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## Attorney Willie E. Gary honored with the National Martin Luther King, Jr. Award



Attorney Willie E. Gary poses for a photo with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Kevin Cohee, Chairman & CEO of OneUnited Bank, during the SCLC Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Dinner in Los Angeles, California.

Smart, FL - Willie E. Gary, prominent attorney and chairman of the Black Family Channel, recently served as the keynote speaker at the

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Dinner Celebration hosted by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Martin

Luther King Legacy Association in Los Angeles, California. The star-studded event was coordinated by Jim Franklin, the SCLC executive

director and president of the Martin Luther King Legacy Association.

Nearly 1,000 attendees including Congresswoman Diane Watson, Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, gathered at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California, to hear Gary's message on the topic of "Remembering our Past, Forging our Future" during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Dinner Celebration. An elegant dinner was served while the famed gospel group, The Williams Brothers, from Mississippi performed for guests. The SCLC gospel choir also entertained throughout the evening. During the festivities, Gary was honored with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for his tireless work to better the lives of children and his dedication to philanthropy.

"We need to keep the legacy and values of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. alive in our every day lives," said Gary. "Thanks to the sacrifices made by Dr. King and those who came before us, we have a better life and we need to keep the dream alive by helping those who are less fortunate."

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference is a non-profit, inter-faith advocacy organization

that is committed to non-violent action to achieve social economic and political justice. The Los Angeles Chapter of the SCLC is the largest chapter in the country. The SCLC offers important community programs which promote voter registration, conflict resolution, economic empowerment, health care, youth development and collegiate chapter development.

Gary, who is best known in legal circles as "The Giant Killer," is noted for taking on some of America's most powerful companies, winning billions of dollars in verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients. Gary is also the Chairman of the Black Family Channel, America's only minority owned and operated, cable television network dedicated to positive programming for the entire family. Known for his philanthropic endeavors, Gary and his wife, Dr. Gloria Gary, founded the Gary Foundation, which provides college scholarships to at-risk students who wish to attend college. The Garys have donated millions of dollars to help Historically Black Colleges and Universities, including \$10 million to his alma mater Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

### 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
- Lumbar 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 meet 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
- Durbar/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 pm.
- 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.

## Hattie McDaniel, first African American to win an Oscar, featured on new stamp

LOS ANGELES (P. news wire) - Hattie McDaniel, movie actress, singer, radio and television personality, and the first African American to win an Academy Award today became the 29th honoree in the U.S. Postal Service's long-running Black Heritage commemorative stamp series.

The 39-cent Hattie McDaniel commemorative stamp highlights the achievements of this legendary performer who won the Oscar for her role as Mammy in the award-winning 1939 film *Gone With the Wind*. The new stamp is available today only in Beverly Hills Post Office and nationwide tomorrow, January 26.

"When you are a person who is determined and hard-working, the tables can be turned. Hattie, though the youngest child of former slaves, achieved her greatest honor doing what she loved most - entertaining - for her role impersonating a slave," said Edgar Goff, nephew of Hattie McDaniel. "Her favorite expression was, 'Humble is the way.'" Although McDaniel was often heavily criticized for playing maids and other stereotypical roles, she worked behind the scenes to battle racism and discrimination. McDaniel is remembered for saying, "I'd rather play a maid than be one," and although she encountered

racism in Hollywood, she and several other black actors worked to change the film industry from within during the 1940's.

The United States Postal Service is proud to salute the life and extraordinary legacy of Hattie McDaniel," said James C. Miller, Chairman of the U.S. Postal Service's Board of Governors, who dedicated the stamp. "This stamp is a powerful reminder of her unprecedented contribution to Hollywood and to her pioneering legacy to help make this country a better place."

The ceremony took place at the Margaret Herrick Library of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, where the Hattie McDaniel collection includes photographs of Hattie and other family members, as well as scripts and other documents. The collection also contains a large number of recordings from the radio program, "Betulah."

Joining Chairman Miller from the Postal Service was Delores Killete, Vice President, Consumer Advocate. Also participating in the ceremony were Academy President Sid Ganis; Edgar Goff, nephew of Hattie McDaniel; Kim Goff-Crews, a grandniece of McDaniel and Dean of Students, Wellesley College; Dr. Mynora J. Bryant, International Grand Gasileus, Sigma Gamma



Hattie McDaniel is shown here as "Mammy" in her most famous role in the movie *Gone with the Wind*. Pictured with her is actress Vivien Leigh, who played Scarlett O'Hara.

Rho, Inc. of which McDaniel was an honorary member; Ann-Marie Johnson, National First Vice President, Screen Actors Guild; Johnny Grant, Hollywood's Honorary Mayor; Linda Hopkins, Jazz and Blues legend; and Vonzell Solomon, performer, 2005 "American Idol" finalist and former postal carrier.

"We at the Academy are proud to see a portrait of Academy Award winner Hattie McDaniel, the first African American to win an Oscar, gracing a U.S. postage stamp," said Academy President Sid Ganis. "We hope this newest recognition will

remind Americans everywhere of the great stride forward made by this unassuming pioneer."

McDaniel joins 28 other honorees in the Postal Service's Black Heritage commemorative stamp series which salutes outstanding African-American activists, theorists, writers, educators and leaders. Other notable Americans in the series include: the first African-American woman to be honored on a U.S. stamp and the first honoree in the Black Heritage series, abolitionist Harriet Tubman; Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.; prominent historian and son of a former slave, Dr. Carter G. Woodson; writer and composer Scott Joplin;

Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; and classically trained performance artist Marian Anderson.

