quiet of American conscience, we know that deep, persistent poverty is unworthy of our nation's promise. And whatever our views of its cause, we can agree that children at risk are not at fault." As we have seen, this poverty has only grown deeper and more persistent since the President took office. But it is not too late for the administration to rise above its own current legacy of inequality. President Bush is still correct to say that poverty is wrong and unworthy of America's promise. Now is his opportunity to translate that assertion into action.

Our nation would be making a terrible mistake if we rebuilt the destroyed buildings and repaired the damaged levers caused by Hurricane Katrina without addressing the underlying foundation of poverty that made so much of the suffering worse and unfair to those at the bottom. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. foresaw these kinds of choices when he said, "Uhmistely a great nation is a

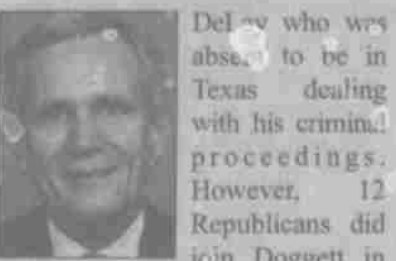
compassionate nation... One day we will have to stand before the God of history and we will talk in terms of things we've done. Yes, we will be able to say we built gargantuan bridges to span the seas, we built gigantic buildings to kiss the skies... It seems that I can hear the God of history saying, 'That was not enough! But I was hungry, and ye fed me not. I was naked, and ye clothed me not. I was devoid of a decent sanitary house to live in, and ye provided no shelter for me. And consequently, you cannot enter the kingdom of greatness. If ye do it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto me.'"

The God of history is watching our nation right now. How will we answer?

Marian Wright Edelman is CEO and Founder of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose mission is to "Leave No Child Behind" and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

Rep. Lloyd Doggett fights to block experiment on food stamps

Washington, D.C. - On Thursday, October 20, Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-Texas) took the lead in supporting a motion to instruct conferees that would slow down efforts to privatize the food stamp eligibility process by limiting the availability of federal Food Stamp funds that can be contracted out by states.



Doggett

experiment on our nation's neediest families.

Specifically, the Motion instructed the conferees to prohibit a state agency from using federal funds if they privatize more than 10 percent of their Food Stamp Program operations. A similar measure, authored by Senator Tom Harkin, has already passed the Senate.

"The motion was designed to prevent an ideological experiment from being performed on some of the most vulnerable in our society," said Doggett, a senior member of the influential Ways and Means Committee. He added that a vote in support of the motion "was a vote for food security, for health security, and against cronyism."

Doggett also criticized that privatization plan because it "relies not on public servants, but will shift more of the burden to community volunteers. While it is great to have these private organizations as part of our safety net, it cannot substitute - as we saw with Hurricane Katrina - for our public safety net."

In Texas, with service centers being closed across the state, not

only are these qualified, experienced employees being handed pink slips, the neediest families would be forced to travel further distances, for help - despite skyrocketing gas prices. It also requires those who may not speak English well or have web access to apply on-line or by calling a phone center.

This vote will be especially important given that Texas intends to implement its privatization scheme without a pilot project, treating our seniors, disabled, and neediest children and working families as guinea pigs in a great "privatization experiment."

Doggett's floor speech in the U.S. House of Representatives today can be viewed on-line at www.house.gov/doggett/foodstamp

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Last month, Doggett took the lead in a letter signed by his fellow Texas Democratic colleagues raising their privatization concerns with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Under

Secretary Eric East. In response, the USDA wrote, among other things, that it was "also concerned with the State's aggressive schedule for rolling out this project, especially with regard to contingency planning."

Holly Robinson-Peete writes new book about football

So you don't know anything about football, huh?

You always wondered what's the lowdown on a touchdown. You're pretty sure a quarterback is change for a dollar bill. As far as you're concerned, the only difference between a Bear and an Eagle is that one is a mammal and one is not. And those tight ends? Well, at least they got one thing right.

Then, just about the time you settle in and decide that you're going to figure this game out once and for all, your man asks you to grab him a cold one. Time to pick up the new book by Holly Robinson Peete and tell him to "Get Your Own Damn Beer, I'm Watching the Game".

