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Happy moment at Berry Park as Cervantez is honored for years of community work

Local citizens joined a very happy volunteer, John Cervantez, at a special recognition ceremony last Friday evening, August 26, 2005, at Berry Park. Mr. Cervantez was recognized for his hard work in seeing that Berry Park would have a walking track.

He worked for more than fifteen years to acquire a walking track, an irrigation system, trees and landscaping and a basketball court. This all happen, according to Mr. Cervantez, because of the efforts of a fourteen year old youth, Sonny Garcia, who wrote him a letter in 1991 asking for help.

A plaque has been placed at the sight to acknowledge Mr. Cervantez for his hard and untiring work to help make this community a much better place for all to live. City Councilwoman Linda DeLeon made a presentation from the City of Lubbock.



Pictured are some of the citizens who were in attendance for the ceremonies. They are, from right to left: Mingo Mirelos, County Commissioner Isidro Gutierrez; City Councilwoman Linda DeLeon; Olivia Teresa Mirelos Dillard, John Cervantez, Gilbert Flores and Jose Melgoza.



John Cervantez is shown next to the plaque which has been placed in Berry Park, East 36th Street and Globe Avenue, honoring him for a job well done. Mr. Cervantez says, "When you believe in something, don't give up. Just stand up and make it happen!" It took fifteen years, but I did happen!

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

Officials in New Orleans helpless against looters

Blacknews.com

NEW ORLEANS - With law officers and National Guardsmen focused on saving lives, looters around the city spent another day brazenly ransacking stores for food, clothing, appliances - and guns. Thieves commandeered a forklift and used it to push up the storm shutters and break the glass of a pharmacy. The crowd stormed the store, carrying out so much ice, water and food that it dropped from their arms as they ran. The street was littered with packages of ramen noodles and other items.

Looters also chased down a state police truck full of food. The New Orleans police chief ran off looters while city officials themselves were commandeering equipment from a looted Office Depot. During a state of emergency, authorities have broad powers to take private supplies and buildings for their use.

Officials tried to balance security needs with saving lives. "We're multitasking right now," said New Orleans Police Capt. Marlon DeFillo. "Rescue, recovery, stabilization of looting, we're trying to feed the hungry."

Gov. Kathleen Blanco said she has asked the White House to send more people to help with evacuations and rescues, thereby freeing up National Guardsmen to stop looters.

"We need to free up the National Guard to do security in



Looters hit a drug store in the French Quarter district of New Orleans in New Orleans, Louisiana, following Hurricane Katrina. Fresh floods, fires and looting rode in the destructive wake of Hurricane Katrina, deepening a humanitarian crisis that left hundreds feared dead and sections of New Orleans submerged to the rooftops.

the city," Blanco said. New Orleans' homeland security chief, Terry Ebbert, said looters were breaking into stores all over town and stealing guns. He said there are gangs of armed men moving around the city. At one point, officers stranded on the roof of a hotel were fired at by criminals on the street.

The Times-Picayune newspaper reported that the gun section at a new Wal-Mart had been cleaned out by looters.

Authorities said an officer was shot in the head and a looter was wounded in a shootout. The officer was expected to survive.

Staff members at Children's Hospital huddled with sick youngsters and waited in vain for help to arrive as looters tried to break through the locked door, Blanco spokeswoman Denise Botcher told the newspaper. Neither the police nor the National Guard arrived.

Authorities planned to send more than 70 additional officers and an armed personnel carrier into the city.

In the meantime, city authorities were putting a higher priority on rescuing victims and repairing a levee breach that was spilling water into the streets.



Looters make off with merchandise from several downtown businesses in New Orleans, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2005, after Hurricane Katrina hit the area.

"One of our fears is if we don't stop the breach, that we will put good people's lives in jeopardy," the governor said. "We are exhausted, scarce police We are asking for more military presence in the city to control the situation better."

On New Orleans' Canal Street, dozens of looters ripped open the steel gates on clothing and jewelry stores and grabbed merchandise. In Biloxi, Miss., people picked through casino slot machines for coins and ransacked other businesses. In some cases, the looting was in full view of police and National Guardsmen.

The historic French Quarter appeared to have been spared the worst flooding, but its stores were getting the worst of human nature.

"The looting is out of control. The French Quarter has been attacked," Councilwoman Jackie Clarkson said. "We're using exhausted, scarce police to control looting when they should be used for search and rescue while we still have people on rooftops."

Sen. Mary Landrieu's helicopter was taking off Tuesday for a fly-over of the devastation and she watched as a group of people smashed a window at a gas-station convenience store and jumped in. At a drug store in the French Quarter, people were running out with grocery baskets and coolers full of soft drinks, chips and diapers. Other looters were seen leaving a store with armfuls of tennis shoes and football jerseys.

TWC Commissioners send Labor Day message for Texans

AUSTIN - Labor Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of workers, both past and present. From its very beginnings, workers built this great state, fueling its growth and underpinning its strength. For most people, work is more than just a job; it provides a means for supporting families; it provides the basic necessities that contribute to our safety and security; and most importantly, work means dignity.

While workers face many challenges in today's rapidly

changing workplace, there is cause for optimism here in Texas. With more than 10,600,000 employed, there are more Texans now working than ever before. The unemployment rate at 5.0 percent is at its lowest level in four years, and Texas employers have added more than 250,000 jobs in the last 24 months. In fact, the job gains of the last two years now exceed those lost in the economic slowdown of 2001-2002.

Our workers are Texas' greatest resource for economic growth

and for attracting new business into the state, and we should all be justifiably proud of their contributions.

The economic prosperity of the state and our communities rests directly with the workers who have contributed so much in the past and the present. So as you enjoy your day off with family and friends, please accept our thanks and congratulations for helping to make Texas the great state it is.

Written by: Diane Ruth, Chair and Commissioner

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Representing Employers; Ronny Congleton, Commissioner
Representing Labor.

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The Southwest Digest

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The 6th Annual Prayer Retreat in Amherst, Texas last weekend was outstanding to the more than 35 ladies who were in attendance. Clinician was Rev. Theaha McClendon of the Getsemane Baptist Church of San Angelo, Texas. The theme was "When The Holy Spirit Comes - The scripture text was Acts 2:1-4. The Younger Women Auxiliary, Clara Colquhoun and Ruby H. Crites served as hostesses. The retreat was held at the New Hope Baptist Church. Hostesses were Sister Elnora Dyer and Sister Bobbie Patterson.

The retreat continued on Saturday morning, August 27, 2005, with special sessions by Rev. McClendon. The retreat concluded at 4:00 p.m.

A spirit filled monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs was held last Sunday afternoon, August 28, 2005, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. Hostesses were Sister Elnora Dyer and Sister Bobbie Patterson.

The Annual Men and Women Day will be held at the New Hope Baptist Church on September 18, 2005, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the church, 2002 Birch Avenue. The public is invited to attend.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, August 28, 2005, at the New Hope Baptist Church. The morning sermon

was delivered by Rev. Theaha McClendon of the Getsemane Baptist Church of San Angelo, Texas. Her subject was "Are You Living Rapture Ready?" Her scripture text was Acts 1:1-11. It was a very informative message. After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister Anna Chatman. Brother Johnnie Martin welcomed all visitors to New Hope.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Among them who are ill this week include Sister Eva Cade and Brother Tommy Cage, who is a patient in ICU at University Medical Center. The mother of Sister Sarah Bunton, Sister Jewel Arceneaus of Galveston, Texas, is reported ill. Sister Bunton travelled to visit her this week. Brother George Scott is still recuperating nicely at his residence.

There are others who are ill and shut-in whom we do not know about. If you know of someone, please advise this column.

Let us continue for those who have lost loved ones. Among them include the family of Sister Doris Evans Bunton, the family of Sister Nell Harvey; the family of Brother Moses Stubblefield and the family of Brother Kenneth Williams.

