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Community Meetings

* African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 East 23rd Street.

* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday evening, 1708 Avenue G.

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

* Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.

* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.

* 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 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meeting alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm 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 Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.

* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

THIRTEEN (13) LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE 100 BLACK MEN OF WEST TEXAS, INC.

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 was a ground breaking day for the 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc. and a day that will not soon be forgotten for thirteen students from Lubbock Texas. On last Tuesday, the 100 Black Men of West Texas presented its' 2010 Scholarship Reception which was graciously hosted by American State Bank. Eleven outstanding high school seniors were awarded college scholarships. Additionally, the 100's two stellar scholarship recipients from last year were awarded sustainability scholarships. A total of 13 scholarships were issued on last Tuesday.

This year's top recipient is Henry Ekwaro-Osire of Lubbock High School. Henry, who is a phenomenal scholar and an all-state saxophonist, received the Lubbock Power Light & Water "Top Energy Scholar" award. As top recipient, Mr. Ekwaro-Osire mesmerized the audience with a saxophone solo. Henry will attend Cornell University in the fall. The second highest award, the Alderson Enterprise "Luxury Class Scholar" award, went to Cameron Merritt of Monterey High School. Cameron is academically ranked number 4 in his class and he is an all city tennis player. Cameron will attend the University of Texas in Austin in the fall. The 100 Champion Scholar Awards went to the following three outstanding individuals: 1) Asie Garcia of Coronado High School. Asie, who is an academic achiever, possesses one of the most impressive community service resumes of any high school student anywhere; 2) Nathan Slaughter of Lubbock High School, who is the Lubbock Avalanche Journal's Offensive Player of the Year in football, is also an impressive academician; and, 3) Itoya McWilliams of Coronado High School who in addition to being simply brilliant, is a standout student in art and track and field.

At the Tuesday evening reception, South Plains College President Dr. Kelvin Sharp presented \$1,000 scholarships to



Pictured: Chris McCurley, Mark Sanders, Jr., Henry Ekwaro-Osire, Asie Garcia, Cameron Merritt, Kelle Hearn, Nathan Slaughter, Taheric Brantley, Donnie Bryant, and KeVondrick Jordan. Not pictured is Itoya Williams.



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KeVondrick Jordan (Estacado High School); and to Mark Sanders, Jr. (Monterey High School). The American State Bank's Bankable Scholar Award went to Kellen Hearn (Lubbock High School). The 100's three impressive Scholars were, Taheric Brantley (Lubbock High School), Donnie Bryant (Lubbock High School), and Chris McCurley (Monterey High School).

In an effort to promote college sustainability, last year's scholarship recipients, Jenifer McGrew who attends Dartmouth College, and Robert Sage Floyd who is a student at Texas Tech University also received sustainability scholarships at this event from the 100.

The 100's Scholarship, Chairman and Co-Founding Member,

J. Leon Williams, Jr., stated: "This event represents a seminal moment for this organization in that this is the largest grant of scholarship funds ever issued by the 100 since our origination in 1994. Because of the success of the 100's Scholarship Gala on January 31, 2010 and the resulting sponsor support, we were able to dramatically increase our giving this year. I was very excited that South Plains College recently joined in as a key sponsor. Also, thanks to the fact that Texas Tech University agreed to match these scholarships for any student in this program who chooses to attend Texas Tech University, the amount that will ultimately be granted will increase even further."

LaShondra Ray Needs Your Help To Travel To Australia To Participate In Track & Field

365 Sports is proud to announce of LaShondra Ray onto the 2010 USA Track & Field Team. LaShondra will represent her country in international competition this summer at the 2010 Trans Pacific Cup, a prestigious international showcase event being held in Australia. LaShondra was invited to participate in the 365 Sports Program based on her exceptional ability and dedication to the sport of Track & Field.

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For more information contact LaShondra at (806) 747-2676. Or you may contact her coach:



LaShondra Ray

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Estacado High School Girls
Region 1 - District 3A Champions



Estacado High School Boys
Region 1 - District 3A Champions

Estacado High School Boys & Girls Track Teams Off To State

The Estacado High School Boys and Girls Track Teams won regional team titles at the Texas Tech University Fuller Track Complex on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. This qualified them for the UIL state meet May 14-15, 2010, at Mike A. Myers Track Stadium in Austin.

According to Caylene Caddell, Estacado girls' track coach for 33 years, made it know that this was her program's first regional title since 1984. She admits how proud she was of this group than any in a long time.

She was just proud of Candice Phillips, LaShondra Ray, Arel Wilson and Jahnae Wilson who did well in winning the 400 meter and 800 meter relays. Ray and Wilson also ran on the 1,600 meter relay team which finished second.

The Estacado boys got titles with the help of Raymond Rios in the 800 meters, Quentin Pat-

erson in the 300 meter hurdles and Jarvis Ridge in the 200.

Estacado boys won two relays and dropped the baton in the third during the Monday's prelims.

The team totals for girls were: 1 Estacado 76; 2 Abilene Wylie 63; 3 Liberty Hill 51; 4 Monahana 42; 5 Glen Rose 37. 1/2; 6 Brownwood 37; 7 Whitney 30; 8 Andrews 26; 9 Graham 23; 10 Bridgeport 21 1/2; Lamesa 16; 20. (tie) Cooper 10; 29. (tie) Levelland and Brownfield 2.