When it comes to football, who knows what's going on down there on the field? Well, lots of people do, including the guy in the recliner next to you. Now, with this new book, you'll know, too, and you'll be able to follow the game there along with him. Right from the start, you'll see that the team members line up a

certain way. The ball goes between one guy's legs right into the hands of another player and then they all run around like ants. Do they really know where they're supposed to be or are they just running around?

Robinson Peete makes sense of every bit of that. First, she explains the positions of those guys on the field, why they line up the way they do, and what part they play in the game. It turns out that each team member has a certain "job" to do, and the spot he runs to is exactly the place he needs to be.

Okay, so the game is progressing and the ball goes back and forth; one team scores (hopefully, yours) and the

points rack up. How come a touchdown sometimes appears to be seven points when it's really six? Passing game or running game? Huh? Isn't every game a "running game"? I mean, they're running down the field, right? Do the jersey numbers mean anything? And these X's on your TV screen? They can't possibly be part of a tic-tac-toe game... can they?

It all sounds so hard. Fortunately, this book will help. At first blush, "Get Your Own Damn Beer, I'm Watching the Game" appears to ask more questions than it answers. Robinson Peete is married to former NFL quarterback Rodney Peete, so, of course, she

knows the game well. I thought she moved a little too fast into the complicated parts of football without first explaining the very basic terms. Helpfully, though, this book includes a glossary of terms at the end, of which complete neophytes to the game are going to want to take full advantage.

If you have a basic knowledge of the pro game, though, this book will make you a pro at understanding it completely. Get "Get Your Own Damn Beer, I'm Watching the Game", crack open a cold one and hit the recliner. Go team!

Thanksgiving - Twice Blessed

Turn turkey leftovers into a Friday treat.

Every year we gather 'round the table for the Thanksgiving feast with the 20-pound bird, cornbread stuffing and all the fixins. Then we gather 'round the refrigerator wondering how to store all the leftovers.

On Friday, simple meals are in order. Instead of the same old turkey sandwiches, however, here's an idea for an unexpected turkey dish, simple and savory.

Turn turkey into a second-time-around treat with Turkey Ragout over Biscuits. "Our gravy mix makes a peppery sauce to flavor leftovers," Pioneer Brand and home economist Belinda Ellis said. Use frozen biscuits for a quick and easy meal.

For additional tips and recipes for the holidays, visit www.pioneerbrand.com.



Turkey Twice Blessed - Turkey Ragout on Biscuits

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- 2 cups water, divided
- 1 (2.75 ounce package) country gravy mix, such as Pioneer Brand
- 2 cups cooked turkey, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1/2 cup fresh chopped parsley
- freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 6 frozen biscuits, such as Pioneer Brand, baked
- Heat vegetable oil in a 2-quart saucepan. Add onion, red bell pepper and green bell peppers. Cook three minutes, add garlic and thyme leaves. Stir in cooked turkey
- and fresh parsley. Pour in 1 1/2 cups water. Bring to a boil.
- In a 2 cup measuring cup, measure 1/2 cup cold water and stir in gravy mix until smooth. Pour into boiling water. Stir until slightly thickened. Add additional peppers as desired.
- Pour over baked biscuits.
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Plastic surgery a growing trend among ethnic groups

NEW YORK, PRNewswire — According to statistics from the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS) racial and ethnic minorities accounted for 20 percent of all cosmetic procedures performed last year, an increase from 14 percent in 2000. Hispanics again led minority racial and ethnic groups in the number of procedures at 8.5% followed by African-Americans, 6.2 percent; Asians, 4.6 percent; and other non-Caucasians, 1.1 percent.

Ethnicity has prevented some people from seeking plastic surgery for years, many fearing that their features would look "too white". However, "Many are realizing that plastic surgery can be done without feeling like you're trying to change your ethnicity," says Julius Few, MD, FACS, assistant professor at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

"New procedures in specific training in treating ethnic populations have opened new avenues for patients who previously were afraid to try many procedures. For example, scarring is an area of concern among darker-skinned patients; we now have new techniques to help minimize unwanted outcomes," says Dr. Few.