T.D. Jakes decries 'yellow journalism'

by Maynard Eaton
Special to the NNPA
from the Atlanta Voice



Jakes

ATLANTA (NNPA) — The nation's premier preacher, Bishop T.D. Jakes, reacted swiftly and sternly to a published report about the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) censured him for not associating with Atlanta's Black Press prior to his hugely successful MegaFest 2005, one of the largest religious conferences ever.

"To be called cheap in that article was an insult," said Jakes heatedly to this reporter. "It also upset me that rather than come to me directly for resolution, this matter was discussed publicly in the press."

Bishop Jakes was incensed, defiant, and defensive and dismayed with how he had been portrayed. Following his speech to the National Association of Black Journalists earlier this month, he pulled this reporter into the Hyatt Regency Hotel downtown's kitchen corner — ordered his security to keep his entourage and others at a distance — and harangued and reprimanded this reporter with a blistering retort to my previous story.

"Every time I don't spend money now I am a bad guy," he asks incredulously? "You don't resolve a business conflict with 'yellow' journalism."

That rebuke brought this report from Atlanta Voice editor Stan Washington who witnessed, but was not allowed to participate by Jakes' security in the interview: "It's only 'yellow' journalism if it is untrue or it is a deliberate attempt to smear someone. The story was neither. It was the truth. No one is out to slander Jakes or his organization."

In that Atlanta Voice story — which was subsequently re-printed in dozens of Black-owned papers across the country — NNPA President John Smith, Sr. lamented that much to his chagrin: not one single dime was spent with Atlanta's Black press by Jakes' MegaFest extravaganza that drew some 150,000 people to Atlanta.

The snub followed a June speech by Jakes to the NNPA, a federation of more than 200 Black newspapers, where he pledged reconciliation between the Black church and the Black press.

"The story was not unfair," says Smith, publisher of the Atlanta Inquirer. "In my conversation with (Jakes), he said the story was one-sided but we did not know how to get to him."

"The same person that they reached me for when they invited me (to their convention), that we worked out arrangements for, that scheduled the appointment was (Washington D.C. publicist) Ofield Dukes," counters the esteemed Jakes. "All they had to do was talk to Ofield and it would have been fine. I just resented the fact that the way Black people in America do business is done in the press and not in person."

"If I had known Ofield Dukes was his conduit then I would have done that," replies Smith. "For someone to have to jump through that many hoops in order to get to him in order for him to have a say — whether it is one-sided or not — I think that is his fault. But by the mere fact that he told me in Chicago to get in touch with his people, I thought that was an insult to me."

For his part, Bishop Jakes says he came to the Black press offering an olive branch and agreeing to write a weekly column for the NNPA News Service free of charge.

"They invited me to the Black press (convention) and we did say that we were going to work together," he readily admits. "They did not say that the cost of admission was how much money I spent. No one said that in the entire meeting. And, if that was the meeting was about, I don't have to come speak for that. They need to send a business proposal to a marketing director. And it can't be done in June for a (MegaFest) meeting that occurs in August because we bought our ads months and months ago, and we do it nationally and not locally."

The Atlanta Voice Sales and Marketing Director Cheryl Mainor offers this account: "The sales department began talking to Cheryl Thomas with Potters House in January. In May they committed to running an ad before MegaFest."

In July, Jacquelyn Jakes called and said they had exhausted their local advertising budget and would we like to barter for tickets to their entertainment events.

The Atlanta Voice declined and checked with other Black-owned Atlanta newspapers — none of them had received any advertising, either." Adds Dallas Weekly Publisher and Atlanta Voice President James Washington, "After all you don't preach a sermon and not pass the collection plate."

"I am not opposed to marketing in the Black press, but the article makes it sound like I put money into other print media and that I deliberately snubbed the Black press when, in fact, this is simply not the truth," he later e-mailed. "With the exception of ads we ran in the papers of our MegaFest media sponsors and the ad we ran in the Atlanta Journal Constitution thanking the city for their hospitality and announcing, as we did last year, next year's conference dates, we did not buy ads in any newspaper, including the Black press."

Jakes, who has been dubbed "America's Best Preacher" by TIME magazine, calls the NNPA criticism and the story appearing in most of the NNPA newspapers an unwarranted and unfounded attack.

"It is an integrity issue — to print it, to write it and to slander me was not being fair," argues Jakes, a hugely popular TV evangelist who heads the Dallas-based mega-church Potters House. "The only thing they accused me of was not giving them a piece of money and that is not a crime, it is a business decision. And, to retaliate in that manner was totally unprofessional."

He also suggests that Black-

owned publications are walking an ethical fine line between journalism and advertising sales.

"I am under the impression that most newspapers separate their marketing departments from their news departments to ensure that the news stories they publish are not tainted or influenced by the dollar amount spent by the subject of the articles," he says. "And what we're discussing here is a prime example of what happens when marketing and business issues bleed over into the newsroom. Without that separation how can your readers be certain that articles are unbiased and are not influenced by the subject's financial contributions to the publication?"

"Marketing didn't ask us to do this article," responds Voice Editor Stan Washington. "I heard what happened and felt that it was newsworthy in light of the June meeting with the NNPA."

Instead of being mad at the Black Press, Jakes should call his staff on the carpet for dropping the ball and subsequently embarrassing him. He should ask his marketing people, "How come we didn't make any buys with the Black press in Atlanta?" They sure know how to find us when it comes time to send out press releases for free publicity.

"As far as 'business issues' bleeding over into the newsroom," Washington continued, "It takes money for Jakes to continue to free souls and it takes money for the press to continue to free minds. I will add that Jakes is under no obligation to spend a dime with the Black press. In the end, we're talking about Black businesses and organizations recycling their dollars within their own communities. A free column by Jakes doesn't add a nickel to the bottom line."

In an effort to ease their estrangement Smith, the recently installed NNPA President, is firing off a letter to Bishop Jakes requesting a meeting with him and his chief financial officer and other top officials to repair the damage and cement the "unique partnership" between the Black church and Black press that had previously been discussed at the June NNPA convention.

"Let's put this behind us, let's begin a dialogue, let's see how we can best complement one another," Smith adds. "And, it is not just necessarily about advertising it's about the relationship that should be for the good of the communities that the NNPA serves."

Jakes now says, "I've discussed this with NNPA President John Smith, and I've concluded that the whole matter is largely a misunderstanding."

In Remembrance

Rev. Wayne A. Allen

Final rites were read for Rev. Wayne A. Allen on Thursday morning, August 25, 2005, at the Agape Temple Church of God in Christ. Additional services were held Saturday afternoon, August 27, 2005, at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Greenville, Texas. Burial was held at Grundy Cemetery in Greenville under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Rev. Allen passed away Saturday, August 20, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center.

Doris Evans Bunton

Services for Doris Evans Bunton were held Wednesday afternoon, August 24, 2005, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Ossia Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Thursday, August 18, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born in Otto, Texas on December 11, 1929, to James and Alberta Evans. She became a Christian at an early age, uniting with the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. She was an active member serving in the choir and later working with the youth. She met and married Albert Bunton, Jr.

She was a very citizen in the community as she would spread joy and love. She was known as "Granny" to the many young people whose lives she touched. She worked as supervisor at the Lubbock State School, and later retired from the City of Lubbock.

as a park and community center director. Over the years, she received many commendations and awards for her dedication and service to her community.

She was a very dedicated volunteer at the Mary & Mac Private School where she served as president of the Parent Teachers Association.

