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## Singer India.Arie says positive attitude took years of soul searching

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NEW YORK (AP) - When India.Arie broke up with what she thought would be her lifetime love, she was sad, angry, confused and hurt - and spent the next four years unleashing her emotions through her songs.

But those who pick up her latest album, "Testimony, Vol. 1: Life & Relationship," won't hear any of the bitterness she once harbored. Instead, in what has become India.Arie's philosophy, she manages to find the positive, even in a devastating split. Instead of songs about a no-good man or falling into despair, India sings about the power of forgiveness, the appreciation of a past relationship and even learning to love being alone.

"If you don't learn your lessons, then you are only hurting yourself," says the 30-year-old singer, sporting a newly shorn haircut.

"For the sake of being a better person, I took that relationship and relationships in general and just looked at it from every angle for three years, and wrote a whole bunch of songs about it," she says. "I think when people write those songs that are really bitter and people are bitter, it's because they're dealing with the surface."

India's ability to dig deep paid off big commercially - it earned the Grammy winner her first No. 1 album debut last week, with sales of more than 160,000. In addition, "Testimony," her third album, has garnered mainly positive reviews.



Atlanta born folksy soul singer who made being 'Jeggy cool' again. A contemporary of her Nubian goddess peers Erykah Badu, Jili Scott and Macy Gray. Armed with just an acoustic guitar she has managed to change the hearts of millions.

Still, even some of the most glowing notices about her album contain a familiar dig - that she's a bit too optimistic.

In a particularly negative review, New York Daily News critic Jim Farber complained that "you can't get through a single stanza of

her lyrics without being harangued with some lesson or encouragement, served up for our own good." Meanwhile, a recent article in Essence magazine pondered whether India was too uplifting, and quoted someone at a radio station saying while she'd prefer her

daughter to listen to India instead of Beyonce, listeners didn't want to hear her message on the radio.

The critique may be the only thing that can threaten India's positive vibe, which extends even to the jewelry she wears. "On this day, she was sporting a bracelet comprised of the definitions of 'wisdom' and 'destiny.'"

"I keep reading these reviews of my album and they're saying that its optimistic and 'how does she come out unscathed' and they're like, 'real cynical, sarcastic about it,'" says the singer, visibly annoyed.

"I keep trying to explain to people, it's not about being unscathed. I'm not unscathed. That's the dumbest thing I ever heard. Obviously I've been heart-broken. We all know what that feels like," she says. "But the thing about it is that I chose to take the time to dive really deep to understand the lesson instead of sitting on the surface and blaming. I don't want to be bitter. I want to learn how to love better and better and better."

Understanding life's lessons has been a focal point of India's music ever since her debut album, "Acoustic Soul," in 2001. It earned her seven Grammy nominations and eventually went double platinum, while the second album, "Voyage to India," went gold and earned her two Grammys.

she's definitely not the kind of artist who gets heavy attention from mainstream outlets - which is fine by her.

"It's cool to hear my songs on the radio," she says. "But for me, that's just a way to get more people to have the option of choosing my music."

Sylvia Rhone, president of India's label, Universal Motown, says India's debut atop the charts shows that "she has a very strong fan base and a strong audience, and it proves that it's not necessary to have a radio hit."

"I think it says volumes about a consumer that really does appreciate great music, and is not necessarily driven by disposable hit singles," she said.

Besides, what drives India are the things that are not trendy, but lasting. It's one of the reasons why she didn't put any anger into her album, even though she was feeling it. Her frustration was temporary; the lessons she learned were permanent, she says.

"I want my music to be a contribution and I want the people who love me on Earth and in heaven to be proud of who I am, and I want to be proud of myself, and I don't want to look back and say, 'Oh God, why did I say that?'" she says. "I want to always be classy and honest and I always want to have fun with music, and if I can't really express who I am through my music, then it's not really fun anymore."

Visit India on the net at [www.india.ariel.com](http://www.india.ariel.com)

### Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Men's 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 Croves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hies Elementary Cafeteria

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

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## Multi-platinum star Usher to make his Broadway debut

BlackNews.com

NEW YORK (AP) - Usher, the silky-voiced R&B superstar, will soon be crooning a Broadway melody.

The multi-platinum recording artist and five-time Grammy winner will take over the role of conning lawyer Billy Flynn in the long-running musical revival "Chicago," making his Broadway debut, producers Barry and Fran Weissler announced Friday.

