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## Dunbar took great pride in first yearbook



### 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 Clergy Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building at Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 10<sup>0</sup> 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.
- Chattahoochee Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Les Elementary Cafeteria



1944 Dunbar School Faculty



1944 Dunbar School Seniors

## Panther Yearbook was first published in 1944

In 1944, the first annual yearbook of Dunbar High School was published. It was called "The Panther." It was dedicated to the late E. C. Struggs, who was principal, and a man who for fourteen years had been the staunch guiding light and inspiration of Dunbar High School. Professor Struggs had come to Dunbar in 1930 as a young principal who worked faithfully and diligently to raise



Prof. Struggs

Dunbar to the noble heights it has reached.

In a message from Professor Struggs, he said: "It is somewhat a rare occasion to find an accredited Negro high school that can include its total existence in less than a quarter of a century. Dunbar High School is one of these rare institutions; for about the year nineteen hundred twenty, the first school for Negroes opened its doors in Lubbock. Ten years later a complete four year course of study was prescribed for the high school students, and in the spring of nineteen hundred thirty-two the graduation for the first class com-

pleting four years work was held.

Professor Struggs made it known that Dunbar High School was a "symbol of the highest and best." Continuing he said in the annual, "May this, our first annual yearbook, the realization of our hopes and aspirations, typify that which is highest and best in the life of our school. May, this, Panther Edition of 1944, be an 'eternal fountain of memories - memories that will link together forever in thought and sentiment,' and prove an inspiration and guide to the students who are still in school."

Professor Struggs made known

that the United States of America had been in war. He said, "Like all other institutions, our school has suffered very keenly the effects of World War Number Two. It has lost teachers and students, men and women to many branches of the armed services. Many who graduated from school this spring, and those who withdrew, will, within a few days thereafter be ushered into a whirl behind guns, in the fields, behind desks, or on the production line of industry. Let those who have gone and those who are to go to Dunbar High School remember that although they are on the other side of the

world, or in places remote from the countryside to which they are accustomed, the principal, teachers, students, and people among whom they have grown up are and will be watching them with warm interest, and will applaud their every effort to serve and save their country in this time of supreme crisis. Whatever contributions you make toward obtaining victory will be great, and will leave an influence that will never die."

The 1944 Panther Annual Yearbook was made available to the Southwest Digest by Roger Carlton Priestly who was a senior at Dunbar High School in 1944.

## George Lewis family celebrates his 80th birthday

Friday, May 19, 2006, the Lewis Family had their Dad's & Grand Dads 80th birthday celebration. Their Dad, George Lewis became 80 years of age on May 22, 2006.

With the theme "A Great Man's Timeless Journey," family members

came from Corpus Christi, Ft. Worth, Sandia, DeSoto, Atlanta, Georgia and others from Lubbock.

During the Celebration, Brother Lewis was crowned with a Cape and Crown by his two sons, Ministers David and Curtis Lewis.

All of his ten children were present. Only six of his thirty-one grandchildren were not present and many of his great grandchildren were not present. His wife, Rose Lewis, was right by his side. His first wife, Lee Lewis, died in 1987 as well as his son, George

Lewis, passed away in 1998. A grandson, Marcus, died in 1999. Other family members, Dad's co-workers, neighbors for more than thirty years, and

friends were present to show their love and appreciation.

The delicious menu was catered by River Smith Fish and Chicken. A cake fed more than 100 people was purchased at Sam's. A DVD was shown with pictures of Brother Lewis from the 1960's until 2006. Everyone who wanted to share words were allowed two minutes to "Roast" or "Toast" Brother Lewis. Prizes were given to the tables which had the most questions right in the questionnaire entitled, "How Well Do You Know Him?"

Saturday morning, May 20, 2006, the Celebration continued at the Golden Corral for breakfast. Sunday morning, May 21, 2006, some of the family members attended Agape COGIC with their Daddy for morning services.

All had a great time celebrating their Dad's birthday. As each acknowledged, it's not everyday someone becomes 80 years of age. Brother



George Lewis and friend are shown here at his birthday party.

Lewis has seen and heard more than most us reading this newspaper article. He was born in Ben Franklin, Texas. He moved to Lubbock in 1950. He has served faithfully on the Usher's Board of the Church of God in Christ for 62 years. He, our Daddy, is still full of energy. Sometimes it seems like he has more energy than a lot of the young people in the community. Thank God for our Daddy, Brother George Lewis!



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# 1944 Panther Girls Basketball Team



The Dunbar High School Girl's Basketball team wasn't able to display its ability so well this year due to a shortage of games. But they were able to see that Captain Velma Jean Hart, Vera Faye Banks, Forselene Ward, and Bobbie Jean Roberson possessed good athletic qualities for the forward positions. They played a good clean sportsmanship game of basketball and were always fighting to put the Panther out in front. The forwards were exceptionally fast and had accurate eyes for shooting baskets.