Team totals for boys: 1. Estacado 105; 2. Abilene Wylie 85; 3. Brownwood 78; 4. Wichita Falls Hirsch 44; 5. Decatur 26 1/2; 6. Llano 25; 7. Sweetwater 22; 8. Liberty Hill 21; Andrews 18; 10. Clint 16; 11. (tie) Snyder 14; 24. (tie) Seminole 6; 33. Lamesa 12.

Coach D. Jones is coach of the Estacado boys' track team.

James Roy Lewis With Dunbar Panthers & Coach Mallory In Austin



James Roy Lewis, shown in the center with his fishing pole, during the winning of another State Championship by the Dunbar High School Panthers in 1962. The fishing pole was used to throw keys to the losing team so they could be on their way home.

Coach Ernest P. Mallory, of left, is shown with a Panther, Joe McWilliams. This was a very important time in the history of Dunbar High School. Photo taken on campus - Prairie View A&M College. Shown at right is Ralph Hodge, who was a very proud Panther.

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The Youth and Young Adults of New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, are scheduled to take their summer trip to Denver, Colorado June 24 - 27, 2010.

Vacation Bible School will

be held at New Hope Baptist Church June 29th through July 2nd.

The monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday afternoon, May 23, 2010, at the First Progressive

Baptist Church

Services were well attended at New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday. Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Pastor Moton delivered a dynamic sermon entitled "Thank God For Another Chance." Scripture text was Jonah 3:1-3.

Come & Go Community Ice Cream Social Set Saturday

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church will host a Community Ice Cream Social at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, 2304 Cedar Avenue, Saturday, May 15, 2010, from 2:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m.

Those in attendance will be playing games, and gifts will be given to each person.

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New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, May 9, 2010, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Hidalgo Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church school started at 9:00 a. m. with Sister Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled: "Distinguishing Truth From Deceit", with the printed text coming from Colossians 2: 1-10. Sister Rochelette Hood taught the lesson for the youth. Breakfast was served to all that was in attendance.

Morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "O, I Want To See Him." The responsive reading

read by Rev. Lee which came from Proverbs 31:10-31. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross."

Sis. Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. There was the pastoral period held by the pastor and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "What A Friend" and "Amazing Grace" which was led by Mother Cavanaugh and Sister Ambra Jackson. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "A Caring Mother." with the scripture text coming from Exodus 2: 1-10. The song "I'll Fly Away" was sung after the sermon.

The invitation to discipleship was extended. Visitors in attendance were acknowledged by

Sister Brenda Manahan.

MAY 16, 2010 NEW LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH WILL HOST THEIR 2ND ANNUAL WOMENS DAY PROGRAM AT 3013 IDALOU ROAD. THE PROGRAM IS ALL DAY WITH A GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE MORNING WORSHIP BEING MINISTER LAVERNE CLARK. DURING THE 3:30 P.M. SERVICES, SISTER ALVERA JOHNSON AND OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER SISTER JOHNNIE JAMES FROM DALLAS TEXAS, WHO IS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE WMU OF THE BGCT. WE ARE ASKING ALL LADIES TO WEAR WHITE AND A CONTRIBUTION OF \$10.00.

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Obsequies

Robert Shelby

Funeral services were held at Saturday morning, May 8, 2010 at Faith First Baptist Church of Lubbock.

Interment followed in Ralls Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Shelby, 67, of Lubbock passed away Friday, April 30, 2010 at University Medical Center.

Robert was born August 9, 1942 to Cecil and Bessie Shelby in Crosby County. Robert grew up in Cone, Floydada and Ralls, Texas.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his brother, Isaiah Shelby; and his Godmother, Myria Dade.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories 3 brothers, Pat



Shelby and family of Lubbock, Texas. Edward Shelby and family of Midland, Texas, and Curly Shelby and family of Okmulgee, Oklahoma; his guardian, Robert Hastings Jr. of Lubbock, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

LENA HORNE, SINGER, ACTRESS AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, DIES AT 92

HORNE WAS AWARDED NAACP'S SPINGARN MEDAL FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT IN 1983. NAACP IMAGE AWARD IN 1999

WASHINGTON DC - The NAACP is saddened by the loss of singer, actress and civil rights activist Lena Horne. Horne died on May 9 at the age of 92.

"We mourn the passing of Lena Horne, an outstanding, groundbreaking entertainer and a staunch civil rights activist who stood on the side of justice and equality," said NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous. "Lena Horne won the hearts of millions of Americans of all backgrounds as a glamorous and graceful actress



Lena Horne

and singer. She courageously broke many color barriers and fought valiantly to bring down the institutionalized racism that plagues our society and prevents all Americans from an equal opportunity to pursue the American dream."

Lubbock Woman's Sister, Elizabeth Feagin Shipman, Succumbs In Alabama

Ozark, Alabama - Funeral services for Elizabeth Feagin Shipman, sister of Ann Britt of Lubbock, were held Thursday, April 29, 2010, at the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Fred L. Flowers, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Travelers Rest Cemetery in Ozark, Alabama under the direction of Holman Funeral Home of Ozark.

Active pallbearers were friends of the family.

She passed away Friday, April 23, 2010.