Expertise in treating skin of color involves more than knowing how a certain laser or injectable might affect a Hispanic or African-

patient. A doctor's cultural sensitivity can also improve a patient's outlook. Renato Salto, MD, of Salt Lake City, UT, believes that, "One size does not fit all - not only are techniques different for certain minority populations but the concept of what is beautiful is as well," he said. "For example, South American women typically want smaller breasts and larger buttocks than the average white American female." He also recognizes the potential economic force that ethnic populations represent.

Many plastic surgeons speak more than one language or have multi-lingual staff to aid in patient communication. When it comes to developing a rapport with his South American patients, Dr. Salto admits that speaking the language is an asset, but he insists that other factors are equally or more important. "Being aware of cultural differences is more than just speaking the language. It's also about understanding how patients want to enhance their natural ethnic beauty."

ASAPS member Kristoffer Ning Chang, MD, assistant clinical professor of plastic surgery at the University of California-San Francisco, says that his very diverse practice includes Hispanic, Asian, Middle Eastern and Caucasian patients, each with somewhat different goals and requirements. Asian patients, he says, are primarily

interested in eyelid surgery and rhinoplasty (nose reshaping).

"As far as Asian patients, I find some of them come to my office because I am Chinese," says Dr. Chang. "Those who do are seeking doctors of a similar ethnic background because they don't want a Westernized look. They want subtle improvements that are not overly done. However, you don't need to be Asian to treat Asian patients. For example, experienced aesthetic surgeons will identify pleasing ethnic features and recreate them," he said.

"First generation immigrants are usually hard-working people who want to give their children every advantage, and those children are growing up very 'Americanized,'" says Michael McGuire, MD, a plastic surgeon with a private practice in Los Angeles. He has recently added a Hispanic Patient Care Coordinator to his office staff, and a Spanish version of his web site. Many of the second and third generation Hispanic-Americans are sophisticated, successful, and very interested in appearance.

With increased awareness about ethnic concerns and new procedures that cater to the inherent differences in darker skin, people of all ethnicities can finally consider changing their nose or lips or eyes, without removing a piece of their heritage.

Miracles Christmas Parade information

The board of the Miracles Christmas Parade and the 34th Street Association of Lubbock have chosen Margaret Talkington as the Grand Marshall of the first annual Miracles Christmas Parade on 34th Street, saying that Mrs. Talkington represents the character and spirit of heritage highlighted with this year's parade.

The parade will travel from Toledo to Avenue Q on December 10 from approximately 6:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The Miracles Christmas Parade theme is "The Heritage of Christmas" and it promises to be a production filled with memories for all. The planning committee is inviting church-

es, civic organizations, children's groups, student clubs, marching bands, and others to enter floats that are decorated and lighted for the evening parade. Groups are encouraged to enter floats that represent their own interpretation of "The Heritage of Christmas". The Miracles Christmas Parade is a family-oriented event benefiting local non-profit organizations in Lubbock, and is expected to draw thirty-thousand spectators along the 3.4 mile parade route.

Special features for this year's parade include a marching band competition for 10 area schools, float decoration prizes, a 24-foot tall Christmas Tree, special perfor-

mances similar to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Santa Claus, the Texas Tech Lady Raiders, and much more. Visitors are encouraged to bring a toy for the Toys for Tots float. Families can share this special time together and warm up with a hot cup of chocolate brought to you by Lubbock Meals on Wheels.


Entries will be accepted through November 23, 2005. For more information about this year's Miracles Christmas Parade you may visit the official website at www.miracleson34thstreet.com or you may call Jason Davis at (806) 544-5059.

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Not had for a kid whose first experience with the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys, only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

Alas, the arts are dismissed as extravagant in today's schools. This, despite all the studies that show parents believe music and dance and art and drama make their children much better students and better people.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by J.J. Patterson

CONGRATS TO TWO LUSD SECONDARY PRINCIPALS! THIS 'N' THAT wants to take this opportunity and say **CONGRATS** to two of our outstanding secondary principals, **SHELLY BRATCHER & DR. ROYCE AVERY**, for being chosen as outstanding principals by the **TASSP (TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS)**. **MS. BRATCHER** serves as Assistant Principal at Alderson Middle School and **DR. AVERY** is the principal of Dunbar Middle School. Dr. Avery received the award for "PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR" FOR REGION 17, and Ms. Bratcher received the "ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR" FOR REGION 17. What an honor for these professionals who are working very hard helping our young people! When you see these individuals let them know how much you appreciate the role they are playing in the life many young people. Those of you who are students of either Alderson or Dunbar Middle Schools should feel proud of these honors. Just think, your Assistant Principal and Principal have been recognized in Region 17! **CONGRATS** to both of you!