McDaniel was born June 10, 1895, in Wichita, Kan., and raised in Denver, Colo. Showing signs of her talent at an early age, she dropped out of school as a teenager to tour with vaudeville companies and traveled with musical ensembles and minstrel shows, including one run by her father. She sang on Denver radio as early as 1925, and she wrote and recorded several of her own songs.

McDaniel arrived in Hollywood in 1931 and soon began to appear in films. She is credited with appearing in more than 90 films, but is believed to have appeared in as many as 300, including uncredited roles as extras, maids, and chorus singers.

Although McDaniel again played a maid, she insisted that her character not speak in dialect, and she successfully negotiated the right to alter scripts that did not meet her approval. McDaniel died of breast cancer at the age of 57 on October 26, 1952.

The stamp was designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, MD and features a 1941 photograph of McDaniel by Tim O'Brien of Brooklyn, NY in the dress she wore on February 29, 1940, when she won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress.

## Kent Hance establishes George Scott Scholarship

In early January 1974, George Scott invited Kent Hance to a meeting at his home in East Lubbock, 1801 East 26th Street.



Scott

Kent and George had been friends for many years while both were employed at Texas Tech University. George asked Kent to come speak to the African-American Leadership prior to the week he would announce he would seek the office of the 28th Senatorial District of Texas. T. J. Patterson, Eddie Richardson, Ed and Alvin Rainwater, Rose Wilson, Ed Deso, and many others were in attendance. The meeting lasted almost two hours, but the group

came away united in support of Kent Hance for the 28th Senatorial District of Texas. One of the



Hance

appealing facts about Hance was the fact while he was a student in high school, 1957 through 1961 in Dimmitt, Texas; he played sports with and had become best

friends with Junior Coffey, one of the first African-Americans allowed to participate in integrated sports in the State of Texas. In 1980, the Fair Housing Act was presented before the U. S. Congress. It passed by a vote of 209 to 208. Kent Hance was one of the 209 voters who voted for fair housing standards which have

been so important for the African-American community. In the last several years, the East Lubbock Community has seen Kent Hance and his son, Ron Hance, invest millions of dollars in East Lubbock as developers in tax-credit housing development.

Kent Hance has now announced a Presidential Scholarship for African-American students from Lubbock County. It will be named the "George Scott Scholarship" and the selection committee will consist of African-American leaders and Texas Tech University officials. Hance stated, "George Scott was one of the greatest men I have ever known. The scholarship is a small tribute to a big man who was loved and respected by all who crossed paths with him."

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## Dunbar Alumni Association says, "Let's do it again!"

The Dunbar International Alumni Association will host their Dunbar Alumni and Supporters All Class Reunion July 13-16, 2006. You are



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asked to place these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. We would like for each reunion to be bigger and better than the previous reunion. This cannot happen without you, so make plans now to attend and share that "Old Panther Spirit" with fellow classmates and friends. "Let's Do It Again," July 13-16, 2006, and have a memorable time. If you attended the last reunion, we are issuing a challenge to you to bring at least one or more families to Dunbar Alumni 21006 All School Class Reunion.

Yearly dues are \$25.00; Lifetime Membership: Individual - \$185.00 and Couples - \$300.00 (any combination).

The price for the reunion remains the same this year: Single - \$75.00; Couples - \$135.00 (any combination) and

Life Time Members- \$37.50.

The deadline for reservations is May 31, 2006. No money or reservations will be accepted after this deadline. Money sent after the deadline will be returned. Please send money orders or cashier's checks only. Make the money orders or cashier's checks payable to:

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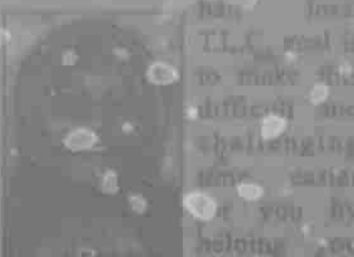
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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Lincoln/Douglass Tea will be held at the Mar's Annions Community Center on Sunday afternoon, February 12, 2006, beginning at 4:00 p.m. This event is being sponsored by the Lincoln/Douglass Committee and The Alliance For Human Needs & Social Justice.

Special entertainment will be the Alderson Middle School String Band and The Godfreys. Donations are \$7.00. For more information, call 762-8063 or 747-6591.

Emcee for the program will be Eric Strong. The public is invited to attend.

The Missionary Department of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be sponsoring a Friendship Wedding on Sunday afternoon, February 19, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the church, 2202 Southeast Drive. Young participants will be between the ages of 4 and 8. For more information, contact Sister Ruby Donaldson at 744-7552.

Members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will attend the Founders' Day program at the Johnson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Amarillo on Sunday afternoon, February 12, 2006.

Rev. Eddie L. Everette, Jr., pastor, will deliver the annual sermon.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Among them include Rev. Herman Phillips, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Crosbyton. He is a patient in the Lubbock Heart Hospital.

One of our citizens, Sister Clara Lawson is a patient at University Medical Center. Your prayers are appreciated.

There are so many in our community who are sick and shut-in. Let's keep all of them in our prayers. Your visits, telephone messages and concern will be most appreciated. Today, it is them. Tomorrow it could be you. Remember, God is able!

Let us not forget those families who have lost loved ones. Among them is Mr. Johnny C. Walker, a brother of Ms. Edna Green and Ms. Pearlina Scott. He passed away last week in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Federation of Choirs will meet in their regular monthly meeting Sunday afternoon, February 26, 2006, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Sister Bennie Sims, president, is asking you to

be in attendance.