She was born September 5, 1927 to the late Nelson and Bessie Feagin. She grew up and graduated from high school in Ozark. During her early years, she united with the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charlie C. Shipman; brother, Thomas Albert Martin; and sister, Lula Beamon.



She leaves to cherish her loving memories: two daughters, Barbara Shipman and Ann Shipman, both of Ozark, Alabama; three devoted sisters: Ann Britt of Lubbock, Texas, Mildred (Gayle) Justice of Worthington, West Virginia and Mary Franklin of Roselle, New Jersey; a host of loving nieces and nephews; special extended family: Mayor Billy (Bert) Blackwell of Ozark; Betsy Blackwell of San Francisco, California, and Mary A. Boutin of Pensacola, Florida; other relatives and friends.

An accomplished singer and actress, Horne became the first black performer to sign a long-term contract with a major Hollywood studio, signing with MGM in 1943, but became disenchanted with Hollywood by the mid-1950s. She increased her focus on her singing career, solidifying herself as a premiere nightclub performer and starring in several musicals. Horne later returned to acting, appearing on several television shows such as Kraft Music Hall, The Ed Sullivan Show, The Dean Martin Show and The Bell Telephone Hour. She later co-starred with prominent actors Harry Belafonte and Tony Bennett in Harry and Lena and Tony and Lena, and starred in the classic African American musical The Wiz. The singer also performed on dozens of albums featuring the likes of Belafonte, Sammy Davis, Jr., Joe Williams, and Gabor Szabo, and received an NAACP Image Award in 1999 for Outstanding Jazz Artist.

In addition to her legacy as an entertainer, Horne was also known for her advocacy and contributions to social justice. At an early age, Horne displayed a passion for civil rights, and she first became a member of the NAACP as a student at Atlanta's Washington High School. Later, while singing for troops during World War II, she refused to perform "for segregated audiences or for groups in which German POWs were seated in front of African American servicemen." She was in attendance at an NAACP rally with Field Secretary Medgar Evers in Jackson, Mississippi on the weekend before Evers was assassinated, and spoke and performed at the

March on Washington on behalf of the NAACP, SNCC and the National Council of Negro Women.

"Lena Horne's spirit and willingness to stand for what is just transcended her accomplishments in the arts, and we are extremely grateful for her commitment to civil rights and the mission of the NAACP," said NAACP Chairman Roslyn M. Brock. "Her long-standing relationship with the NAACP dates back to high school, while her service to the Association as a member and public advocate was invaluable. Lena Horne was an excellent example of someone who used her platform as an entertainer to advocate for equal rights for African Americans and give a voice to the voiceless, and she will be missed" added Brock.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

Library Activities

Teen Program at Patterson Branch Library

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Coach Ernest P. Mallory, legendary coach of the Dunbar High School Panthers, is shown above as a bridesmaid in the Annual "Womenless Wedding" which was sponsored by the Graduate Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. This script was written by his wife. This event was an annual fundraiser. She made this photo available.

Not only was this event presented in Lubbock, but was also invited to be presented in Midland, Texas.

As the upcoming Dunbar All-Class Reunion is almost here, these kinds of events remind us of the importance of Dunbar High School. The reunion will be held July 8-11, 2010. For more information, call Bennie Sims, president, at (806) 763-8370.

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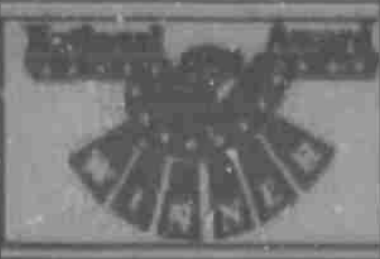
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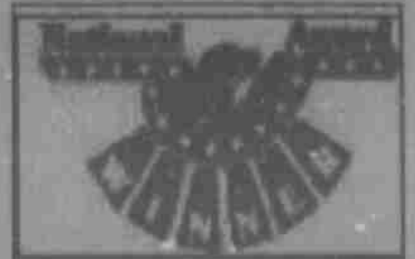
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EDITORIALS-COMMENTS-OPINIONS



CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

By
BROTHER ASKARI

Last week it was broadcast ALL OVER 104.9 THE BEAT that TARIQ, the owner of KWIK-O-FOODS 1528 EAST BROADWAY, was celebrating CUSTOMERS' APPRECIATION by having a cookout in front of his business. People from all over the east side were pulling up by the car and SUV loads to participate in this event. Rev. Lawson put in work by cooking the food on the grill and Tariq's staff was on hand to help the event to be the success it was. Yes all the food and drinks were FREE! It good to see these types of event happening in our community with a bunch of MESS & CHAOS! As many times as this man's business has been victimized by the pest in our community he does not hold those bad experiences against the entire community. Yes he makes money in our community



but events like the one he provided for our entire community, cost him money out of his own pocket. I respect brother Tariq for being on the giving end and I also thank him for his courage and concern to continue to operate a business and provide a service for our east Lubbock community. Business men like brother Tariq a very rare. There are not many businesses like the one brother Tariq owns that spends money to feed an entire community at his own expense.