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and the **WEST TEXAS COALITION**, something good should come of all the hard work in seeking this library. Using a video and thousands of letters, West Texas Cities are on the same page for this library. Nothing but good should come of this effort. Regardless of who is the sitting **PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, it is an opportunity all citizens should welcome. The process is nearly over, as yesterday a delegation from West Texas made their final presentation in Washington, D.C. Regardless of the outcome, **THE WEST TEXAS COALITION** did an outstanding job! Hopefully, **LUBBOCK** will receive the bid! Just think of what this will mean to many young people in years to come!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "Be careful **WHAT YOU WISH FOR**, it just might **COME TRUE!**"

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tic goods. Anything contributed will be greatly appreciated.

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Think About It! Things Happen; Some Good, Some Not! (part 2)

(Editor's Note: This is a continuation of the information about Organic For Health: Organic For Life!)

Wedel Farms - Jimmy and Susan Wedel and their two children work this farm. Jimmy has his degree from Texas Tech University and is president of the Texas Organic Cotton Marketing Cooperative and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2003. Jimmy is a third generation farmer and works 4,000 acres. He grows alfalfa, corn (blue, yellow or white), green beans, pecans, soybeans and wheat.

He strongly believes organic farming can improve the envi-

ronment. We had a Texas sized picnic on the farm. Most of the food was organic, including the black eye peas. We toured their cotton crop along with several rotational crops. We also looked at farm equipment used by West Texas farmers to grow more organic cotton than anywhere else in the United States of America.

There were other activities including an awards banquet in Lubbock. Later, there will be more information about this important development about organic cotton.

During the recent visit of Prince Charles of England as he toured the United States with

his new wife, after all the parties and other activities, the first place he visited in California was an organic town and farm. As you may know, Prince Charles is a major organic farmer. Proceeds from those efforts are given to the poor of England.

As you can see, the organic farm is becoming a big business in West Texas and the nation. When you have an opportunity to visit one or purchase some of the projects, please do so.

Thought of the Week: "Look before you leap; think before you speak!"
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A message to the citizens of Texas from former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura

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idential race in 1992, but Kinky is polling at 21% a full year before Election Day.

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I know about Texas pride; Texans like to be first in everything they do. Well, Minnesota's been the mecca of third-party politics for years. But Texas has a chance to steal the title from us.

Elect Kinky Friedman as your next Governor and the baton will be passed on to Texas. That's my challenge to you.

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Youth to benefit from GRUB organic coffee fundraiser

The GRUB (Growing Recruits for Urban Business) organization will sponsor a fundraiser until Nov. 21 that features organically grown coffee.

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with payments are needed by Monday, Nov. 21.

Jennifer Smith, director of the Farm, Orchard and Garden Division of the South Plains Food Bank, said that fundraisers such as this one are needed to provide funds so that the GRUB youth will have paying jobs at the farm during the growing season. She notes that the coffee will be delivered by mid-

December in time for the holiday season.

Interested persons should call Ms. Smith at 762-3831 or 535-4470. "The coffee will be a unique gift and the funds earned will help us support our youth who work hard at the farm," Ms. Smith noted.

The supplier of the coffee is a Pacific Northwest roastery, Grounds for Change.

Roosevelt teacher honored in Houston

A Roosevelt High School science teacher, Marianne Dobrovolny was selected as the Outstanding Rookie Science Teacher of the Year at the state science teachers' annual conference held last week in Houston.

The Science Teachers Association of Texas (STAT) honors one beginning teacher each year who has displayed exceptional skill and commitment as a science teacher. Ms. Dobrovolny was cited as being a teacher "for whom teaching comes naturally, yet who works very hard to make her classroom a place where dynamic learning experiences are the norm. She treats students with respect and is therefore treated by students with respect. She holds high expectations for all students and supports them in their efforts to succeed."