She is survived by two daughters, Cynthia Lusk and Almeda Bunton, both of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, Mydra Hereford preceded her in death; two sisters, Leola Presley (Huber) of Colbert, Oklahoma and Edna Overstreet of Los Angeles, California; a brother, Harold Evans of Phoenix, Arizona; three sisters and three brothers preceded her in death; two sisters-in-law, Billie Evans and Minnie Ola Bunton; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Nell Harvey

Funeral services for a longtime resident, Nell Harvey, were held Tuesday morning, August 30, 2005, at the United Congregation. Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Thursday, August 25, 2005, at Lubbock Heart Hospital.

Louis Perry, Sr.

Funeral services for Louis Perry, Sr. were held Wednesday morning, August 31, 2005, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel. A private interment was held following the services with Griffin Mortuary

& Funeral Home of Lubbock in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Perry passed away Friday, August 26, 2005, at University Medical Center.

Moses Stubblefield

Funeral services for Moses Stubblefield were held Friday afternoon, August 26, 2005, at the Full Armor Ministries. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock

Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He passed away Saturday, August 20, 2005, at his residence.

Russel Kenneth Williams

Funeral services for Russel Kenneth Williams were held

Friday morning, August 26, 2005, at the Courts of Praise Ministries.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Williams passed away Monday, August 22, 2005, at University Medical Center.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Who do you say that I am? Part 3

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

Luke 9:18 - And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him, and he asked them saying, "Who do the people say that I am?"

John 3:3b - Jesus said, verily, verily I say unto you except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

Matthew 26:15-16 - And he (Judas) said unto them, what will you give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they conversed with him for thirty pieces of silver and from that time he sought an opportunity to betray him. And it was your eyes that looked upon another, desiring their flesh. But it was my eyes they spit in, because your eyes couldn't get enough!

Mark 14:65a - And some began to spit on him (Jesus), and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, prophesy.

***** Who Do You Say That I Am? *****
You see it was your mouth

that spoke so many filthy and un-godly words. It was my mouth they slapped and hit with their fist. Never was I hit ever heard!

1 Peter 2:21-23 - Who still no sin, neither is guile found in his mouth. Who, when he was reviled, did not revile again, when he suffered, he threatened not, but committed himself to him that judged righteously.

Luke 18:32-33 - For he shall be delivered unto the gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated and spitted on, and they shall scourge (beat) him, and put him to death, and on the third day, he shall rise again.

Matthew 27:29 - When they had plaited a crown of thorns. They put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand. And they bowed their knee before him, and mocked him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Revelation 4:10-11 - The four and twenty elders fall down before him (Jesus) that sat on the throne, and worshipped him that lives for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, you are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For you have created all things, and for your pleasure, they are and were created.

And it was your feet that danced on the dance floor all night long. But it was feet they nailed to the tree, because you walked in wrong!

***** Do You Know Who I Am? The Devil Does! *****
Mark 1:24 - The Devil said, let us alone. What have we to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.

Revelation 4:10-11 - The four and twenty elders fall down before him (Jesus) that sat on the throne, and worshipped him that lives for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, you are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For you have created all things, and for your pleasure, they are and were created.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Child sexual abuse by clergy

Nicholas K. Geramos, an Associated Press Writer, reported Friday, August 26, 2005, a federal bankruptcy judge rule that all the parish churches, parochial schools and other property of the Catholic Diocese of Spokane, Washington can be liquidated to pay victims of clergy sexual abuse.

The Spokane Diocese had declared bankruptcy in December 2004. The head of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops argued that only about \$10 million worth of real estate and other assets directly under his control were available to settle lawsuits brought by 58 victims of sexual abuse.

However, the attorneys for the 58 victims argued that the bishop holds title to and controls more than 82 parish churches, six parochial schools, Catholic cemeteries and other property in eastern Washington State. The victims contended the bishop's financial asset total more than 80 million.

David Clohessy, national director of Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said the decision should make other bishops think twice about trying to protect assets by filing for bankruptcy.

The decision by U. S. Bankruptcy Judge Patricia Williams should have a chilling effect on all Connectional Churches who property is controlled by the hierarchy of the church and not by local trustees in name only. The worst case scenario is that one Sunday you are praising God in the building that you have worked hard to pay the mortgage, and the next Sunday, because of some immoral act by some preacher that happen in another city far removed from you, your church and all of its properties could be sold for just compensation.

Lawyers for the members of the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon 124 parishes argued that they, not the archdiocese, own \$600 million in church assets and property. The Archdiocese has more than 240 abuse claims pending, seeking more than \$400 million in damages. The decision by the Spokane federal bankruptcy judge does not apply to the Portland case. However, it could influence the judge.

The ruling of the judge should serve as a wake-up call to all senior pastors, head of boards and other officials in local churches that control their own destiny that you can be sued by

letting people come into your church and molest children. The officers of a church should run a criminal background check on a preacher before they employ him to be their pastor. A preacher that is a child molester, pedophile, etc. should not be at the top of the list for employment as pastor, no matter how much education or holy ghost he or she has. The civil penalties for one mistake could be devastating. The Senior Pastor and Board should run a criminal background check on persons who will be around children in the church from the bus driver to the musician.

This preacher realized we want to be like Jesus and do all that we can humanly do to help those who have made grave mistakes in their lives. However, the clergy sexual exploitation of children and the condoning of it by those who oversee them have been so lax and without a sense of remorse, the law of the land has and will continue to bring some sense to religious leaders for their moral responsibility through financial justice.

The Catholic Church is mentioned in this article. This does not mean that there is not clergy sexual abuse of children in other evangelical churches.

Lewis Sisters reunion held in Corpus Christi



The Lewis Sister Reunion was held in Corpus Christi, Texas this year. It was the 16th year of fun and laughter. The oldest sister, Mary Ann - and the one who would whip the other girls as their mom - showed the sisters one of the best times they've ever had. Just to name a few things they did: First of all, we stayed in the Christy Suites which was set up like an apartment complex. There were two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen-dinning room area, a huge living room with a 'big screen' t.v.. The largest bedroom had a closet so large, you could put a bed in it. You see, this was our apartment for the five days we were in Corpus Christi. This was great.

We prepared breakfast in the room for two mornings. There's nothing like home cooked meals.

We rode on the Texas Treasure Ship (what we called the Titanic) for about 8 hours. For one price, we got the cruise, a luxurious meal which was set up like an expensive banquet. It was an all you could eat style.

The Lewis Sisters went to the beach and road the paddle boats. All had a great time paddling boats even though it was a little scary on the Gulf of Mexico.

Our niece, Cesere, and her husband, Kelvin, showed us a great time at their home on Sunday afternoon after church. They cooked a great Mexican dinner for the sisters. They gave away prizes and all played some Bible games. Some delicious BBQ was served in May's backyard. Some say women can't cook BBQ like men, but we did a great job without the men helping us. We started the fire

and cooked the meat. Ha! Ha! Ha! Just like always, we want our Daddy, George Lewis, to know we love him and thank God for him. He's responsible for us being here. We love you, Dad. Thanks to Mama Arrose for keeping him going like a young man. To our sister, Debbie Flower, who chose not to be with us. You were there in spirit-like always. You are always in our thoughts, prayers and conversation. We love you!

The Lewis Sisters Reunion is in honor of our Mom, Lee Ester Lewis. She passed away in July, 1987. After all of these years, there's not a day which passes that we don't talk about her. For all Sisters and Families all around, we encourage you to get together. Love one another and give each other flowers while you live. God is love!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Emergency Phone Numbers!

All lines to Heaven are open 24 Hours a Day! Feed your faith and doubt, will starve to death! And don't you forget that!

If you want to be fruitful, read John 15. When you have sinned, call Psalms 51. When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34. When God seems far away, call Psalms 139. When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11. When you grow bitter and critical, call 1 Corinthians 13. For Paul's secret to happiness, call Colossians 3:12-17. When you feel down and out, call Romans 8:31. When you want peace and rest, call Matthew 11:25-30. When you want

Christian assurance, call Romans 8:1-30. When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1. If you are losing confidence in people, call 1 Corinthians 13. If people seem unkind, call John 15.