People I have never seen any of the other stores in our community do this. There are store like brother Tariq's all over the city of Lubbock and I have never seen one of them celebrate with customers by having an outdoor picnic right in front of the store. For that matter I have never witness any of the Super Markets do this either! So brother Tariq I thank you and your staff for celebrating with your customers and I pray you will continue to raise the Bar in being more that just a business man in our community. Your conduct is a one of us in the community. May God's Peace be with you and your family and all of us!

Dedication Ceremony Set At Lubbock Cemetery

The public and media are invited to a dedication ceremony at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at the City of Lubbock Cemetery, 2011 East 31st Street. The event will take place in the area across from the cemetery business office - south of the East 31st Street entrance.

A military style dedication ceremony honoring U.S. veterans and the setting of Veterans Administration (VA) headstones in the County Sections of the City Cemetery will take place. Local veterans as well as City and County employees have undertaken an effort to request and set VA headstones at the unmarked graves of those U.S. veterans who were interred by Lubbock County and for whom no immediate family can be located.

A VA headstone or grave marker can be requested from the Veterans Administration, and is provided to all honorably discharged U.S. veterans. City Cemetery and Lubbock County

Thank God For Jesus

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her, money, homes, bank accounts, stocks and cars.

Her right's to serve the **TRUE GOD IS NO LONGER IN HER HEART**

Proverb 12:15 -- The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that listen unto counsel is wise.

(IF GOD WANTED MANKIND TO HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS; HE WOULD HAVE HAD JESUS TO GET IT FOR THEM FOR THE JEWS; WHO WAS SLAVES TO THE ROMANS. WHEN JESUS WAS ON THE EARTH. GOD ONLY WANTED THE WORLD TO HAVE SALVATION RIGHTS; BUT THE CHURCHES WANTED TO DO SOMETHING GOD DIDN'T WANT THEM TO DO; GET RIGHTS FOR THE PEOPLE; AND NOW LOOK AT THE HEATHENS AND THEIR RIGHTS!!! SHAME, SHAME, SHAME.)

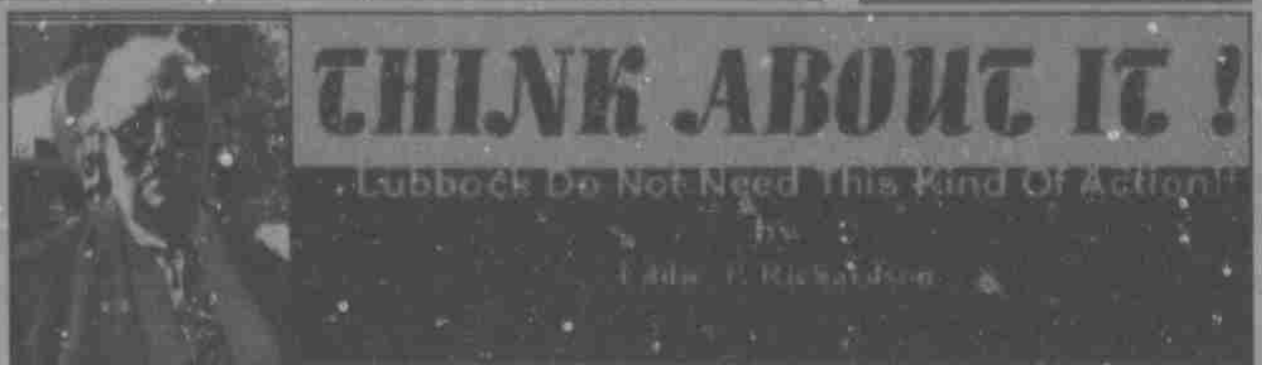
Isaiah 14:5 -- A Sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord. Why should you be stricken any more? You will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint.

America trusted in her riches; and All the thing that **GAVE HER HAPPINESS.**

NOW LOOK AT HER MISERIES; AMERICA IS ONE GREAT BIG MESS!!!

***** YES, AMERICA AND HER RICHES DID ROB GOD!!!*****

PROVERB 14:12, THERE IS A WAY WHICH SEEMS RIGHT IN A MAN, BUT THE END THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH.



This is an article written by George E Curry, NNPA National Newspaper Publishers Association, we wanted to share it with our readers and decided to run it in a three part series since we have Tea Bagger activities in Lubbock. (PART 2)

The Washington Times quoted **DALE ROBINSON**, founder of tea parting as saying Democrats were "trying to label the tea party, but "I have never seen any racial slurs.. Evidently Robertson can't read his own signs.

He was reportedly kicked out of a tea party event when he appeared carrying a sign that read, "Congress = SLAVEOWNER, TAXPAYER, + NIGGER."

Clearly, he is proficient in neither reading or selling. But characters such as Robertson

have been emboldened by the rhetoric and actions of GOP leaders whether inside or outside of Congress. As protesters gathered at the foot of the Capitol, some Republicans members of Congress greeted them holding a "Don't tread on me" banner. One Republican, Steve King, simulated slapping a photograph of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

Inside, when disruptive protesters were ejected from Congress by Capitol Police, some Republican members of Congress applauded the unruly visitors. As Frank Rich pointed, this is about more than health care reform.