Let us support our young people who will be participating in the 13th Annual African-American History Bowl which will be held at Alderson Middle School on Tuesday, February 14, 2006. This annual program is in honor of Black History Month. Opening ceremony will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Alderson Middle School Auditorium, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

If you want to achieve "Financial Freedom," then you can begin by attending Financial Workshop at the Patterson Library February 21st and 28th, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. It will be a great opportunity to learn about budgeting techniques from FDIC; find out how to increase your credit score; gain knowledge of wealth-building methods; discover how to use your tax refund to erase debt; achieve the American Dream of home ownership; and earn certificate to assist with down payment and closing costs for your new home.

For more information, call Vanessa at (806) 747-5937. This is a special program sponsored by the North & East Lubbock Development Corporation. John Hall is executive director.

## Former Lubbock resident dies in Atlanta

Atlanta, Georgia - A former Lubbock resident and businessman, Johnny C. Walker, died last Saturday, February 4, 2006, in Atlanta.



Walker

He was born November 20, 1914.

He was the owner of Walker Auto Shop in

Lubbock for many years.

Walkers has two sisters who live in Lubbock. They are John Green and Pearlina Scott.

Funeral services were pending at the time of publication.

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# Church News



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Are traditional Black churches losing to mega churches?

Black History month afford the opportunity to speak to many issues concerning the life and development of the Black community. Let us not forget, that what appears to be real among the races in America has not materialized in its totality. We still are a people like the Jews. Whether Blacks believe it or not, they are in a real sense like the Jews in Isaiah's day under Babylonian oppression who had to endure a six-hundred mile force march across the desert, be raped in the streets, suffer cannibalism, bestiality and the taunting of their captors—captors who enjoyed the prosperity, security, comfort and complete control of their lives.

What has kept and made the Black community a force to be dealt with on social, moral, political, economic and many other issues was the Black Church. However, many young blacks of the present era that are educated and standing on the backs of those who prayed in a Black church for their deliverance from bondage tend to forget the Black Church and the community as a whole. The moment they arrive in Mr. Gilmore's world (epic simile), black leadership become antiquated and does not fit their lifestyle. Parents, grandparents, and members of the Black Church who taught and guided them in Sunday School and other areas of their developing life, suddenly become ignorant

and out of touch with their blond world.

I have notice in this community the names of Blacks who work and reside in Lubbock, but has no real touch with the black community (I forgot about Black History month and what they have to do to keep their job). I also notice in the obituary column of the Avalanche Journal that if one of these people leaves this world, their church membership is usually with a mega-church. This rules out being a member of a Black church in Lubbock who really could use their help in helping others of the Black community (Mean aren't I?).

One has to wonder when Mr. Gilmore (epic simile) wants to plan growth and strategize issues for federal and state funding for the Lubbock community, they consult with these Negroes who know nothing about the heart and soul of the Lubbock community because they have not worshipped in the black community.

They have not felt the cry of those mothers in their prayer because they have not received child support. They have not seen the scars resulting from domestic violence. They have not heard the sermons of black preachers saying to young men and women that drugs and the use of drugs is playing havoc with the Black community. These Negroes are unaware that with all of their intellectual abil-

ity, they are being socially, economically, and spiritually prostituted by those they are so glad to be in their presence.

One has to respect the Hispanic community for their helping one another in reaching higher goals and when they organize Protestant churches sticking together to help each other spiritually. Their bond is of such the Roman Catholic Church is standing at the gate for the illegal immigrants.

In an AP story on mega churches, I noticed a marketing strategy. Feature on the front page of the grand opening of the largest church in Houston was a number of African-Americans who very appearance depicted wealth and an upper rung lifestyle. I wonder if they have visited the Acres Home Neighborhood. This church has over 30,000 members.

Paul Harvey, American history professor at the University of Colorado who specializes in U. S. religious history says, "We have a market economy of religion. Mega churches just show the instant adaptability of religious institutions. They reflect how Americans have morphed their religious institutions into the way they want them to be. Religious institutions have to respond to that."

Traditional Black Churches in Lubbock should be mindful and not used by others who allege to be their kind to weaken the strength of the community.



## We Thank God for Jesus America's no good fruits

Written by Evangelist "BJ" Morrison, "If Your brother in Christ Jesus always

Matthew 21:3 - Jesus said, there was a certain husband who planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and dug a winepress in it. He built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.

The Lord is the owner of this great country. The land we called the USA. God did bless it in many great things, i.e. love, oil, wheat, corn, cotton, and went his way.

Deuteronomy 3:10-11 - The Lord said, when you have eaten and are full then you shall bless the Lord, your God, for the good land which He has given you. Beware that you forget the Lord, your God, in not keeping His commandments, his judgments, and His statutes which He command you this day.

God told the leaders of America. He would be coming back for the fruit of His land, but as you and I look around, the fruit America is rearing, is not worth having a hand!!!

Malachi 1:8 - The Lord said, if you offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if you offer the lame and the sick, is it not evil?

Leaders let this evil thing come in called rights, it's from the Devil, ruler of this world. America has lost the love, honor, respect and dignity of our men, women, boys and girls!!!

Isaiah 1:4 - Yes, a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity. A seed of evildoers, and

children who are corrupted. They have forsaken the Lord.

Yes, America! Bless the Lord!!!

When God said, he penalty for killing another person is to lose that person's life, but the leaders in America said, thou shall not kill. Don't take the person's life!!!

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 - The Lord said, if a man has a stubborn and a rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father or his mother, when they have chastened him, he will not listen unto them. Then all the men of the city shall stone him with stones, that he will die, and you shall put evil away from among you (with fear!!!)

(But the leaders don't want to obey the word of the Lord. They say thou shall not kill! God said, to kill out the sin that are around you, don't let it get started!!! Kill it out. What are we doing in the war overseas? Are we not killing? And the churches haven't spoken out.)