Here are some alternate numbers: For dealing with fear, call Psalms 34:7. For security, call Psalms 121:3 and For Assurance, call Mark 8:35.

God promised to bless us and implementing those promises into our lives, take knowledge and determination. God bless you in your walk with Him!

To all hurting people, read Mark 11:22-26. He will move your mountain. If you will forgive anyone you're holding a grudge against, Try it!

Don't forget your drive by prayers for our Pastors, Community, schools and Churches. There are a large number of new people moving in all around us. Let's keep new families lifted up in prayer. You see, this is our responsible service. Together we can make a real difference.

Let us not forget those who are sick and shut-in in our community. Remember, prayer changes many things.

Read and Believe, People!

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

First Annual Sassy Lady Dinner & Fashion Show

Littlefield, Texas - The Sassy Lady's "First Annual Dinner & Fashion Show" is set for Saturday evening, September 10, 2005, at the Ag Building, 11th Street and Hall Avenue, in Littlefield, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

With the theme, "Dressing With An Attitude," it is a black tie affair, and all are invited to come and display their wardrobe.

Deadline for tickets sales is September 8, 2005. Tickets are only \$6.50 each. For more information, contact Ms. Lottie Smith at (806) 385-0270, Monday thru

Friday between 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. or Saturday, 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

According to Ms. Smith, there will be many door prizes.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, August 28, 2005, was a great day at the historic St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Morning services got underway at 10:20 a. m. with Sunday School with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge.

The morning lesson was taught by Sister Nina Davis, and reviewed by Pastor Canady. What a wonderful lesson it was.

The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a. m. The devotional service was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Vincent Lolley. The Senior Choir sang out of their hearts and souls.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "Quit Talking And Do It!" His scripture was Deuteronomy 5:1-3. What a wonderful time all had in the Lord. Each member was truly blessed by his word.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Sunday School will sponsor a "Fish Fry" Saturday, September 3, 2005, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The menu will include: Fried Fish, French Fries, Salad and Desert. For more information and to place an order, call 744-5471. Only \$6.00 per plate.

Thought For The Week:
"God is looking for ordinary

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Worship - 10:00am
Evening Worship - 5:00pm

Wednesday:
Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm

God's Plan for Saving Man
All have sinned - Romans 3:23
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:38
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb 5:9
How do we obey him?
Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3
Confess - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
Be faithful until death - Rev. 2:10

Annual Choir Day set at St. Luke Baptist

The Annual Senior Choir Day of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street, will be held Sunday afternoon, September 11, 2005, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The theme for the annual event will be "Reservations Guaranteed," St. John 14:6-7.
Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor.

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BET links with Wal-Mart in ground-breaking urban marketing campaign

Exclusive DVD starring hip hop sensation Kanye West is first BET-branded offering

Washington, DC (BlackNews.com) - BET, the most dominant brand in Black entertainment, and Wal-Mart, the world's leading retailer, are forming an unprecedented marketing alliance to meet the demand for urban-oriented music and movie offerings with BET content and branding. BET President and CEO Debra L. Lee and Wal-Mart Vice President of Merchandising David Porter made the joint announcement today at BET headquarters in Washington and Wal-Mart's global headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Under the alliance, BET will provide Wal-Mart with DVDs containing exclusive BET programming and other content related to featured urban-oriented music and movie releases. These DVDs will be packaged with the featured releases and sold as "BET Official(TM)" branded two-packs in BET-branded retail sections and other merchandising displays throughout thousands of Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB locations.

First to hit Wal-Mart stores on August 30 under the new BET Official(TM) brand will be a companion DVD featuring multi-talented, Grammy Award-winning rapper/producer Kanye West. The DVD will be paired with West's highly-anticipated new CD project

"Late Registration" in a special CD/DVD two-pack available exclusively at SAM'S CLUB locations and Wal-Mart stores nationwide.

"This marketing and promotion alliance with Wal-Mart pairs BET's powerful brand and stellar content with trend-setting, urban-oriented music and movies to enhance Wal-Mart's appeal in urban entertainment product," said Lee. "Over the years, we've sought creative ways to deliver more BET programming content through retail channels. And what better way than combining the ultimate retailer with the greatest Black consumer brand on the planet."

"We're excited to be able to bring our customers some of the most popular music and movie titles in this category and our relationship with BET allows us to offer exclusive releases with award-winning artists," said Wal-Mart's Porter. "This is a relationship that will bring cutting-edge entertainment for customers of all ages."

The BET Official(TM) Presents Kanye West DVD contains BET-produced programming along with

never-before-seen footage of the superstar rapper, producer and urban icon. Included on the DVD is a dynamic mix of content featuring the BET behind-the-scenes "documentary" ACCESS GRANTED with West on the set of his music video Diamonds From Sierra Leone; West's interview and performance on 106 & PARK; BET'S TOP 10 LIVE!, television's top music video countdown show; and a series of West's popular music videos including Diamonds From Sierra Leone, Through the Wire, The New Workout Plan, and a previously unreleased version of the multi-platinum and BET Award winning Jesus Walks. The CD/DVD package will retail for \$13.98, and will be promoted through specially-designed BET-branded merchandising displays, print and electronic advertising, in-store promotions and other marketing executions.

"There are mutual wins for both BET and Wal-Mart in this relationship, and we're pleased to be working with a company that has already

been a strong advertiser on our network for many years," Lee added. "There is tremendous flexibility in the structure of this arrangement and ample room for BET-branded product in other entertainment platforms and retail categories. The biggest beneficiaries ultimately will be BET viewers and Wal-Mart customers."

ABOUT BET
BET, a subsidiary of Viacom, Inc. (NYSE: VIA and VIA.B), is the nation's leading television network providing quality entertainment, music, news and public affairs programming for the African-American audience. The BET Network reaches more than 80 million households according to Nielsen media research, and can be seen in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. BET is a dominant consumer brand in the urban marketplace with a diverse group of branded businesses: BET.com, the Number 1 Internet portal for African Americans; BET Digital Networks - BET Jazz, BET Gospel and BET Hip Hop, attractive alternatives for cutting-edge entertainment tastes; BET Event Productions, specializing in a full range of event production services, including event management, venue selection, talent recruitment, sound, lighting and



Kanye West's DVD is the first official offering of BET exclusive products that will be sold at Wal-Mart stores. The products sold at these stores will feature "BET Official" logos on the packaging.

stage production; and BET Books, the nation's leading publisher of African-American themed romance novels under the Arnesque imprint, which also publishes compelling fiction under the Sepia imprint and inspirational fiction and nonfiction under the New Spirit imprint.

ABOUT WAL-MART STORES, INC.
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Smithsonian acknowledges \$1 million gift for the National Museum of African American History and Culture



Aflac Chairman and CEO Daniel Amos presents donation of \$1 million to Smithsonian Secretary Lawrence M. Small for the new National Museum of African American History and Culture. Aflac Inc. is the first company to provide philanthropic support to the museum. Photo courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Smithsonian Institution formally accepted a donation of \$1 million to the new National Museum of African American History and Culture from Aflac Inc. at a luncheon on June 28. Aflac Inc. is the first company to provide philanthropic support to the museum.

During the donation ceremony in the Smithsonian's Castle Building, Aflac Chairman and CEO Daniel Amos presented the gift to Smithsonian Secretary Lawrence M. Small and museum Director Lonnie Bunch (effective July 2005).

"Since the founding of the Smithsonian, the Smithsonian has benefited from the generosity of many to fulfill its mission, 'the increase and diffusion of knowledge,'" said Smithsonian Secretary Lawrence M. Small. "We are extremely grateful that Aflac, a company with a proud history of community involvement and philanthropic giving, has stepped forward to galvanize the launch of our newest museum with such a magnanimous gift."