The members, sitting, from

left to right: Forselene Ward, Ruby Lee Cole, Manager; Ada Bell Houston, Velma Jean Roberts, Ruth Jean Roberts, Billie Jean Tave, Joyace Allen, Vera Faye Banks, and My M. E. Granville, Coach.

Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers: Golf

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## Dunbar High School Band In 1944



owned. The band would present annual concerts, participated in several Victory Concerts, holiday parades, and furnished music for the fraternal organizations of the city.

These are the members of the band: Front row: left to right: George Harold Woods, Edward Sedberry, Albert Walker, Harold Chatman, Joe Graves, Freeman Lacy, David Thomas, John McDowell, Clyde Roberts, and Clarence Wilkerson.

Second row, from left to right: Henry Mack Berkeley, Clarence

Priestly, Ada Bell Houston, Ruby Lee Cole, Valton Chatman, Sidney Robinson, Osear Love, Tillman Carr, Laura B. Gant, Albert Smith, Loreta Glaspie, and Edward Deo.

Back row, Standing, left to right: Dillard Harris, Roy E. Green, Earle R. Knight, Willie D. Hailey, Gant, Ernest Taylor, and Nathaniel Williams.

The young people of Dunbar High School were proud of their Panther Band. They practiced hard and their parents supported them. The Dunbar Band was in its fourth

year of existence. The Parent-Teachers association started the project by raising the initial payment on the instruments which led to thirty-five pieces, school

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A young MVP basketball coach works with two young campers during this week's sports challenge camp.

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# Because Of You (A poem for our dad)

Daddy, because of You, we are here today!  
Thank You for the things you've done and the things you say!  
God had a plan 80 years ago,  
He said "George, you'll have 11 children, let this be so.  
Then came 2 boys, 6 girls, 1 boy and 2 more girls.  
How can a marriage survive?  
The last one was born when you were in your late 40's  
And you're still alive.

There were many times we needed and wanted things we never had,  
But we still want to thank you for being the greatest Dad!  
Dad, there times you told us things we didn't want to hear.  
We are all grown now and we believe in God & God we do fear.

The fear of God was put in us a longtime ago,  
2006, we want to thank you more

than you'll ever know!  
11 Children, 31 Grandchildren, and 25 Great-Grandchildren,  
Daddy, You & Mom, We could always depend!

Out of all you Children and Grandchildren,  
We've never been sprung out on drugs, alcohol or locked up in the Pen.  
Daddy, God gave you wisdom, knowledge and understanding,  
And you passed it on to us.

You've done things all of your lives and a lot of it was just because.  
We want to give you flowers while you live,  
Cause when we are dead and gone, we won't be able to give.  
Give Hugs, Kisses and show each

other Love!

That's why this day is so special and we thank God above!  
From me and the rest of the gang all the years we've known you,  
You have always been the same!  
You've Never Changed!

We Love You, Daddy, Happy Birthday!

By Winnie Paul

## Lives of youth changed through student exchange

STAMFORD, CT — This month, Germany plays host to the World Cup. In August, Academic Year in America (AYA) is looking for Lubbock area families to play host to Germany.

This year, AYA is bringing hundreds of German high school students to the U.S. to learn about American culture while living with volunteer host families and studying at high schools across the nation. Lubbock area families have the unique opportunity to learn about the German culture during this mutually rewarding exchange.

With many students available as well as an enhanced online matching system, AYA can help families find the ideal student for their home. The result is an enriching, lifelong relationship with a young person from abroad. In addition, for families looking to learn more about the German culture or language, hosting a student is a fantastic way to experience Germany without leaving home.

Students are ages 15 to 18 and arrive with full medical insurance, spending money, and the hopes of experiencing life in America through the eyes of a caring host family. The students stay with their host for five or 10 months and attend the local high school. Who can host a German student through AYA? According to AYA's Program Development Director Kim Van Cleave, an important aspect of the AYA program is that there are many types of people who can host.

American family, there is no typical host family," Van Cleave remarks. "Retirees, single parents and young couples are all able to give an international student a good home. Some host families may not even have

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# Buddy Holly Center announces mural project

The Buddy Holly Center is proud to announce the commencement of a mural project in North Lubbock. The project was proposed by the Up and Coming Scholars, a local group for high school and junior-high aged teens to participate in community action to prepare for college. The Buddy Holly Center is sponsoring the project for the Up and Coming Scholars, led by 'Cowboy Fred' Ortiz, and the youth group has been involved in the entire planning process, from choosing the artist to the details of the concept and design. Painting began on the morning of Tuesday, June 6 by the Up and Coming Scholars

along with help from additional volunteers and will continue every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday in June from 8-12 each morning. A dedication ceremony will be held July 7th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

The Up and Coming Scholars is a locally awarded group, with national, state, and local recognition, which assists young individuals in achieving a college career and much more. The group is working in coordination with Shannon Cannings, a local artist who designed the mural, to bring this attraction to the city of Lubbock. Cannings received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Temple

University and her Master of Fine Arts degree from Syracuse University. She is currently the professor of drawing at Texas Tech University. Cannings' designs is progressively being painted onto the west wall of the Optimist Boys and Girls Club located at 3301 Cornell St. approximately 10 blocks north of the Indiana & 4th St. intersection.