Ezekiel 18:4 - The Lord said, behold (look). All the soul, are mine. As the soul of the father so also the soul of the son is mine. The soul that sins, it shall die.

\*\*\* Where is God's Fear in America?? \*\*\*

The leaders have let a man kill 10 co-workers. He is given 20 years to sit on death row. Then the death row rights and more and more killings begin to grow and grow (No Fear!!!)

Malachi 1:6 - The Lord said, a son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I be a father where is my honor? And if I be a master, where is my fear?

The Devil's leaders have given our rights: A Woman's Rights to drown her five children; the Devil's Rights were given to teens; Rights to Bear to death a homeless nun!!!

Romans 1:18; 21:25 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth (The Leaders) in unrighteousness. Because of that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, professing themselves to be wise. They (The Leaders) became fools.

The Leaders, who have allowed America to be overrun with weeds, thorns and thistles, have let our children as young as ten years of age, to have rights to kill a playmate with a pistol.

The leaders gave out rights for a teenager to kill his mother and his grandmother too. Even gave out rights to students to kill their teachers and other students at school.

Galatians 6:7-8 - Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. But he that sows to the spirit reap life everlasting.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the home of sister Socky Marin last Saturday morning, February 4, 2005, beginning at 9:00 a. m. All were blessed by the morning fellowship in this home. What a gracious hostess!

The morning devotion was conducted by Sister Christene Burleson, Sister Irma Crawford and others. Sister Annie Play sung a solo. The title was "By The Grace Of God, I've Come A Long Ways!" It was a most inspirational selection.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Ruthie Harris Cleveland. Her subject was "Troubles!" Her scripture text were 1 Corinthians, Psalms 139:2-3; 1 Peter 4:12; Romans 5:3-4; 1 Peter 1:7; John 16:23; Psalms 34:18; Daniel 3:16; Romans 8:17; Genesis 50:20; Isaiah 38:17; Hebrews 11:26; Philippians 4:4; Thessalonians 5:15 and James 1:3-5.

The teacher said: "You think you have big problems, but if you are to share God's glory, we have to share in his suffering. Refuse to give up! Stick to God's plan!

Name your problems; not claim them!"

Thanks, Sister Cleveland for this spirit filled and taught lesson. We love you! It was just so good to have her present and willing to share with us.

Really, you have to come by our meeting to get the lesson completely. We're sure they will be a blessing to each of you. This year, 2006, is still new. So make plans to attend this year. We're about prayer. The one thing that works, if you work it!

Continue to pray for us, your church, your family, your friends, and also your enemies. We will be looking forward to seeing you the First Saturday in March!

How many of you know that "God Is Loving and Just! Romans 3:22-28.

"We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all are saved in his same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.

"For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard. "Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty.

He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins. "For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us. God was being entirely fair and just when he did not punish those who sinned in former times. "And he is entirely fair and just in this present time when he declares sinners to be right in his sight because they believe in Jesus.

"Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on our good deeds. It is based on our faith." So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

Thanks for reading, Precious People. Also, a special thanks to our cooks on last Saturday morning. They are the best in Texas!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnor Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosiana Henderson, secretary.

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, February 5, 2006, services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were outstanding.

Services begun with Sunday School, beginning at 10:15 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Harris and was reviewed by Rev. Edward Canady, pastor. The subject of the lesson was "A Heritage of Faith." The lesson scripture was 2nd Timothy 1:3-14. What a wonderful lesson. It reminded us as Black people where we have come from.

Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson were responsible for the morning devotion. The spirit was very high.

The Voices of St. Matthew Baptist Church sung several selections. Again, they sung out of their hearts and souls.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Call And Commission." His scripture text was Exodus 3:1-6. Praise God for the message and the messenger.

Our sick and shut in list include: Sister Nina Davis. Brother Vincent Bailey visited the bedside of his grandmother

in Dallas. Sister Bernice Hameed was admitted to the University Medical Center on Monday, February 6, 2006.

Sister Lorene Conaway visited her sister-in-law in Austin last week, who is ill at this report.

Let us pay for all sick and shut-in residents and those who are in other locations in Texas and the nation. God is able!

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Thought For The Week: "Patience is the ability to count down before you blast off!"

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**Manhattan Heights Church of Christ**  
 -763-0582 - Tyrone N. DuBose, Minister  
 1702 E. 26th St. (corner of E. 26th St. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.)

**Sunday:**  
 Bible Class - 9:00am  
 Worship - 10:15am  
 Evening Worship - 5:00pm

**Wednesday:**  
 Bible Class & Devotions! - 7:00pm

**God's Plan for Saving Man**  
 All have sinned - Romans 3:23  
 None Christ died for our sins - 1 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:38  
 We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven -  
 Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9  
 How do we obey him?  
 Hear the gospel! - Romans 10:17  
 Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16  
 Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3  
 Confess - Romans 10:10  
 Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38  
 Be faithful until death - Rev. 2:10

## DUNBAR ALL-CLASS REUNION VII Don't Miss It! July 13-16, 2006



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 Lubbock, Texas 79452



## CPS encourages families to check out foster/adoptive parenting

Child Protective Services is calling on interested parents across the area to attend an informational meeting about foster and adoptive parenting Tuesday, Feb. 14 in Lubbock.

CPS is experiencing a critical shortage of foster parents in this area, with an especially strong need in rural areas. Tuesday's meeting will provide parents with the information they need to make a decision on whether to open their home and hearts to one of the hundreds of children needing a good family across this area.