"Aflac is proud to lead the way in contributing to this most worthy cause," said Amos. "The museum

will serve as a great way to spotlight America's diverse history while honoring the African American experience that has been instrumental in the development of our great nation. I look forward to the completion of this significant cultural landmark."

The National Museum of African American History and Culture was established on Dec. 19, 2003, when President Bush signed into law legislation establishing the museum as part of the Smithsonian Institution. The Smithsonian Board of Regents announced the founding 19-member Council of the museum - which includes leaders from business, academia and the arts - in December 2004. In March 2005, the Smithsonian named Lonnie Bunch as the first director of the museum (effective July 2005).

Aflac Inc. is the number one provider of guaranteed-renewable

insurance in the United States. The company's insurance products provide protection to more than 40 million people worldwide.

Aflac Inc., whose philanthropy mainly focuses on pediatric cancer,

has cited the recognition of shared heritage and historical importance, and sensitivity to issues of particular interest to the company's significant African American population as the motivation for its contribution.

Month-long event uses beauty and barber shops to raise awareness of high blood pressure risks

Next Thursday, September 1, 2005, Texas Tech is holding its kick-off of health outreach program at Shear Elegance Hair Design, 2510 M.L.K. Blvd. The event is co-sponsored by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing, 100 Black Men of America Inc., the Lubbock African American Chamber of Commerce and the healthy Lubbock Initiative.

During the month of September, participating beauty salons and barber shops will host free blood pressure screenings from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday performed by students in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing.

Participants will include: Nile Beauty Salon, 1206 M.L.K. Blvd.; Bronze Lady Salon, 1716 E. Broadway; Dixon Beauty Salon,

1724 Parkway Dr.; Verdell's Unisex Salon, 1704 E. 4th St.; Talk of the Town Beauty Salon, 510 E. 23rd St.; Paul's Barber Shop, 1528 E. 19th St.; "Da" Barber Shop, 1704 E. Fourth St.; Gipson Barber Shop, 508 E. 23rd St.; E's Barber Shop, 508 E. 23rd St.; Shear Elegance Hair Design, 2510 M.L.K. Blvd.

For more information, contact Angila Faison or Julie Toland, at 743-2143.

TTUHSC team performs successful cochlear implant

LUBBOCK - The first cochlear implant surgery at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has been successfully performed by Joehassin Cordero, M.D., with the guidance of Ming Zhang, M.D., Ph.D.

Cochlear implants restore hearing when hearing aids cannot help. A collaborative Health Sciences Center team participated in the surgery. After the device was implanted inside the cochlea, audiologist Dwayne Paschall, Ph.D., performed intra-operative monitoring to test the function of the implanted device. He also performed the first primary fitting of the device with the guidance of Zhang. Audiologist Steven Zapancic, Ph.D., also participated in the implant surgery.

"Dr. Cordero completed the surgery in less than one hour, which is extremely unusual in the field," Zhang said. "This particular cochlear implant surgery was one of the best surgeries I have ever seen in my life. It was an enjoyment of an art."

Zhang came to the Health Sciences Center in 2001 in the hopes of establishing a cochlear implant program. He has received fellowship trainings at several institutes with renowned cochlear implant programs. Zhang serves

as faculty in the Department of Surgery - Otolaryngology, as well as an assistant professor in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences in the School of Allied Health Sciences.

"We regard Dr. Zhang as the director of this team," Cordero said. "Like a symphony, he has directed a very successful performance on the stage."

The Health Sciences Center began doctoral-level cochlear implant courses in 2001, obtained

cochlear implant equipment in 2003, began a fitting service in 2004 and reported the research data in 2005. And now with the successful surgery, the cochlear implant program has come to full fruition.

"The successful implant surgery is really a milestone in our history and has far-reaching future significance, symbolizing that the Texas Tech cochlear implant program is matured," Zhang said.

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The Estate Tax: Helping the richest Americans while hurting the poor children

By Marian Wright Edelman

The debate over whether America should repeal its estate tax is heating up again. The estate tax was first enacted early in the last century, partly in response to the enormous fortunes families like the Rockefellers and Vanderbilts had amassed during the Gilded Age. Reformers argued that government support had played a big role in creating the conditions that helped these individuals earn their tremendous wealth, so it was only fair that a portion of that wealth be returned to society. Many also argued that hereditary transfer of large amounts of wealth and power was inconsistent with American democracy and values. As President Franklin D. Roosevelt put it, "Great accumulations of wealth cannot be justified on the basis of personal and family security... Such inherited economic power is as inconsistent with the ideals of this generation as inherited political power was inconsistent

with the ideals of the generation which established our government."

But today at the beginning of the twenty-first century, when the gap between rich and poor is the highest ever, powerful lobbyists and politicians and the Bush White House want to repeal the estate tax. There is now legislation before Congress to repeal it permanently. The House has passed the bill, and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist has said that he will call for a vote on it in the Senate as soon as the Senate resumes business after its August recess. This could be as early as September 6th.

The estate tax's opponents falsely try to portray it as a "death tax" that mostly punishes small business owners or family farmers, ordinary American entrepreneurs whose families they allege are often forced to go bankrupt when the tax comes due. But a recent report released by the Congressional Budget Office was reported on in the *Washington Post* this way:

"The image of the grieving heir picking up his hoe as he trudges away from the family farm is just that - a powerful image but not an accurate one."

The real truth is that the estate tax has always been targeted mainly at those who can most easily afford to pay it: the very wealthiest Americans. As the United for a Fair Economy organization explains it, "Only the richest 2 percent of our nation's families currently pay any estate tax at all. These are people with estates larger than \$1.5 million for an individual or \$3 million for a couple. Nearly half of all estate taxes are paid by the wealthiest 0.1% of the American population - a few thousand families each year. Repealing the estate tax would result in multi-million dollar tax cuts to the heirs of America's millionaires and billionaires, concentrating wealth and political power in fewer hands." In other words, when you look at the numbers on repealing

other tax cuts, you'll see they only add up for millionaires. The figures can make your head spin:

\$3 trillion is the amount given in tax cuts over the past four years - mostly benefiting only the wealthiest 2% of Americans. If these cuts are made permanent, the number would be \$5.1 trillion. \$1 trillion is the estimated ten-year cost to Americans to repeal the Estate Tax. To give you an idea of how much that is, when fully in effect, the cost of the repeal of the estate tax for just estates over \$3.5 million will be \$30 billion in the first year alone - enough to provide health coverage to all 9.1 million uninsured children, to provide Head Start for the more than 3 million children who are eligible but not receiving services, and to lift almost 2 million of the 12.9 million poor

children out of poverty.

\$106 billion is the amount in additional tax cuts proposed so far this year, once again overwhelmingly benefiting the very wealthy, while Congress at the same time is considering freezing funding for Head Start, foster care, and other programs benefiting vulnerable children. As many as 1.2 million children could lose Medicaid. Three hundred thousand people, mostly from working families, could lose food stamps.

There is one simple number you should know: one - the one phone call each of you can and must make to your senators. Please call your Senators toll-free today at 1 (888) 233-1221! Tell them: "Do not repeal the Estate Tax - which would only benefit the top one or two percent of households - at the expense of millions of our children. Do not

accept a 'reform' of the Estate Tax response. It would actually cost the nation almost as much as a full repeal." It is unjust to give more money to the wealthiest while our defenseless children suffer. Millions of children are hungry, homeless, left in unsafe child care and poor schools, and denied health care. Stop providing tax breaks for the rich at the expense of poor children is the message you must send over and over again until your Senators hear it.

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.