"If Obama's first legislative priority had been immigration or financial reform or climate change, we would have seen the

tragedy." Rich explained. "The conjunction of a Black President and a female Speaker of the House, topped off by a wise Latino on Supreme Court and a powerful gay Congressional Chairman, would sow fears of disenfranchisement among a dwindling and threatened minority in the country, no matter what policies were in play. It's not happenstance that (Barney) Frank, (John) Lewis and (Emanuel) Emanuel Cleaver --none of them major Democratic players in the health care push, received a major share of the recent week end abuse. When you hear demonstrators chant the slogan "Take our Country back from"

This anger has been stroked by conservative radio hosts (Continue next week)

THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

LASHONDRA RAY NEEDS OUR HELP! THIS N THAT is asking those who can and will to support one of our young ladies in the community..... She is **LASHONDRA RAY** who is working hard to raise **\$4,785.00** so she can travel to **AUSTRALIA** to participate on the **2010 USA TRACK & FIELD TEAM**..... She has been invited to represent her country in international competition this summer.... At present time she and her teammates are in Austin competing in State Competition.... **LASHONDRA** was invited by the **365 SPORTS PROGRAM** as she was invited because of her **EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY & DEDICATION** to the sport of Track & Field.... As a senior at Estacado High School she has set her goal on participating in the upcoming **2012 OLYMPICS**..... Just think by helping her make this important trip to Au Australia you will be helping her get ready for these Olympic Games.... As she has said "This is an opportunity that I would really love to be a part of, because it would really benefit me in my future in sports." So it would be a very important thing for her but it would be great if

local churches community organizations or citizens like you to help this deserving young lady..... For more information contact her coach **CAYLENE CADELL** ... at (806) 789-9101..... Or better still give her a call at (806) 747-2676....

CONGRATS ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' & GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD TEAM! THIS N THAT is glad to report our young boys and girls at **ESTACADO HIGH TRACK BOYS' & GIRLS' TEAM** is participating the **3A STATE MEET IN AUSTIN** May 14 & 15, 2010.... They won 3A Regional Competition last week.... Hopefully they will bring back the **STATE TITLE** as they are outstanding young people.... If you look at what **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL** has done this year we can all be proud of them.... They won **STATE IN BASKETBALL BOYS** the **BASEBALL TEAM** won ten straight district games and now just look at our young people participating in the State Track & Field.... Those of us who live or work in **EAST LUBBOCK** should be extremely proud of what they have accomplished.... It should serve as an omen of what each of us can be about in our community.... So when you see a **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT** let the know you are very proud of them... Remember these are our young people and we should continue to support them on the athletic field or in any thing they are doing.... School is almost over but we still have an opportunity to go by Estacado High School and let them know we really appreciate them....

TENTH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE **WE'RE WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU! THIS N THAT** is still waiting to hear from the **JUNETENTH CELEBRATION** will be held.... We have space available for this year's activities and want to do what we can to help with this special celebration....

BLACK FOLK, WE'RE STILL NOT VOTING! THIS N THAT wants all of you who are registered voters to know that your **PRECIOUS VOTE** is very important.... Looking at the recent number of those who are registered in **VOTING BOXES 20 & 6** that we are not voting as we should.... Hopefully we will get the message and begin going to the polls.... It's too late this time but hopefully we will do so in the upcoming elections.... Come on **BLACK FOLK** and start setting examples by going to the polls!!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "AS BLACK PEOPLE there is so much we can accomplish if we would only just come **TOGETHER** for the betterment of the BlackCommunity.... So **VOTING WILL HELP!**

New Light News

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ROAD WILL BE HAVING THEIR FREE LUNCH PROGRAM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. ALL IN THE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME TO COME AND BE A PART OF THIS EVENT.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK "Test yourselves to see if you're in the faith. Examine yourselves. Or do you not recognize for yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless you fail the test and I hope you'll recognize that we're not failing the test."

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 By Renetta Howard
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We just celebrated Mother's Day, and for most mothers, it has been a wonderful day; one in which our children sought to make us feel like a queen and worthy to be praised. Mothers with husbands received a double treat, making it a very special day. It was truly a special day, and even more so if we spent a part of the day at our favorite worship place.



If the child gets a decent upbringing, it will more than likely come from a grandparent and fortunate if there is a grandfather in the home. There has to be an awakening of mothers before we can get a revival of men.

Praise be to God for the many mothers who have toiled to make a life worthwhile for their children. Whether or not we realize it, most of the homes in America are now headed by one parent, a mother. Mothers are now wearing two hats; that of the mother and the father. God did not plan it to be that way. Many mothers have been successful with this task, but there are just as many who, in spite of their efforts, fail. Some women are just not cut out to do both jobs. By that same token, some men simply never learned the importance of being a father or a parent.

Mothers must teach their sons the same standard of purity that they teach their girls and not let men without morals influence their boys. Boys need a male role-model and if their father is not in the home, Mother needs to show them some good examples to follow and help to mold them in that direction. Mothers need to know who their children's friends are and the activities that they engage in and guide them to wholesome friends and activities. Help boys to grow up to be wholesome responsible young men. It is a joy, and it seems that MOTHER has to do it. Time is out for excuses and depending on men to do the right thing. Mother has to teach them what to do. Eventually, when the lesson is learned, male responsibility, dependability and leadership will return. Mothers need to get 'in cinque' and mold boys into men. You tell them about the 'birds and the bees,' just like you do your girls.