"Finding good foster parents is a continuing challenge for us, but the shortage has become especially acute lately," said Camille Gilliam, Regional Director for CPS in this area.

"CPS has so many kids in need of a home where they can feel safe and loved. We would like parents to just come to a meeting and see if foster parenting is for them."

Nearly 1,000 children are in foster care in CPS Region 1, which includes the Panhandle south past Lubbock. A lack of foster placements has forced CPS to look far and wide for homes, all too often requiring that children be placed far from their hometowns.

In many rural counties, nearly all children are placed outside their home counties and as many as a quarter are placed outside the region. This situation forces children to live far away from the school, friends and family members they have known all

their lives, placing an undue burden on the children, as well as family members and CPS staff who have to travel long distances for visitations.

"We really need families in this area to step forward and help us keep these children near their hometowns," said CPS spokesman Greg Cunningham. "This provides parents a chance to really help these kids, not only giving them a good home, but keeping them near the towns and cities they have grown up in."

CPS holds informational meetings on the foster/adopt program on the second Tuesday of each month. February's meeting will be at 7 p.m., Feb. 14 at the CPS offices at #7 Griercroft Office Park, 37th and Ave. P, in Lubbock.

## Upcoming Community Voices workshop provides training for special needs

February 21 & 22, 2006, 8:30-Noon  
Region 17 Education Service Center, 1111 West Loop 289 Lubbock, TX 79415

In order to have a successful and healthy community everyone needs to be able to contribute. Individuals with special needs are no different. They have unique gifts that will benefit the community; they just need an open door. Through the

collaborative and supportive actions of educators, students, school administrators, business leaders, policy makers and families we can provide this open door.

This 2 half-day workshop is designed to show the benefits to opening the doors in the community to individuals with special needs. Typical attendees include, but are not limited to: Families of individuals with disabilities needs, individuals

with disabilities, Educators, Students and Administrators, Community Service Providers, Business leaders and Policy makers

**NOTE: WORKSHEET NOTEBOOKS WILL BE PROVIDED TO REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ONLY!**  
To register or for further information, please contact: Dolores Upp, B.U.D.S. at [beat@shcgothal.net](mailto:beat@shcgothal.net) or 745-7851.

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## Upcoming Library Events

Sweetheart Movie Night at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, is having a Sweetheart Movie Night on Monday, February 13, starting at 6:30. Start your Valentine's celebration a day early! We will have refreshments and door prizes. Ages 16 & up. For more information, please call the library at 767-3700.

Harry Potter Film Festival at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, is preparing for the upcoming video release of the 4th Harry Potter movie by showing all of the Harry Potter movies on the "big screen." We'll start on Monday, February 13 at 6 p.m. with the first film in the series. Refreshments will be served. This program is for middle school and up, and space is limited. For more information, call 792-6566.

Movie Night at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, will host a movie night on Tuesday, February 14 at 7 p.m., featuring Tom Cruise in the newest film version of a classic H.G. Wells story. Please call the library at 792-6566 for more information.

## Project HOPE offers assistance

WorkSource of the South Plains is currently looking for families that have relocated to Lubbock, due to Hurricane Rita/Katrina with children between birth and 5 years of age. With our new project, we hope to provide assistance to those children and their families.

Project HOPE can provide: Free mental health services such as individual counseling, play therapy or family counseling; Social activities; Free children's books to help with topics such as grief, fear and sadness; and Assistance for early childhood educators working with these children. For more information, please contact Rachel Clark or Larissa Hall at WorkSource of the South Plains Child Care Services at 744-3572.

## EHS Sponsors Open House

The Estacado High School, 1504 East Itasca Avenue, will sponsor a Magnet "Open House", beginning at 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening, February 9, 2006.

This event is designed to promote the Lubbock Independent School District Professional Careers Magnet Program at Estacado.

For more information, contact Stacy Cavieel-Watson at 766-1400 or Carolyn Thompson-Conwright at 766-1134.

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**13th Annual African-American History Bowl**  
Celebrate Black History!  
In honor of Black History Month  
Alderson Middle School is hosting the 13th Annual African-American History Bowl  
The Lubbock Community is invited to attend!  
Alderson Middle School  
Tuesday, February 14th, 2006  
9:30 AM  
Opening Ceremony  
Alderson M.S. Auditorium  
10:45 AM  
Super Quiz  
Alderson M.S. Gymnasium

### 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:

Southwest Digest  
1302 Avenue Q  
Lubbock, Texas 79401

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline is February 28, 2006. Some restrictions do apply.

### WHITE READERS

For your **WHITE** and **MULTI** race readers our family, please check to make sure you're in the right place. If you are white, you are welcome here. If you are a member of the Negro race, wouldn't you be just comfortable on the other side of the page?

Welcome to the exciting world of segregation! Welcome, white people! If the newspaper doesn't do it for you, well, you'll just have to go, perhaps it is because you're too smart to be fooled by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In the 1950s, racism—through prejudice and segregation—was institutionalized, codified, legalized, having many white men and women that had been persecuted as citizens. Their great big effect on the whole of society was not here but in the future. Don't you see, that's the way of Dr. King.

His vision and message changed American progress. We need to look at our future, not just the past, but the future of our country and how to be the best of the nation of America.

Dr. King was building a dream. We were building it with him. The civil rights movement has often been portrayed as tearing the country apart. Its purpose was to bring people together in the name of a common goal. It was to bring people together in the name of a common goal. It was to bring people together in the name of a common goal.

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### COLORED READERS

For your **COLORED** and for the sake of **WHITE**, if you are a person of color, please check on this side of the page. Should you stay here in an area designed for persons of the white race, your safety cannot be guaranteed. Violence will be physically removed.