Legal Aid Society of Lubbock awarded \$62,845

AUSTIN, Texas — After years of stagnant funding levels, the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation has good news for the Texas legal aid community: a temporary windfall for the 2005-06 grant cycle. Over the next year, the Foundation will grant \$17.9 million to 40 nonprofit organizations that provide free legal advice or representation in civil matters to low-income Texans. The additional funds, a 45 percent increase over last year's grants, will enable legal aid organizations to serve thousands more Texans throughout the state.

The increase is due in part to a new legislative appropriation of \$1.5 million per year earmarked for legal aid. The bulk of the increase, however, is due to the Foundation's decision to grant funds on the state's fiscal year rather than a calendar year, thereby making more funds available for distribution sooner than expected. But, unless significant funding is identified through other sources, legal aid funding will decline to about \$15 million within two years.

Legal Aid Society of Lubbock will receive \$62,845. In addition to Legal Aid Society of Lubbock, the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation has allocated \$3,633,955 to Arlington-based Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas. Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas is the primary provider of legal aid for the Northwest Texas Service Area, which is composed of 106 counties, including Lubbock, Midland, Potter and Tom Green. Austin-based Advocacy, Inc. will receive \$111,994 to serve Northwest Texas, including Lubbock County. Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas and Advocacy, Inc. have offices in

Lubbock.

Unlike the criminal justice system, Texans facing civil legal problems are not guaranteed an attorney. Each year, legal aid organizations assist more than 99,000 poor Texans with their civil legal needs in matters such as protection from domestic violence, access to medical care and landlord-tenant issues.

"Though we are thrilled to announce higher funding levels, much of these resources will be directed toward rebuilding infrastructure that has suffered from financial reductions and stagnation over the last several years," Lisa Melton, director of grants for the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, said. "It is essential that we continue to cultivate support for legal aid at

the state and local levels in order to increase services to Texas' most vulnerable residents."

For a complete list of TEAJF 2005 grant awards, go to www.teajf.org.

The Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, created by the Supreme Court of Texas in 1984, is the largest state-based funding source for the provision of civil legal aid in Texas. The organization is committed to the vision that all Texans will have equal access to justice, regardless of their income. The Foundation administers a variety of funding sources, which are earmarked to assist nonprofit organizations in providing legal aid to approximately 99,000 Texans each year.

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 Hebrews 2:17-18

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SPEAKERS

Monday, Sept 5, 2005 Supt. Elijah Demerson Amarillo, Texas	Tuesday, Sept 6, 2005 Dr. Sherman C. Gee Allen Ft. Worth, Texas
Wednesday, Sept 7, 2005 Bishop W. H. Watson Prelate Texas Northwest	Thursday, Sept 8, 2005 Elder J. L. (Keith) Jones Albuquerque, NM

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THIS N THAT

JUNIOR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM SHOULD STAY! THIS N THAT is hoping the MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL will reconsider their voting not to fund the JUNIOR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM which has been a valuable asset for our city with Japan for years. It is not that expensive, and the returns can't really be weighed in money. The LUBBOCK YOUTH needs this kind of an effort. It has been mentioned that this does not bring in any jobs for our city, but it does build character for our youth. THIS N THAT has wondered why this has become such an obstacle for it not to be funded. Sure does need to be funded. Hope on September 8, 2005 more citizens will show up and express their concern about keeping the JUNIOR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM. If it doesn't be funded THIS N THAT is wondering what the excuse will be especially for a mayoral candidate come next May. CITY COUNCILMAN FLOYD PRICE, many are watching the outcome of this important matter. Sure, we have public schools and youth groups but it is the responsibility of the local political sub-division to have a very good quality for our youth and this is done by setting the example. CONGRATS TO JOHN CERVANTEZ! THIS N THAT wants to salute one of our citizens JOHN CERVANTEZ, who didn't waver on getting some work done for BERRY PARK, located

at East 36th Street and Cedar Avenue. Sure, it took fifteen years, but he stayed focused on a letter he received from a young fellow who was 14 years young. His name was SONNY GARCIA. THIS N THAT would like for this young fellow to get in contact with our hard worker, JOHN CERVANTEZ, and let him visit with him. At the same time, BROTHER CERVANTEZ wants to start a drive to develop a COMMUNITY CENTER in this area. THIS N THAT believes it can be done. It make take some time, but with citizens like our friend, BROTHER JOHN CERVANTEZ, it will become a reality.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER REMINDS US, "A LONG JOURNEY always begins with a SINGLE STEP and by staying focused, anything can be ACCOMPLISHED!"

REMEMBER EMMIT TILL? THIS N THAT is wondering how many of us Black folk remember what happened to EMMIT TILL, the 14-year-old youth who was lynched in Money, Mississippi, in the Mississippi Delta. He was killed because he was said to have WHISTLED AT A WHITE WOMAN. Black youth, in this day and time, need to know where they have come from and if they did, our Black communities would be stronger, and we would have stronger families. Did you know that in all those days of segregation. CRACK & REEFER

were not a problem because we stood together and over came our problems together.

HOPE YOU TOOK A LOOK, DUNBAR STUDENTS! THIS N THAT is hoping the students of DUNBAR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL took a look at the 40-foot-long TRAILBLAZER which was on their campus last Monday. With hands-on engineering and science exhibits, our young students, especially Black & Hispanics, need this kind of information. Hopefully, this was well attended and that some eyes were open about taking the right courses for college.

MATADORS HAD A VERY GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO WIN! THIS N THAT traveled to Hereford, Texas along with many other supporters last Friday night, August 26th, to watch our ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS. Take on the HEREFORD HIGH SCHOOL football. No doubt about it, those fighting Matadors had the better team, and should have won it! THIS N THAT would have loved to see them go for TWO POINTS, and win the game outright as a tie is like KISSING YOUR BABY SISTER! Anyway last week is gone, so let's win tonight, Thursday, against Snyder High School at Lowrey Field beginning at 7:30 p.m. MATADORS, you have a good team. All you need to do is just stay together, because you are winners. JUST BELIEVE, MATADORS!!

Make the investment now for our future

by Christy Martinez-Garcia

On Thursday August 25, several young members of the Junior Ambassadors and parents addressed Mayor Muro McDougal and City Council Members to sustain the Junior Ambassador Sister City program with Musashino City, Japan. A few weeks have passed since the Japanese delegation was in Lubbock. During that time the youth, along with many families in our community experienced a unique cultural exchange and developed some amazing friendships.

One of the highlights of that visit was the planting of a cherry blossom tree to commemorate the 20 year relationship that Lubbock, Texas USA and Musashino City, Japan have upheld.

While this event may not have seemed so significant, it reminded me of the National Cherry Blossoms in Washington, D.C., which enhanced the growing friendship between the United States and Japan.

You see it took a simple tree planting ceremony to cultivate that relationship. In 1912 a gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo was given. In 1927, a group of American school children... children, reenacted the initial planting; then the first festival was held in 1935.

Today the National Cherry Blossom Festival is coordinated by representatives of civic and governmental organizations. More than 700,000 people visit Washington each year to admire the blossoming cherry trees that herald the beginning of spring and the continued friendship.

While we have only started planting one tree at a time, we have started spreading the seeds of friendship, awareness, and community pride.

To send young people, our children, to represent our community overseas, displays an act of trust. That we have faith in our relationship with these people that we send our most cherished assets, our youth, our future leaders, resonates Lubbock's commitment for growth and diplomacy.

When my daughter Amaris and I spoke with Councilman Gary Boren, he said the program was not bringing in companies like Toyota. These kids are not charged with making business deals but rather going to Japan as part of a mission to foster a better understanding of another culture.

So as a result of their knowledge of learning to help foster, promote, advance, cultivate, and move Lubbock forward, one day these emerging leaders will be able to do just that.

In lieu of Lubbock's growth, it makes sense to be proactive and invest and support our youth. This is our future workforce. Big companies are seeking cities with capable, well trained citizens.