Parenting is not difficult when one learns to go with the flow of maturation of a child. The minute a baby is born, a mother's responses to a baby's needs come naturally for a mother who loved and expected to care and nurture her baby, before it was born. This is true of a father who has that same ideal. But, when you have young girls having babies by some young boys, and they both have the concept that babies are toys or pawn; in a game of wills and desires, rather than a new human life which needs care and attention, a normal childhood and adult life may not be the end results of the venture. These young people are not a couple who will care for an offspring.

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Wife of Slain Civil Rights Leader Speaks Out

By H. Lewis Smith

Myrtle Evers-Williams, wife of slain prominent Mississippi civil rights leader Medgar Evers, speaks out against use of the n-word by all Americans, but especially Black Americans' use, whose use of the word is the most disturbing and damaging in her perspective.

Why all the fuss over a word? Many will and do ask. Some Black Americans believe there are more important issues in the black community that one should turn one's attention to rather than the use of a word. However, this term [is] one of the most prominent issues because it's existence and use continues to contribute to the cycle of demise within the black community; as well, it chastises all the sacrifice and death brought about in the black community in the name of equality, justice, and

true freedom. What is unacceptable and inexcusable is that embracement of the n-word is a mockery of Medgar Evers' death as well as the untold millions of enslaved African Americans who - as they drew their last breaths - would hear jeers of the n-word ringing in their ears.

Nonetheless, a multitude of excuses are advanced by those who use the word in a feeble attempt to justify their ill-advised actions.

The truth of the matter is that there is only [one] true and authentic reason blacks refer to one another as n**gas: they are in denial of the fact that they are mentally enslaved, lost, confused and filled with a programmed self-hatred. The truth, no matter how cliché this may

sound, can and will set them free, yet, they cannot handle the truth nor can the millions of non-users who condone use of the word by other blacks. Many users of the n-word do so simply

Dedication Set At Lubbock Cemetery

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records indicate there are 152 U.S. veterans interred by Lubbock County at the City of Lubbock Cemetery who do not have a headstone marking their grave and who qualify to receive a VA marker. The effort to request and set these headstones is on-going, and so far 32 monuments have been set. The dedication ceremony will honor veterans and the effort to provide these particular veterans with a VA headstone.

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B. State briefly why, in your opinion, this nominee should be considered for recognition.

C. List nominee's outstanding civic contributions to the Lubbock community, Considering: Business, Education, Religion, Volunteerism, etc. (Please Attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

D. Give any other information about the nominee that you think merit consideration. Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.

E. Name of person(s) Organization submitting this form:

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The judging will be done by an impartial panel.

We are interested in the nominee's outstanding Community Service. His or her educational background will not be considered in the judging.

Please return all nomination forms on or before June 4, 2010 to Lubbock Alumnae Chapter, P.O. 12342 Lubbock, TX. 79452.

LaShondra Ray Needs Your Help

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Caylene Cadell (806) 789-9101. Her email address is: Raylashondra@yahoo.com.

She is the daughter of Monica Wickware. She is a member of the Church of Nations, Rev. Roy Davis is pastor.

"I am thrilled over the idea of being given an opportunity to participate in this international track & field event," says LaShondra.

A senior at Estacado High School, she has done well this

year as she will be on the girls' track team which will participate in the UIL State Meet May 14 & 15, 2010 in Austin at the Mike A. Myers Track Stadium.

"By participating in this international elite event, it will give me an opportunity to get ready for the 2012 Olympics. This is an opportunity that I would really benefit me in my future in sports as well as allow me to see a part of the world I never thought I would get the chance to visit," says LaShondra.

"So I'm asking for your help as much as you possibly can to

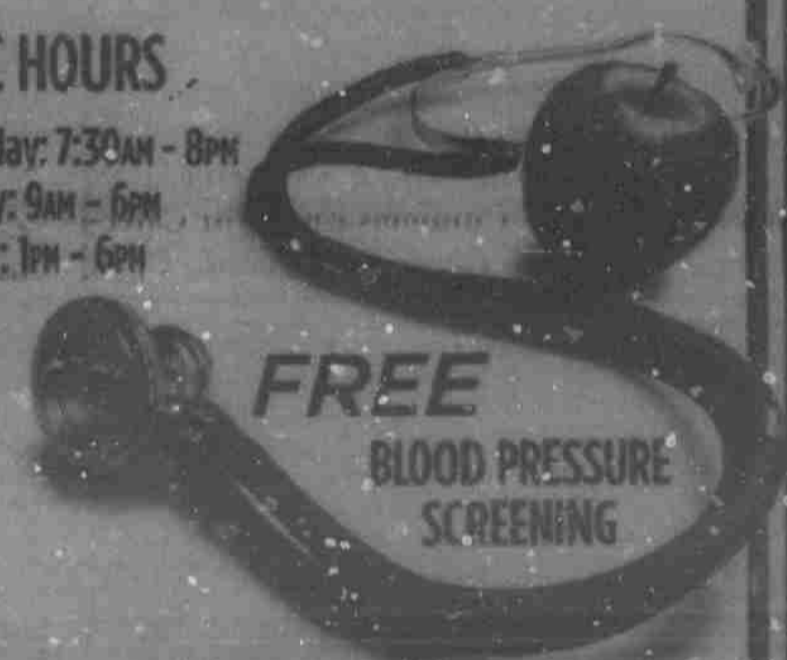
help by donating as much as you possibly can to help me get closer to reaching my goal," she continued.