Welcome from another race? The ongoing message since 9/11 today, even today, is to let us live together in peace and harmony. It's not long ago, institutionalized segregation was an everyday reality, shockingly normal.

Today, many of the institutions of racism have crumbled, thanks to the small acts of the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1955, he led a world-changing, nonviolent action for the Negro people. During the boycott, he was arrested, his house was bombed, and he was subjected to personal abuse—nothing that ultimately led to the end of racial segregation in America.

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**"TRADING CARD NIGHT"**

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# Segregation takes center stage in newest ad campaign

SEATTLE (PRNewswire) - White readers are instructed to read one side of the page and Colored readers the other. Whites are asked to enter a Web site one way, while Colored surfers must enter differently. Whites can open their mail from one end, while Colored people must open it from the other. These are just some of the elements of DDB Seattle's latest campaign - the agency's 15th in as many years - honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and bringing attention to the too often overlooked national holiday named in his honor.

Using segregation as the backbone for the campaign - by showing us all what Dr. King fought against - DDB Seattle today unveiled a multi-faceted campaign designed to commemorate the life and achievements of Dr. King, increase awareness and understanding of the Civil Rights movement, and encourage people to make January 16 more than just a day off.

While Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is recognized as a national holiday, a large percentage of businesses remain open, acting as if this important day is just like any other. It is not. It represents a movement that significantly changed our nation for the better. This campaign is designed to start the discussion to help change that.

"Founded in the core belief that segregation is, was and has always been wrong, this campaign is intended to make people stop, think and perhaps get a little uncomfortable in the process of realizing the modern day importance of Dr. King's life," said John Livengood, executive creative director at DDB Seattle. "It is from this feeling of being pushed outside your comfort zone that real consideration and progress can be made."

The campaign's theme, Remember Segregation, is reflected in each aspect of the campaign. From a segregated newspaper ad that is guaranteed to raise eyebrows in the Seattle Metro area, to a segregated black-and-white direct mail piece sent to prominent public figures and local high school civics teachers, this campaign will force individuals to confront their personal feelings on segregation, while learning more about the segregated campaign Web site at [www.remembersegregation.org](http://www.remembersegregation.org).

"Once people get past the initial shock of being asked to choose which column to read or which button to click on to enter the Web site, they'll see that the content is the same," added Livengood. "When you look back, the civil rights movement has been portrayed as tearing apart the country. In retrospect, however, perhaps one of Dr. King's greatest legacies is the way in which he brought so many Americans together."

DDB Seattle has created a public service campaign honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. every year since 1992. In 1994, the agency won the prestigious Cannes Lion for its work on the subject.

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## Dave Ramsey Show helps listeners eliminate debt

NASHVILLE, TN - Callers to Dave Ramsey's "Debt Free Friday" shows eliminated \$18,647,000 in 2005. This impressive total doesn't even include debt reported on other days, through Financial Peace University classes nation-wide, or by any other means.

The Dave Ramsey Show can be heard in Lubbock, TX on 790 AM KFYO, 9pm-12am CST.

Ramsey's syndicated show airs in more than 250 markets. Listeners from across the country call in daily to ask questions about getting out of debt, making real estate decisions, investing, saving for emergencies, and learning

wealth building strategies. Fridays, however, are almost exclusively saved for debt-busting. On Friday, Ramsey invites callers from listeners who are celebrating being debt-free. Lara Johnson, who screens callers for the show and updates the debt-free figure, says, "Callers are elated when they've finally accomplished what they've worked so hard for - a life without debt. They're excited to share their success, and Dave is always the first to congratulate them."

Callers to the show reveal

how, through the use of Ramsey's advice, they were able to eliminate debt - and the destruction it brings - from their lives. A running total is kept of the amount of debt reported by callers to the Friday show, and as of now that amount has exceeded \$18 million dollars and continues to grow.

To ask Ramsey a question, call in during the show at 1-888-825-5225 or send an e-mail to: [daveonair@daveramsey.com](mailto:daveonair@daveramsey.com). For more information about "The Dave Ramsey Show" visit [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com).

## 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. Eric Strong will be the emcee for the event.

A special program will be held and will include speakers, The Alderson String Band and The Godfreys. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Donations are \$7.00 per person.

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

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### It's fun to get things for free!

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 answers can be found very easily.)

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**  
Which Cotton Kings player started the 24 Foundation charity?

When you have the answer, call the offices of Southwest Digest at (806) 762-3612 and tell us your answer. The first to answer correctly will receive two FREE tickets to an upcoming Cotton Kings game, (\$50 value).

In lieu of tickets to local games, winners also have the option of receiving two ticket vouchers to any out-of-town Cotton Kings game (in-lieu-of-tickets). There will make this one winner for each week.

You're just a phone call away from FREE tickets!

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**THE LINCOLN/DOUGLASS COMMITTEE AND  
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*Invite you to our annual Lincoln & Douglass Tea*

**Sunday, February 12, 2006**

*Time 4:00 P.M.*


*Place: Mae Simmons Community Center*

*Entertainment: Speakers, Alderson String Band & The Godfreys*

**DONATION \$7.00**

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# Stone Hollow Villas of Lubbock

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



**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.

**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 1400 square feet
- Tenants will be responsible for their own water, electricity, gas, telephone, and cable television.