According to study abroad programs, students who study or travel overseas report that the programs helped them make positive career and life choices, attain skills in intercultural communication, improve problem solving skills, and gain respect for cultural differences.

Overseas travel leads to a greater understanding of self and a confronting of U.S. values con-

cerning consumerism, individualism, and identity. Students return with a greater global-mindedness. In general, the most commonly observed impacts on students who studied abroad are foreign language proficient, become more knowledgeable about their community, and politics.

These are characteristics, which could make the determining difference for overseas companies seeking a strong workforce.

It was surprising to me that the Council would not support this effort; after all it has been the vision of Mayor McDougal and his family that helped Lubbock to get on this fast track and grow. Mayor Pro Tem Martin claims to advocate on behalf of the citizens, yet this is the second program that benefits youth that he has helped cut. Don't leave out our youth!

Please help us by asking our City Council members to make the investment now for our future - the youth of our community, and the future of our great city, Lubbock, Texas USA.

The youth are encouraging other teens in our community, as well as adult advocates to call or email City Council members asking them to support the Junior Ambassador program to Japan... to support our youth. Also please join them at the next public comment time, Thursday, September 8, 2005 at 7:30 a.m. at city hall.

Our youth are our future workforce, up-and-coming voters, and the leaders of tomorrow, help us sustain this program that helps cultivate strong leaders with a broader world view... for Lubbock.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

After much discussion and attempts to educate the public through various channels.



Medicare Part D has arrived. That is the current alphabet for the Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. This coverage will begin on January 1, 2006 and is available for all people with Medicare which will be provided through Prescription drug plans (PDPs). Other Medicare health plans (MA-PDs) and some employers and unions to retirees.

An example of standard prescription drug coverage will generally be less than \$37 monthly premium with a \$250 deductible. With coinsurance of 25% of drug costs from \$250, to \$2,250—Medicare pays 75%, and 100% of drug costs from \$2,250 to \$5,100. After 3,60 in out-of-pocket costs, Medicare pays approximately 95%.

This is drug coverage that helps you pay for the prescriptions you need. Medicare prescription drug coverage is available to all people with Medicare. There is additional help for those who need it most. The plan pays for brand name and generic drugs. You can choose between at least two Medicare prescription drug plans and pick a plan that is right for you.

Entitlement to Part A and/or enrolled in Part B makes you eligible for Part D and reside in plan's service area. You must enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan to get Medicare prescription drug coverage.

In general, the enrollment period for PDPs and MA-PDs are similar. There are three enrollment periods for PDPs: Initial Enrollment Period (IEP), Annual Coordinated Election Period (AEP) and Special Enrollment Period (SEP). The IEP Nov. 15, 2005, through May 15, 2006 for people who are currently eligible or will become eligible in November, December 2005 and January 2006. For everyone else, the Initial Enrollment Period is

similar to the IEP for Part B. For the first year, the AEP is the same as the IEP, November 15, 2005 through December 31 of each year.

Special enrollment periods (SEP) are for persons who move out of the plan service area, those entering, residing in, or leaving a long-term care facility, involuntary loss, reduction, or non-notification of creditable coverage or other exceptional circumstances.

Postponing enrollment will mean higher premiums for people who wait to enroll, except for those with prescription drug coverage at least as good as a Medicare prescription drug plan. There will be 1% assessment of the base premium cost for every month you were eligible to enroll in the plan and did not enroll or if you have no drug coverage as good as a Medicare prescription drug coverage for 63 consecutive days or longer. This will be continued next week so we can all be 'in cinque.' (Medicare and You, 2005 Reach National Medicare & You Training Program by Rod dar. Building Bridges II, Austin, Texas, June 28, 2005).

The New Negro Magazine to debut in October



Magazine cover (premier issue) for The New Negro.

Chicago (BlackNews.com) - The New Negro Magazine will make its print debut on October 15th. This bi-monthly magazine will be distributed in seven states including Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana, in a planned circulation rate of 10,000.

The magazine is dedicated to identifying areas of self-improvement for African-American men ages 25-54, who are head of households or self-employed, in small and mid-size markets.

The magazine's major focus is to inform its audience about the issues that have the potential to empower themselves and their communities in three specific

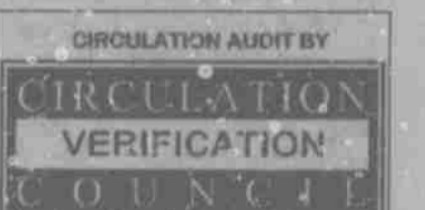
areas: 1) Improving Self Awareness, 2) Building Strong Families, 3) Shaping Public Policy, Image, and Opinions.

For just \$25 a year, interested ones can subscribe to the magazine by visiting www.thenewnegro.com or by sending an email to: subscriptions@thenewnegro.com - The first 1,000 subscribers will receive a free New Negro Magazine t-shirt.

The New Negro Magazine is seeking writers who offer an alternative to the rampant individualism that is distorting the American history and destroying the culture of African descen-

dants.

Serious, analytical writers who can generate discussion, reasonable conclusions, and the potential for change are welcome to send their submissions to subscriptions@thenewnegro.com - All submissions must be received 30 days prior to publication. For more information, visit www.thenewnegro.com



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New commemorative stamps honor Civil Rights movement

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Say the words, "the Civil Rights Movement," and many iconic images come quickly and readily to mind. Thurgood Marshall, arguing before the United States Supreme Court, Martin Luther King's dream shining off the Reflecting Pool in the capital of a deeply divided nation, Rosa Parks refusing to move to the back of the bus, The Little Rock Nine, The courage of the Freedom Riders.

The United States Postal Service today dedicated 10 stamps commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act and honored the Civil Rights Movement's most enduring milestones and the people who made them possible.

Under extraordinary circumstances they sat down to stand up for injustice, walked so we could ride, marched for justice and to end discrimination, went to school despite the hatred awaiting them and voted so their ballots could talk for them.

"The Postal Service is proud to add the "To Form A More Perfect Union" commemorative stamps to our 2005 stamp program, a program that celebrates the people, events and history of our nation," said John E. Potter, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer. "These stamps trace the history of our nation's Civil

Rights Movement through visual illustrations of key events, people and decisions that changed the course of this nation."

Postal officials, joined by Civil Rights Movement participants, planned to dedicate "To Form a More Perfect Union" commemorative pairs in eight cities tied to milestones of the movement: Greensboro, NC; Jackson, MS; Little Rock, AR; Memphis, TN; Montgomery, AL; Selma, AL; Topeka, KS and Washington, DC.

Dorothy Height, Chair and President Emerita of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., spoke in Washington, D.C., where it was commemorating Executive Order 9981 (integration in all military branches), the March on Washington and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were dedicated. She marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. sat in sessions with Stokely Carmichael, rode with Rosa Parks and participated in meetings with President John F. Kennedy.

"These stamps herald the struggle of men, women and children in the quest for equality," said Dr. Height. "They are a fitting reminder that the work yet to be done must be built upon the contributions made by millions to bring our country to a better place."

Fred Gray spoke at the

Montgomery, AL, dedication ceremony. When he was 24, less than a year out of law school, he represented Rosa Parks when she was arrested for refusing to move to the back of the bus and Dr. Martin Luther King on civil rights issues. Gray has kept his promise "to become a lawyer, return to Alabama, and destroy everything segregated I could find."

"As I look over the 10 events these stamps represent," he said, "I realize I've been involved with nearly all of them in one way or another."

The story of the Civil Rights struggle was echoed at stamp dedication ceremonies in other cities, including Franklin McCain speaking about his role planning the 1960 "Greensboro Four" lunch counter sit-in.

"Little Rock Nine" member Melba Pattillo Beals recounting the first days of integration under military escort to Central High School in 1957.