Dr. Lisa Leach, assistant superintendent of Roosevelt Independent School District, notes, "Marianne is an incredible asset to our school district, to science education, and to the

teaching profession at large. She is a teacher who deserves recognition for going far above and beyond the norm. We are extremely proud that she has been honored with this prestigious award."

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

The three devastating storms which hit the Gulf of Mexico and nearby states in America appear to be more than a wake-up call. It has not only left thousands of people homeless, stranded and without visible means of income, but has our federal and state governments in a lurch.

Individuals whom have lost all of their worldly possessions have found FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and state help agencies coming to the rescue all too slow. Insurance agencies publicize that they are on the spot and willing to accept claims as fast as their insured can file them, but the response period is not timely. Very few evacuees have found the security they desire in other places. Those whom have found any degree of peace and safety have found that among relatives or very good friends. Very few of these

arrangements will be permanent as most relatives and friends are only equipped to care for their immediate families as so many of the evacuees came from low income homes in the first place. Owing nothing as most evacuees find themselves drained on the purse string of those with whom they find refuge. A few have found employment in other places and can pull themselves up.

States, and especially Louisiana, is asking the federal government for a lot of money, to help to rebuild. The federal government wants the state to match the dollars they put up and both governments know that this will not be possible. The money they could use is the money they send to rebuild Iraq, which was destroyed by the U.S. invasions, and at the same time, save American lives.

The most visible help to the affected states has been the provisions of plastic to cover damaged roofs, removal of fallen trees and other debris and the ultimate bulldozing of homes that were under water in the flooded areas. Businesses have been advised to be lenient with

the requests of payments on accounts or in some cases, suspension of payments for a month or so. A few dollars were given to a few needy people and some not so needy people to help them temporarily. Of course, fraud charges will ultimately be brought against those whom have not suffered the losses that they claim.

Where the rebuilding money is to come from is causing the biggest problems in Congress as bills have been discussed to cut the benefits of federal employees to help to defray the cost of storm damage. If Congressmen would cut their excessively fat pensions, or just their wives' pensions, a lot of money could be found to help storm victims. Let us get 'in cinque' and bombard our Congressmen with the idea of cutting the Congressmen's wives' pension since they are not employees. They cut ours, and we worked.

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Reviving Antoine's: Loss and recovery in New Orleans

*Antoine's next course
A culinary icon reflects the
struggle to rebuild a city*

By Howard Witt
Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

NEW ORLEANS - The
maitre d' is dead.

He perished at home, along with his son, sometime after the levees broke and the floodwaters rushed in and his tiny house in northern New Orleans filled to the ceiling with festid water.

Most of the rest of the restaurant's staff of 130—the chefs, the waiters, the wine stewards, the busboys, the dishwashers—are scattered across 14 states, the homes they fled no longer habitable, the jobs they worked no longer assured.

Hundreds of pounds of decomposing lobsters, steaks and soft-shell crabs fill the walk-in freezer. The ceiling beam in the main dining room is bowed and sags ominously. Part of an exterior wall collapsed.

There will be no dinner at Antoine's, the fabled restaurant just off Bourbon Street in the heart of New Orleans' French Quarter. At least not any time soon.

Yet the struggle of this iconic fixture to resuscitate itself in the wake of Hurricane Katrina is a story that will mirror New Orleans' fight for revival, for Antoine's tormented nearly every neighborhood and social stratum across this wounded city.

For 165 years, through fires and hurricanes, wars and recessions, and the changing fortunes of the two families that have been the restaurant's only owners, Antoine's managed to endure, offering timeless French cuisine served by tuxedoed waiters to patrons in a choreographed dining ritual virtually unchanged through five generations.

No cataclysm of history was enough to stop the clock on one of the nation's oldest and most famous restaurants, a place where the New Orleans gentry handed down reserved tables in their wigs, where free-spenders gawked at the 22,000-bottle wine cellar, where the biggest Mardi Gras krewes held their precarnival banquets and displayed their jewel-encrusted costumes in antique glass cases.

Until Katrina

The fearsome Aug. 29 hurricane displaced more than a million people, flooded tens of thousands of homes, tore through every layer of this complex and colorful city—and rent the fabric of Antoine's right along with it.