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"The commencement ceremony is the completion of a major part of these students' lives," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, SPC president. "The class of 2010 will accomplish so much in the future, and I anticipate great things for them."

The departmental chairpersons and instructional deans selected the following candidates

for graduation to carry the divisional banners in the Commencement procession.

The banner bearers are Rachel Linton of Lubbock, candidate for the Associate of Science Degree, Division of Arts and Sciences; William (Sam) West of Lubbock, candidate for the Certificate of Proficiency in Vocational Nursing, Division of Health Occupations; and Alicia A. Grinsteiner of Levelland, candidate for the Associate of Arts Degree, Division of Technical Education.

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After 29 Years In Prison, Ohio Man Cleared Of Rape

An Ohio man tasted freedom for the first time in nearly 30 years Tuesday after DNA evidence showed he did not rape an 11-year-old girl and a judge vacated his conviction.

"It finally happened, I've been waiting," Raymond Towler, 52, said as he hugged sobbing family members in the courtroom.

He walked from the courthouse, arms around his family members, amid the smell of freshly cut grass, blooming trees and a brisk wind off Lake Erie. Asked how he would adjust, Towler responded: "Just take a deep breath and just enjoy life right now."

He deflected a question about demanding an apology and said he understood justice can take time.

"I think it was just a process, you know, the DNA," he said. "It just took a couple of years to get to it. We finally got to it and the job was done."

In a brief, emotionally charged session, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge Eileen Gallagher recapped the case, discussed the recently processed DNA evidence and threw out his conviction. She also told him that he can sue over his ordeal.

Towler smiled lightly, nodded and kept his intertwined fingers on his lap.

"You're free," the judge said, leaving the bench to shake Towler's hand at the defense table. The judge choked back tears as she offered Towler a traditional Irish blessing.

Towler had been serving a life sentence for the rape of a girl in a Cleveland park in 1981. Prosecutors received the test results



Raymond Towler (center) hugs his sister Debbie Settles and brother Clarence Settles, after being released from prison in Cleveland on Wednesday. Towler, who spent nearly 30 years in prison, was released after new DNA tests showed he didn't rape an 11-year-old girl.

Monday and immediately asked the court to free him.

The Ohio Innocence Project, an organization that uses DNA evidence to clear people wrongfully convicted of crimes, said Towler was among the longest incarcerated people to be exonerated by DNA in U.S. history. The longest was a man freed in Florida in December after serving 35 years, according to the project.

Attorneys with the project at the University of Cincinnati have been working on the Towler case since 2004, and Towler said that and his faith had given him hope.

"That's how I've been living these last years, I've just been keeping hope," Towler said as relatives and friends crowded around him after the court session, some whooping, "Alleluia."

Clarence Elkins, who was

freed in 2005 in Akron on the basis of DNA evidence after serving seven years in the rape and murder of his mother-in-law and the rape of a 6-year-old relative, watched from a rear courtroom seat.

"Today is a great day. Once again, justice is served a little late, but better late than never," he said. "Almost 30 years is a very long time. One day is too long."

Elkins, 47, won a \$1.075 million settlement from the state for wrongful conviction and said he would recommend that Towler get counseling and take his new freedom day by day.

"It's like being reborn again, a whole new life," Elkins said.

Prosecutor Bill Mason said his staff would test crime-scene evidence to try to identify the attacker.

Lubbock Parks and Recreation Summer Day Camps Schedule

Registration has begun for the Parks and Recreation summer day camps listed below. Space is limited, and we encourage families to sign up early. Register at the appropriate center Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Fridays 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Maxey Kid Zone Camp - Maxey Community Center

Activities for this twelve-week camp will include arts and crafts, swimming, field trips and indoor and outdoor recreation activities. Register at Maxey Community Center, 4020 30th Street. Enrollment is limited to the first 50 children. Free breakfast and lunch provided by Kids Cafe! Space is limited! For more information, call 767-3796.

Ages 6 - 12 \$80/child/week June 1-August 20 from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Summer Discovery Camp at Hodges Community Center

Activities for this twelve-week camp will include arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games/sports, swimming, field trips and more. Register for camp at the Hodges Community Center at 4011 University Ave. Free breakfast and lunch provided by Kids Cafe! Space is limited to 25 children. For more information, call 767-3766.