Development Owner: LFG Stone Hollow, L.P. (A Texas Limited Partnership)  
1709 Avenue G, Lubbock, TX 79808

## Wheatley Elementary School

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, February 17, 2006 7:00pm

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**WORLD FOCUSED ON CORETTA SCOTT KING FUNERAL!** THIS N THAT paid close attention to what was happening in Atlanta, Georgia on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The world was tuned into the funeral of the "First Lady" of the Civil Rights Movement, MRS. CORETTA SCOTT KING, who was memorialized there Tuesday afternoon, February 7, 2006. Four United States Presidents were in attendance. They were JIMMY CARTER, BILL CLINTON, GEORGE BUSH & GEORGE W. BUSH, along with many outstanding dignitaries in attendance as well. I was glad to know that the ENTIRE WORLD was watching the funeral procession for this lady who was known around the world. What a lady she was! MRS. CORETTA SCOTT KING, who cared about the future of this country as well as the entire world - May her works continue, and may she forever be remembered.

**SCHOLARSHIP NAMED FOR GEORGE SCOTT!** THIS N THAT was glad to know that a scholarship will be named in honor of the late GEORGE SCOTT, JR. Dr. Scott served the Lubbock community well as an educator, coach and principal. He ended his tenure as an administrator at Texas Tech University. The scholarship, which will be a Presidential Scholarship for African-American students in Lubbock County, will be made possible by KENT HANCE, a former State Senator for 28th District and U.S. Congressman for the 19th District. For the past several years, KENT HANCE and his son RON HANCE have invested millions of

dollars in East Lubbock as developers in tax credit housing developments. The naming of this scholarship will mean so much to the entire community. Kent Hance said, "GEORGE SCOTT was one of the greatest men I have ever known. This SCHOLARSHIP is a small tribute to a BIG MAN who was loved and respected by all who crossed paths with him." A committee consisting of AFRICAN-AMERICANS & TEXAS TECH OFFICIALS will determine who will receive the scholarship.

**IF YOU WANT FINANCIAL FREEDOM, ATTEND WORKSHOP!** THIS N THAT would like to encourage those of you who are seeking FINANCIAL FREEDOM, to attend a Financial Workshop at the Patterson Library on February 21st & 28th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This workshop will provide information on how to INCREASE YOUR CREDIT SCORE, gain KNOWLEDGE of wealth-building methods, discover how to use your TAX REFUND to erase debt, achieve the AMERICAN DREAM of home ownership, and EARN A CERTIFICATE to assist with down payment and closing costs for your new home. For more information, call Vanessa at (806) 747-5937.

**CONGRATS, VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES!** THIS N THAT wants to send a special CONGRATS to one of our school board members, VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES, for being one of the elite chosen by the YWCA as "WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE". The awards will be presented at an evening event, February 23, 2006 to honor

**WOMEN IN LUBBOCK** who have achieved excellence in their career or profession, and whose contributions to business, industry and community organizations are crucial to the success of their organizations and the community. A special CONGRATS is in store from THIS N THAT to VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES!

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "EDUCATION is like a TALL MOUNTAIN PEAK, and WE must learn to CLIMB IT!"**

**SHOPPING CENTER WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** THIS N THAT is glad to see some development on a PROPOSED SHOPPING CENTER in the area of the Patterson Library, which will make a great difference in this area of the city. At present time, tenants are being sought to make the center go. Hopefully with the continued hard work of the NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, it will become a reality. As plans become known, more information will be given to advise where the program is at present time.

**STOPPED BY THE DIGEST OFFICE!** THIS N THAT had an opportunity to visit with one of the candidates for the office of The Texas Railroad Commission MAJOR BUCK WERNER, who was traveling around Texas telling the story as to why he should be elected as RAILROAD COMMISSIONER who will be up for election on March 7, 2006. He told THIS N THAT, "I don't want Texans to have to choose between putting gas in their cars and heating their homes."

## In Cinqe

by Renetta Howard



It was very clear to many Americans that President Bush's State of the Union Address gave a clear picture of a state of 'disunion.'



Howard

The only thing positive about the union is that the President plans to continue doing whatever it is that he is doing for the next year. He positively has no plan to discontinue his actions, which have us in an uncomfortable situation now. He positively laid out things that are not favorable in the union, most of which became that way because of his leadership or lack of it.

The war in Iraq is one of his mainstays. He stated that there is 'no peace in retreat', but there certainly would be some peace in the United States if all of the military personnel in Iraq were home with their families and not dodg-

ing bullets and bombs over there. We retreated from Viet Nam and we can retreat from Iraq. The people of Iraq would have more peace, too. They could continue their civil war without our interference and perhaps arrive at their peace. The money used for Iraq would keep many Americans out of the poor home and boost the American economy.

Our economic outlook is bleak with motor industries laying off over 30,000 employees and closing some production plants; coal mines being shut down in some states; airlines going bankrupt; oil industries still 'cooking books'; unemployment up across the nation with those whom have exhausted unemployment benefits *not being counted* as unemployed anymore. Inflation has grown faster than it come and the price of everything is grossly high. The Federal Reserve Bank has a new chairman, Ben Bernanke, who is already, after one day in office, speaking of a hike in interest rates.

A hike in interest rates will not help our energy situation. This is the one thing that is disastrous to everyone's budget. As a matter of fact, it seems impossible. Why should a gallon of gasoline cost more than a gallon of milk or a loaf of bread? Why should the heating or electric bill for a house cost more than the house note? Will alternative fuels solve our problems? No. Every farmer in America would need to grow grains to make alternative fuels just for vehicles. Alternative fuels will cost more and the cars which use them, the hybrids, cost more as well. We do a lot with batteries now, perhaps therein lies the answer to our future energy needs.

The Social Security, Medicare and health issues are ongoing, and will apparently be ongoing issues until enough citizens demand corrective measures be taken to benefit us all. We see where our President is headed; we need to get 'in cinqe' and let our Senators and Representatives know where we want to go!