Now the owners of the restaurant, whose ancestors have called New Orleans home ever since Antoine Alcimore spent his last franc to journey to America from France and start the business in 1840, face a daunting struggle to repair the damage, reconstruct their supply lines, rebuild their staff and, they hope, resurrect a business that is part of New Orleans' lifeblood.

The restaurant drew many of its entry-level workers from the Lower 9th Ward and Bywater and East New Orleans—poor and working-class districts of the city that were so completely flooded they may never be rebuilt.

Veteran waiters, many of whom had spent decades working at the restaurant, lived the middle-class American dream in neighborhoods such as Lakeview and Mid-City, where the insidious waters rose to destroy all their hard-won possessions.

Antoine's patrons were drawn from the city's upper crust as well as its tourists and conventioners—core constituencies whose wealth and spending power used to keep New Orleans running but who have scarcely begun to return.

The restaurant's suppliers and contractors are spread across the city in concentric circles of Katrina-induced misery. The produce merchant's warehouse exploded and burned. The seafood supplier's warehouse flooded and is now coated in toxic muck. The refrigeration-repair company lost all of its trucks and equipment to the floodwaters.

And those are just the known problems. Like countless other businesses and homeowners across the city, Antoine's faces a protracted battle with its insur-

ance companies over fair compensation for its losses. Expenses are ballooning for labor, supplies and housing, all in desperately short supply. With no homes to return to, some of the restaurant's most valued employees already are finding new jobs and starting new lives in Houston and Dallas and points farther away.

Simply locating contractors to haul away trash bins overflowing with spoiled food and debris has consumed days of effort.

In his darkest hours, Rick Blount, Antoine's chief executive officer and great-great-grandson of the founder, wonders how he will ever reopen the restaurant's doors.

"Antoine's is part of the fabric of what New Orleans is about, and what we're about as a family," he said. "If the world completely conspires against us and we can't open up, then we will have to accept our fate. But unless that happens, we will be back."

The dark hours don't last long, however. Jovial and gregarious, Blount, 48, is much more inclined to simply dive into the work at hand. Last week found him donning rubber gloves and a paper mask on his way into the main walk-in freezer to begin hauling out its rotting contents.

As soon as he opened the door, the stench hit like a putrid wall. Blount just grinned and plunged inside.

The employees

It takes more than a year to train an apprentice waiter at Antoine's to memorize the menu, take orders without writing anything down and serve every patron with the gentility and punctiliousness of a bygone era. It can take even longer for a senior cook to master the art of preparing oysters Rockefeller or baked Alaska, two signature dishes the restaurant boasts of having created.

Cliched as it may sound, Antoine's skilled, trained and experienced employees are the restaurant's most precious assets. Many have worked their jobs for decades. They cannot be replaced simply by putting an ad in the newspaper or signing a contract with a temporary staffing agency.

Michael Regua, 54, Antoine's executive chef and a 33-year employee of the restaurant, typifies the feelings of many. He does not want to work anywhere else and has already rebuffed job prospects in Austin, Texas. But he also has a car loan and a mortgage and repair bills for his storm-damaged New Orleans house coming due.

"Hopefully, with unemployment payments, I can hang on for a while," Regua said.

At the other end of the Antoine's hierarchy, newcomer Tamyra Lee, 25, a \$6.70 an hour cook at the restaurant for the last year, wants to return to her job as well. She was rescued, with her three young children, after a week trapped inside their flooded house in the Lower 9th Ward. After a series of long bus trips between temporary shelters in stadiums and churches, she landed in a motel in La Porte, Texas, where she's now looking for an apartment and a job.

"Antoine's said they would still have our jobs, so I'm going to stay here for a few months until they get back up and running," Lee said. "People are nice here and everything, but it's not my home. I want to go back home."

Michael Guste, 43, Antoine's general manager and another great-great-grandson of the restaurant's founder, has so far managed to locate nearly all of Antoine's 130 employees and ascertain that they are at least safe, if not settled.

But the 18 who are still missing, including 85-year-old Lucille Smith, a cook who has been at Antoine's for 50 years, are weighing heavily on his mind.

Late last week, he set out in his car to begin a mission through the destroyed zones of the city to visit each of their abandoned homes, in hopes of finding clues to their fates.