In Memphis, TN, Rev. Samuel Billy Kyle, who was with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the last hour of his life, sharing his thoughts on the struggle for equality.

U.S. Rep. John Lewis, (D-GA), recognized as one of the "Big Six" leaders of the Civil Rights movement, describing being nearly beaten to

death at the hands of club-wielding troopers as he attempted to lead more than 600 marchers across Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma.

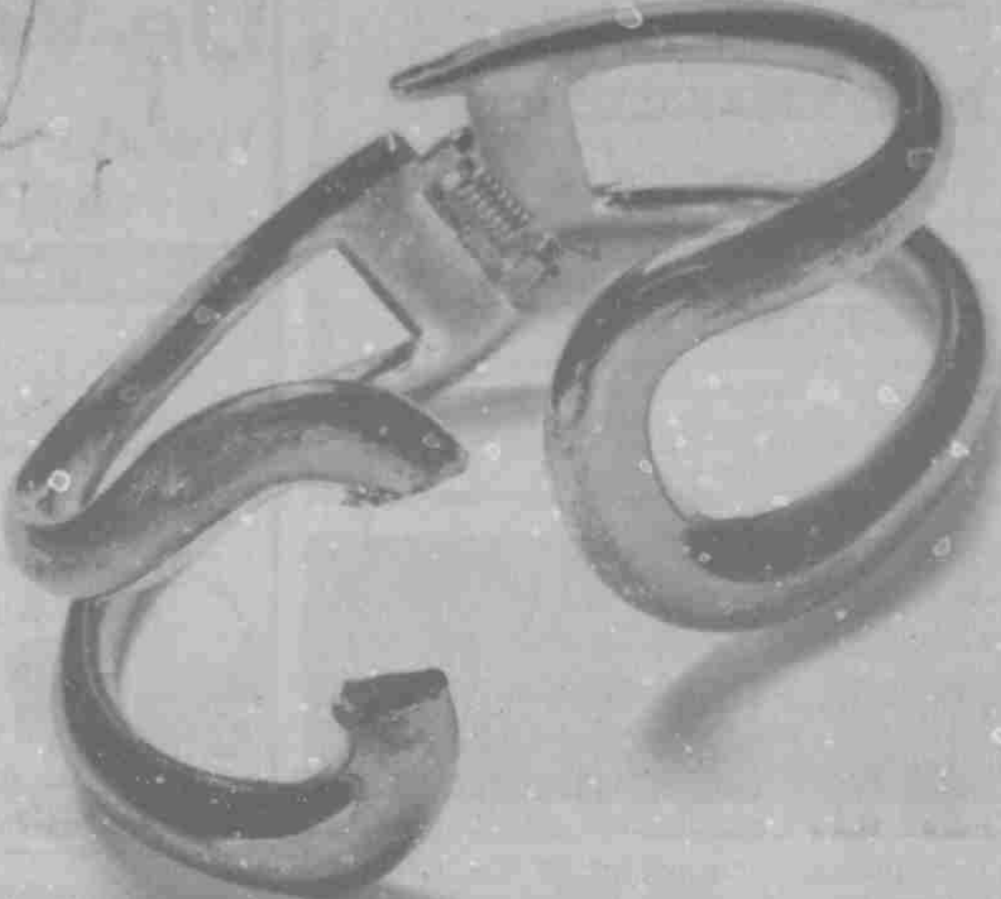
Cheryl Brown Henderson, President and CEO of the Brown Foundation for Educational, Equity, Excellence and Research, speaking in Topeka about her father's role as

"Brown" in the landmark Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision that declared separate educational facilities for black and white children to be inherently unequal. The 10 milestones depicted in the "To Form a More Perfect Union" stamps series are the Selma March, Montgomery Bus Boycott,

Greensboro Lunch Counter Sit-In, Freedom Riders, Little Rock Nine, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Brown v. Board of Education, Executive Order 9981, March on Washington, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The stamps are available nationwide at Post Offices and Philatelic Centers.

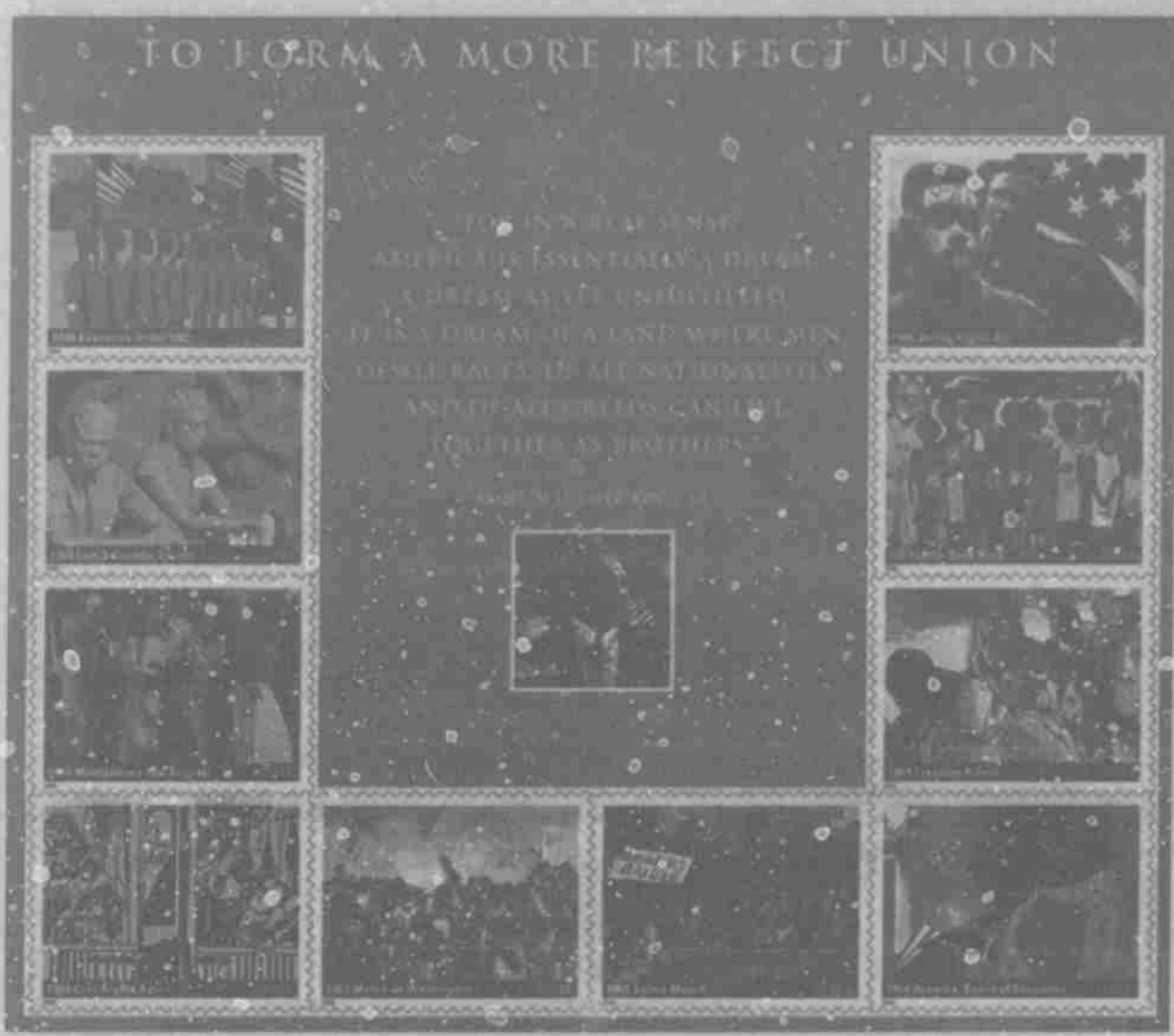
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