Featuring illustrations of the West Texas legend Buddy Holly and the Center as well, the mural is an effort to inspire students of North Lubbock to take pride in Buddy Holly and the positive effects he brought to the community. The reason for

painting a mural of Buddy Holly and the progressive stages of Lubbock is to teach the youth of Lubbock about Buddy Holly and the amazing impact he made on Lubbock and the world. While Buddy Holly is a local legend, he did not effect simply the generation who remembers him; he also created hope and inspiration for the generations to come. Buddy Holly was an influential icon for the past, present and upcoming generations. Patrons are invited to indulge in a great learning opportunity on July 7th from 6:00-7:00 pm as the completed mural is dedicated to the memory of Buddy Holly!

Kelly-Moore Paint and Home Depot made this program possible with their generous donation of paint, and Thames Painting for spraying the base coat of the mural. For more information on the mural project please contact the Buddy Holly Center at 806.775.3560 or visit us online at [www.buddyhollycenter.org](http://www.buddyhollycenter.org). For more information on Up and Coming Scholars, please contact 806-392-7584.

## Survey shows most want alternatives to incarceration for non-violent drug users

AUSTIN - The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC) reports the findings of an online survey prepared and released in coordination with the State's request for written testimony on the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's "sunset" evaluation.

TCJC reports that the majority of survey respondents viewed rehabilitation as the primary purpose of TDCJ and believe that non-violent drug offenders should be placed in treatment programs instead of prison. "Ultimately, we believe the survey shows that Texans are ready to spend their hard earned money on alternatives to incarceration that will yield real returns," said Ana Yáñez Correa, Executive Director of the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition.

Once every 12 years, the State of Texas "sunset" its government agencies, referring to a process by which an agency is audited and its operations reviewed by a separate state commission (the Sunset Advisory Commission). TCJC's survey results have been submitted as part of this "sunset" review.

Respondents to the survey represented a broad range of professions, socio-economic levels, and educational attainment. While only 1,000 respondents are needed for a valid sample of population trends, the number of actual respondents surpassed this

mark by 200%. "This overwhelming response highlights the public's concern over the criminal justice system. Through this survey, tax payers have taken an active role in demanding that our prison system meet the safety needs of all Texans," said Dominic Gonzales, TCJC's Outreach Coordinator.

"Given the apparent readiness of Texans to do so, it is imperative to begin comprehensive research, review, and analysis of proven treatment programs in coordination with an analysis of how probation differs from drug rehabilitation," said Molly Totman, TCJC's Policy Analyst.

For the full report and executive summary please log on to [www.criminaljusticecoalition.org/solutions\\_for\\_incarceration/alert](http://www.criminaljusticecoalition.org/solutions_for_incarceration/alert)

### Summary

In summary, the majority of this diverse pool of survey respondents believe the following:

The primary purpose TDCJ is reintegrating offenders into society through rehabilitation (35%), compared to punishment of a person through confinement (9%).

Non-violent drug users should be put in programs outside of prison walls to prevent them from committing a drug-related crime again (96%).

Dollars currently spent on

incarcerating non-violent offenders should be redirected towards treatment, with the savings used in other ways, such as education and treatment (95%).

Probation, parole, and treatment programs should be allocated more criminal justice budget dollars than they are currently getting (94%).

Parole and probation officers' job pay raises and promotions should hinge on the successful re-entry of the individuals they oversee (68%).

TDCJ should notify families of the incarcerated prior to visitation of the potential unavailability of the prisoner (80%), and should provide more family counseling services (66%).

TDCJ should provide counseling for children with incarcerated parent(s) to better prevent these youth from entering prison (87%), should provide children with incarcerated parent(s) access to tutoring programs to increase their educational success (75%), and should allow for additional parent-child contact through increased visitation time (51%).

Texas should spend more money on increasing high school graduation rates in order to reduce the number of people entering prison (87%).

TDCJ should change its policies related to visitation (57%), with families and friends having increased visitation privileges.

TDCJ should change its policies related to what prisoners should have direct access to through the mail (65%), especially with regards to books, newspapers and magazines.

TDCJ should uphold its policies related to prisoners' access ball games and weightlifting (56%), and its policies related to prisoners' access to television sets (50%).