"These people were like one family," Guste said. "You want to know that everyone got out safely. You want to know they didn't try to stay at home."

What Guste was looking for

was the telltale "X" spray-painted on the exterior of every dwelling in New Orleans by search-and-rescue workers as they made their way through the city. Each quadrant of the symbol contains coded information, including the date when searchers went through the building and their live, police or government unit.

The both-a-quadant was the one Guste dreaded reading. That's where the search crews recorded the number of dead recovered inside.

The symbol on Clifton Lachney's house reads "2-D," Two dead.

Lachney, 71, was Antoine's maitre d'. An accomplished Cajun guitarist and gentle soul fondly admired by the staff, he had been a fixture at the restaurant for 43 years.

No one knows exactly how Lachney died after the floodwaters filled the small rooms of the rented clapboard house on Robert E. Lee Boulevard where he lived with his disabled 28-year-old son, Jeffrey. The searchers found their bodies on Sept. 19 - fully three weeks after Katrina hit.

What is known is that Lachney, who did not drive, declined offers from members of his church to help him and his son evacuate, preferring to stay behind to try to weather the storm.

His son Scott, a truck driver in Florida, had just survived his own brush with Katrina as the hurricane struck there first. He couldn't leave his family in time to drive to New Orleans to get his father and brother.

"My dad was stubborn," Scott Lachney said. "He rode out [Hurricane] Camille and figured he could ride out Katrina. I talked to him the day of the storm, that Monday, about 1 p.m. He looked outside, said it was probably about 2 feet of water in the yard, but said he had no concerns. That was the last time I heard from him."

The Lachney family has suffered terrible tragedies in recent years. Two of Clifton Lachney's other grown children died in 2002 within months of each other, a son in a truck accident and a daughter the victim of scleroderma, a painful auto-immune disease. Clifton Lachney's wife died last February of complications from diabetes.

Now Scott Lachney, like many Katrina victims, is enduring yet another ordeal: the struggle with state and federal officials to release the bodies of loved ones so they can be buried.

He hopes he can get back to his father's ruined house before the authorities demolish it, to retrieve his beloved guitar. It is lying on the floor of the blackened living room, one of the few objects identifiable in the noxious sludge that covers the floors, the walls and the jumbled scraps of furniture.

The obstacles

With a rum drink in one hand and some plastic beads in the other, a visitor taking a casual stroll down Bourbon Street can almost forget that 80 percent of New Orleans is still virtually empty of human beings, some seven weeks after Katrina struck.

The French Quarter, perched atop some of the highest ground in this below-sea-level city, never flooded when the hurricane burst the levees that so precariously hold back the waters of the Mississippi and Lake Pontchartrain.

So some businesses that escaped the worst of the wind damage or fires or the fouling of their premises by rotten food have been able to slowly reopen their doors to serve the burgeoning crowds of federal emergency workers, out-of-town cops and firefighters, utility contractors and cleanup crews who now make up the bulk of the city's population.

In this island of New Orleans unreality, dozens of restaurants are once again serving meals, the bars prize with live music, and the bakers have resumed their sidewalk posts to beckon patrons inside smoky strip clubs.

Even Antoine's, at first glance through the windows of the brightly lit main dining room, looks like it might be ready to serve tonight's five-course gourmet meal. The tables

are set with stiff white tablecloths and carefully folded napkins, the silver oyster forks are arranged just so, the menus featuring lobster thermidor as the special of the day are stacked at the front desk.

Closer inspection, however, reveals that all the silverware is badly tarnished, the chairs are covered with dust and the menus were printed before Katrina struck, back when there were chefs and sous-chefs and line cooks and pantry cooks to prepare the listed dishes. Up above the street, a blue tarp flaps in the wind, halfheartedly protecting a gaping hole where a fourth-floor brick wall used to be, before the hurricane pulled it down.

With 15 distinctive dining rooms that can accommodate more than 700 patrons simultaneously and a kitchen area as big as a good-sized house, Antoine's ranks as one of the largest restaurants in the city, and it suffered grave damage in proportion to its size. The owners can only watch anxiously as smaller competitors rush to reopen their doors and stake out market share.

If they are nimble like pontoon boats lifted easily off the blocks, Antoine's is the Queen Mary, trapped in dry dock.