## Twenty-four hour reading marathon to benefit Lubbock Public Library, Area Literacy

Sex, Violence, and Horses will be the theme of a 24-hour marathon reading featuring members of the Texas Tech and Lubbock communities. The event, which is sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society at Texas Tech University, will raise money for the Lubbock Coalition for Literacy and Lubbock Public Library.

The 24-hour reading begins Friday, Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. and

ends at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

This year's theme, Sex, Violence, and Horses: Who Knew Reading Could Be This Fun?, features stories from the Texas Tech University Southwest Collection.

Free food and prizes will be

available throughout the event,

which is open to the public.

To volunteer to read at the event, or to sponsor a reader for a minimum donation of \$25, visit the website at [www.english.ttu.edu/SigTD/index.htm](http://www.english.ttu.edu/SigTD/index.htm).

## Letter to the Editors

### FAIR act in Senate

The time is right for Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison to join an effort to pass the Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution (FAIR) Act.

Unfortunately, many men and women who served in the military and were exposed to asbestos—a toxic material that can lead to devastating diseases—during their tours of duty. Unfortunately these veterans are prohibited from suing the

U.S. government for compensation. This leaves these sick victims with virtually nowhere to turn.

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At a time when our country is asking so much of the military, it

would behoove Senators Cornyn and Hutchison to vote for the FAIR Act. Asbestos victims who were exposed to the harmful material while they served in the military deserve to see this vital bill passed.

Tiger Lyons  
Dido Texas

### Hometown News

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Cortchie Welch has arrived for duty at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Welch, a public affairs supervisor with 15 years of military service, is assigned to the 37th Training Wing.

He is the brother of Lola Cooks of E. Cornell, Lubbock, Texas.

The sergeant graduated in 1985 from Dunbar Struggs High School, Lubbock, and received an associate degree in 1987 from South Plains College, Levelland, Texas.

Air Force Airman James M. Benevides 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.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Lisa Alexander of Sixth St., and grandson of Dick Alexander of 29th St., both of Lubbock, Texas.

Benevides is a 2004 graduate of Compadro High School, Lubbock.

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# Future of King Center up in the air

ATLANTA - Coretta Scott King was the keeper of her late husband's legacy of racial equality and nonviolence, and some believe she could still play that role in death, even as the future of the King Center she founded remains unclear.

With her death Tuesday, the next move for the King Center - which she established shortly after Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination to keep his dream alive - is now left up to the couple's four children. However, the four have been bickering over control of the facility.

"Death sometimes moves things," said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, who worked alongside the slain civil rights leader at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. "Maybe Coretta's death can heal the rift between the children."

In recent years, The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change has fallen into disrepair and two of the Kings' children - Martin Luther King III and Bernice King - recently acknowledged they have been neglecting it since their mother stepped down as head of the facility in 1994.

In December, the center's board - led by their brother, Dexter King - voted to pursue a possible sale of the building to the National Park Service, a move that divided the King children.

In her final months, as her family's disagreements became public, Coretta Scott King was unable to speak because of a serious stroke suffered in August that left her partially paralyzed.

The 76-year-old matriarch died at an alternative medicine clinic in Mexico. Doctors at the clinic said King was battling advanced ovarian cancer when she arrived Thursday. They said the cause of death was respiratory failure.

Arrangements were being made to fly her body to Atlanta, where her funeral is expected to be held. Just two weeks ago, King made her first public appearance in a year, on the eve of her late husband's birthday at an awards dinner and fundraiser for the King Center.

Called the "first lady of the civil rights movement," she was a supportive lieutenant to her husband

and, after his death, carried on his work while also raising their children.

Lowery said the children need to "get it together," because there is still a need for the King Center.

"The folks who make history, don't keep history," Lowery said. "The center has a great future. We must pledge our support. We need to put our money where our mouth is."

Lowery suggested the family open up the center's board of directors to "a democratic process" that includes non-family members.

Juanita Abernathy, a close friend of the family, said the King legacy cannot and should not be the responsibility of any person, or even the King children.

"We're looking for a savior, but we have the weapons to save ourselves," Abernathy said. "It's up to all of us to keep Dr. King's legacy alive."

Coretta Scott King started the King Center in the basement of the couple's home in the year following King's 1968 assassination. In 1981, the center was moved into a multi-million dollar facility on Auburn Avenue, near King's birth home and next to Ebenezer Baptist Church, where he preached from 1960 until his death.

For more than two decades, the center has been a vault for those seeking the teachings of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner and leader of the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott. It draws thousands of visitors each year, many who come to pay their respects to King's husband. His tomb is surrounded by a reflecting pool in the center's courtyard.

When King's widow stepped down as head of the King Center 12 years ago, she passed the job to her youngest son, Dexter, who in turn passed the job to Martin III in 2004 to pursue an entertainment career. Martin III, who also has served as president of the SCLC, was replaced last year as head of the center by his cousin, Isaac Newton Ferris Jr.

The Kings' daughters are Yolanda, an actress and Bernice, the youngest child, who is a Baptist minister in Atlanta.

As the world grieves with the King family, people should take

time to reflect and recommit to King's message of peace and love, said state Rep. Tyrone Brooks of Atlanta, who worked with the Kings as a civil rights activist.

"Beyond the family, we as a community have to decide that we are going to recommit ourselves to

those dreams and ideals that we saw in the Kings," he said. "You honor Dr. King and Mrs. King by doing

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### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

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### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Lubbock has determined that the projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Report (ERR) on file at City of Lubbock Municipal Building located at 1625 13th Street Room 107 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

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### RELEASE OF FUNDS

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