TDCJ should change its policies related to amenities (65%), with prisoners having more access to table games, reading, artwork, and leatherwork.

Respondents would be more willing to employ individuals convicted for drug possession than drug distribution and especially violent crime.

... the findings derived from the comparisons of key sub-groups are discussed to illuminate how opinions varied or remained universal across survey participants

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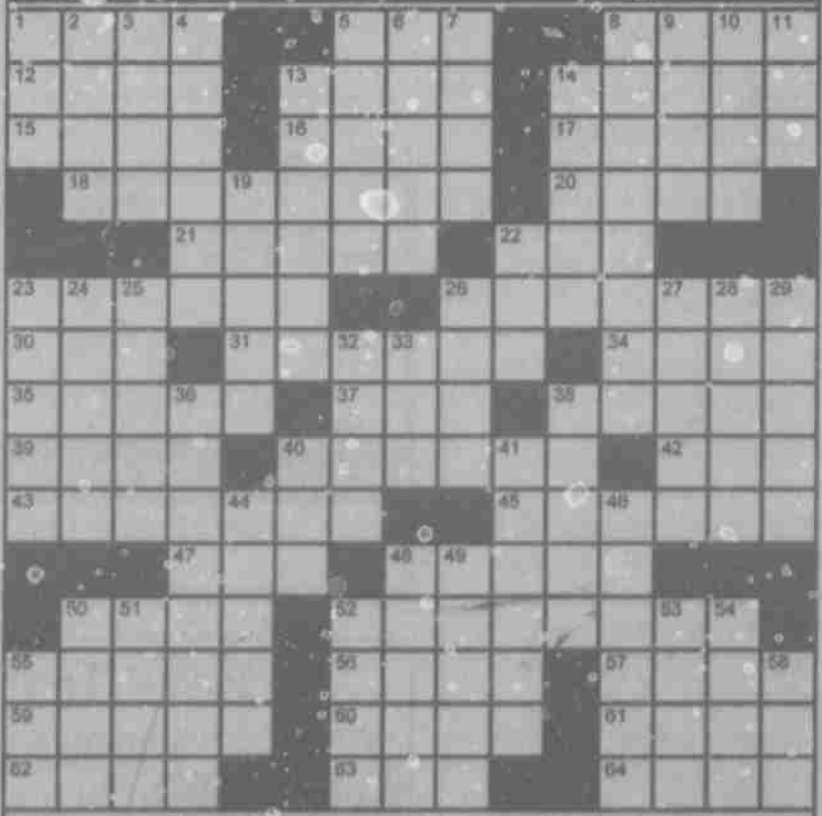
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### THEME: SUMMER

- ACROSS**
- Plenty of it on the beach
  - Loose, sleeveless garment worn by Arabs
  - Immense
  - Musical composition for three
  - The most important point
  - Group of islands in the South Pacific
  - Yelps
  - Strong desire
  - Oak fruit
  - Summer season ball game
  - Popular spot for summer cottage
  - Remove from existence
  - Used as a welcome
  - American summer food classic
  - Often unwelcome accountant
  - King Kong
  - Protect
  - Seep
  - Hearing or smell
  - Altitude, abbr.
  - Former beauty pageant winner and current actress Susan
  - Front part of vessel
  - Summertime water activity
  - A conjunction
  - Snakeroot
  - Passages in a movie theater
  - Mother's Day month
  - Having high moral qualities
  - Invoke evil upon someone
  - Summer outdoor cooking
  - System of numbering pages
  - Adjutant
  - "Once \_\_\_\_\_ a time..."
  - Famous sheep Dolly
  - Spawned
  - Highest volcano in Europe
  - Homely
  - Corn unit
  - Fail to win
- DOWN**
- Pig pen
  - Inhabitant of much of

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- Middle East and northern Africa
- Australasian palm
- Slept in a convenient place
- Tapestry
- Used for military calls
- A jump in figure skating
- Time off work, often taken in summer
- Wildly
- "Sight for \_\_\_\_\_ eyes"
- Results of sunbathing
- Cubic content
- Often comes with French, Italian or Russian
- Wear away
- Soil after summer storm
- Type of fastener, pl.
- Verdi's "Il Trovatore", e.g.
- Part of mortise joint
- Prefix against
- The whole amount
- Its loss increases glooming warning
- Tears violently
- Counterfeit
- Popular of cotton gin
- Popular on hot summer days
- Nubile
- "\_\_\_\_\_ like a fox"
- Tagged
- Small boat propelled with a paddle
- "The Empire Strikes Back" to "Star Wars"
- Nigerian monetary unit
- Edict or decree
- Cabbage Patch Kid, e.g.
- Sunburn aid
- Recently surpassed by Barry Bonds
- "\_\_\_\_\_ no good"
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