"We're deathly afraid that the business guys who used to eat lunch with us every day are now eating with Dickie Brennan," said Blount, Antoine's CEO, referring to another one of New Orleans' famous restaurateurs who already has reopened several of his establishments.

When they first returned to survey their restaurant a couple of weeks after Katrina struck and spied the collapsed wall, some water streaks running from the ceiling and a bit of mold, Antoine's owners figured they could get the restaurant up and running by early October.

Gradually, though, the extent of the hidden damage revealed itself. The entire rare-wine collection was ruined when the power went off and the air conditioners died. The industrial refrigerators and freezers were so polluted by rotting food they may have to be replaced. Power surges burned out parts of the

restaurant's aging electrical and alarm systems. The computers were fried.

And suddenly, the shuttered restaurant was hemorrhaging cash: \$15,000 a day to the emergency dry-out company to pump the dank building full of hot, dehumidified air; thousands more to the contractor to shore up the collapsed wall. And tens of thousands to meet two September payrolls for the entire restaurant staff - a moral obligation the owners said they felt to help their dispersed employees, even though there is no work for them to do.

The future

As the autumn days grow shorter and the busy holiday season approaches, Blount and Guste face an agonizing choice.

Do they rush to reopen a portion of the restaurant, before all the physical damage is repaired, the veteran staff is reassembled, the best suppliers are lined up and the full, meticulous "Antoine's dining experience" can be guaranteed?

The risks with that approach are high. The restaurant could lose money waiting for enough of its traditional customers - wealthy New Orleanians and expense-account conventioners - to come back to the city and fill its tables, which may not happen until well into 2006. And those customers who do return could be disappointed with something less than the haute cuisine and crisp service Antoine's has reliably offered for more than a century.

"I'm not sure if I'm doing more damage to my employees by uprooting them from wherever they are now and encouraging them to come back, only to get to December and have to lay them off again because there's not enough business," Blount mused.

Or do the owners keep the doors closed for as long as their business-interruption insurance will last, using the interval to rebuild their supply networks, restock their wine cellar and complete urgent repairs and other long-postponed maintenance to the restaurant's interconnected buildings, some of

which date to the Spanish rule of the city in the late 18th Century?

That route may carry more peril. Much of the staff could move on to new lives and jobs, while the customers could move on to other restaurants.

And, most ineffably, Antoine's could fade from the daily dialogue of the new New Orleans. The very city that the restaurant helped define could move forward into its next incarnation and leave Antoine's behind.

Resurrecting a centerpiece of New Orleans

First opened in 1840, Antoine's has fed the city's tourists and its elite. But its employees - some still missing nearly seven weeks after Hurricane Katrina hit - were drawn from across the city's neighborhoods and social strata. The majority of them lost their homes in the flooding.

ANTOINE'S MAJOR SUPPLIERS

1. Per-Fect Air (air conditioning and refrigeration)
239 S. Genois St.
Warehouse and equipment destroyed by floodwaters

2. American Seafood
2518 Orleans Ave.
Warehouse destroyed by 5 feet of water; owners vowing to rebuild an even bigger facility

3. A.J.'s Produce
3122 Chartres St.
Main warehouse destroyed when an adjacent building housing thousands of freon tanks blew up days after Katrina hit. Owner is working out of remnants of a smaller warehouse next door, buying wholesale produce to service five of his original 200 clients that are back up and operating.

4. Leidenheimer Baking Co.
1501 Simon Bolivar
Some water damage. Owners recently cleaned plant and reopened on a limited basis.

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Stone Hollow Villas of Lubbock

Units available in February.

Call 806-744-2700 to get on the waiting list.



Development Location:

Stone Hollow Villas will be located at 1510 East Cornell Street, just south of Estacado High School.

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
- * Tenants will be responsible for their own water, electricity, gas, telephone, and cable television.

Project Amenities:

The community will be elegant in appearance, functional in layout, and will provide tenants with full perimeter fencing, with controlled gate access, a playground/picnic area, and a furnished community building containing a computer room, exercise and activities room and a community laundry facility. A wide range of potential services for the tenants is being considered.

Development Owner: LHA Stone Hollow, LP (A Texas Limited Partnership)
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