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Summer Satellite Camps

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Ages 6 - 12 \$13/child/week June 7-August 13 from 7:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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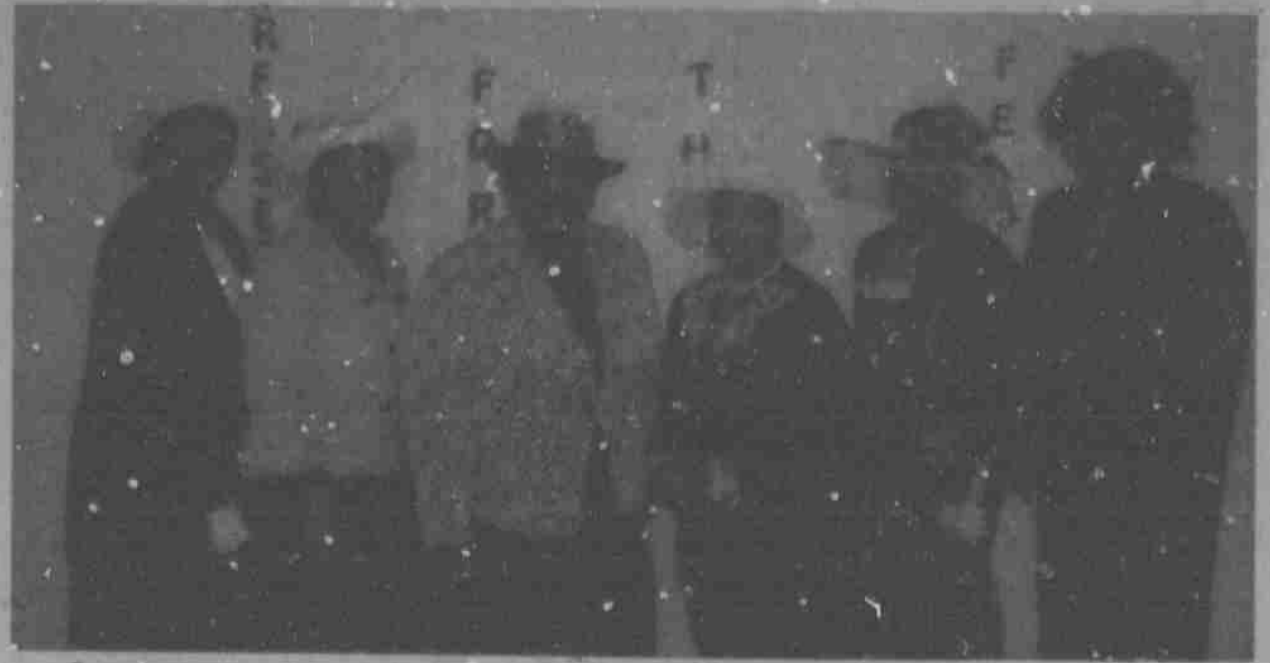
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Hats Off To Mt. Olive Baptist Church Senior Mission
Slaton, Texas - Rev. C. C. Peoples, Pastor



HATS OFF TO Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church's Senior Mission for a job well done on their recent 'Hat Banquet.'

Pictured above are, from left to right: Sister M. Smith, Sister B. Devroe, Minister Finch, Sister R. Jones, Sister B. Bryant, and Minister J. Devroe.

Schedule of Activities for Dunbar All-Class Reunion July 8 - 11, 2010

The Schedule of Activities for the Dunbar All-Class Reunion is being made possible by the Southwest Digest. This Reunion will be held July 8 - 11, 2010. Deadline for the class reunion fees is June 19, 2010.

For more information call Ms. Bennie Sims at (806) 763-8370.

Single	\$ 90.00
Couple (any combination)	\$ 160.00
Life Time Member (single)	\$ 50.00
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(both are life time members)	

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Schedule of Activities:

Thursday, July 8, 2010

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Registration @ Dunbar Middle School (see alerts for info)
Late registration @ Four Seasons Party House
4815 Interstate 27 (806) 799-5374
Reception @ Four Seasons Party House (Sponsored by the Class of 1927)

5:00 pm

Friday, July 9, 2010

7:00 am
9:00 am - 12 noon
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Golf
Late registration @ Dunbar Middle School
Jam Session/Talent Show @ Dunbar Middle School
Talent Wanted - Singers, Dancers, Musicians, Poets, Comedy, Acting
Contact: Charles Curry (806) 806-577-1373, charlescurry@aol.com

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Bar-B-Q @ Lubbock Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Drive (additional cost for child plate, pay at registration)

9:00 pm - 1:00 am

Dance & Casino Night Cotton Club Theme/Civic Center
• Soul Train Line with prizes
• 40s or 50s attire or casual dress
(Please, no children. Thank you!)

Saturday, July 10, 2010

7:00 am
9:00 am - 12 noon
12 noon - 1:00 pm
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Golf
Free time to visit with classmates and friends
Tour of Ella Hies School
Alumni Meeting @ Dunbar Alumni Building
Election of officers by ballot
Optional Activities (Tours on your own)
• Silent Wing Museum, 6202 I-27, 806-775-2047

3:00 pm

- Science Spectrum, 2579 South Loop 289, 806-745-6292
- Buddy Kelly Center, 1801 Crickets Avenue, 806-775-3560
- American Wind Power Center, 1701 Canyon Lake Drive, 806-747-8754
- Bowling

7:00 pm - 1:00 am

Banquet/Dance (semi formal, coat & tie), Lubbock Civic Center. *Check-in will start approximately 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm.*
• Fall of Fame/Dedication to Coach Ernest Mallory
• Dance Contest sponsored by the Class of '63 with prizes
• Soul Train Line with prizes
(Please, no children. Thank you!)

Sunday, July 11, 2010

8:30 am - 10:45 am

Farewell Breakfast @ Lubbock Civic Center
• Men's vocal service (additional cost for child plate, please pay @ Reg. location)

11:00 am

Attend the choice of your choice

The Dunbar Alumni All-Class Reunion Committee
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For further information contact:

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