"I have always admired Broadway actors for their showmanship, dedication and focus that goes into performing live on stage every night," the 27-year-



Usher, 27-year-old Usher said in a statement.

"Being on Broadway allows you to connect to audiences in a whole new way that's different from music and movies."

Usher's last album, "Confessions," sold more than 8 million copies in the United States and made its debut as number one on Billboard's 200 Albums chart. Among his hit songs are "Confessions," "Burn," "You Make Me Wanna" and "Yeah!" Usher opens August 22 in "Chicago" and will appear through October 1.

The R&B performer, who was born Usher Raymond in Chattanooga, Tenn., and raised in Atlanta, was discovered when he

was 13 at a "Star Search" competition and was given a recording contract.

While "Chicago" will mark his Broadway debut, he has acted in TV shows and several films, including last year's "In the Mix." "Chicago," Broadway's longest running musical revival, has a score by John Kander and Ebb and a book by Bob Fosse and Ebb. The tale of Roxie Hart, a has-been chorus cutie who murders her boyfriend and tries to ride the notoriety to show-biz fame and fortune, originally was seen on Broadway in 1975.

The Weissler-produced show, winner of six Tony Awards,

opened in 1996 and has been seen around the world.

Barry Weissler has developed the replacement strategy for his long-running shows, including "Grease" and "Annie Get Your Gun," into a fine art. In "Chicago," its morally relaxed heroine has been played by such diverse actresses as Brooke Shields, Melanie Griffith, Sandy Duncan, Marilu Henner and Rita Wilson.

Among the actors who have played Billy Flynn on Broadway are Huey Lewis, Wayne Brady, Kevin Richardson, George Hamilton, Taye Diggs, Alan Thicke and Billy Zane.

## Voting Rights Amendment moves closer to reauthorization

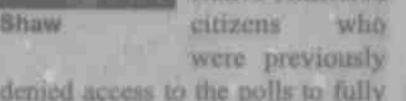
by Theodore M. Shaw

(Washington, DC) - We applaud the House of Representatives for passing the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization Amendments Act by a vote of 390 to 33. House members did not falter, despite efforts of a relatively small band of opponents who attempted to derail the Act by outright delay and several weakening amendments.

The Voting Rights Act (VRA)

remains the most effective civil rights legislation ever passed.

Since 1965, the VRA has enabled millions of African Americans, Latino, Asian American and Native American citizens who were previously denied access to the polls to fully participate in the political process and elect candidates of their



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choice. More than 14,500 Black and Latino officials currently hold local, state and federal offices.

With the overwhelming House passage and President Bush's strong statement of support today, all that stands in the way of providing the necessary protections for minority voters is a Senate vote. We are pleased the Senate Judiciary Committee has agreed to take up the VRA next Wednesday during a special session.

Since early June when dissenters stalled the bill in the

House, state and federal courts in Georgia have blocked voter ID measures that threaten African Americans. The Supreme Court also set aside a redistricting plan in Texas that violated the rights of Latinos under the VRA. The Courts continue to uphold the Act's purpose in challenges that attempt to dilute minority voting strength. As Justice Kennedy affirmed in his opinion in the Texas case, "The protections afforded by the Voting Rights Act are still necessary."

By defying those who ignore the role intent of these provisions - protecting minority voters from blatant and more subtle discriminatory techniques that deny or dilute minority participation in the political process - Congress has restored the legislation to its original strength.

Today, as in 1965, the House showed that actions speak louder than words. It is imperative that the Senate pass the bill before the August recess. The nation now awaits the Senate's action.

## Giant Side Photography Competition winners announced

The Garden and Arts Center is currently hosting the 3rd Annual Parks and Recreation Giant Side Photography Competition and Exhibition through July 31, 2006. Thirty-eight individuals participated in this event and entered over 110 photographs taken in twenty-four of Lubbock's parks. Photographs were entered in three categories, Nature/Wildlife, Places, and People, and separated into classifications for Youth (18 years and under) and Adults. Winners were announced at a reception on Friday, July 7.

Local photographer, Patricia Earl, judged the winners for Parks and Recreation. This year's Best in Show was Blue Arch (Davis Park) by Ginny Mahan. First place winners were as follows: Nature/Wildlife-Youth: Sunset at the Lake (Mae Simmons Park) by Collin McGarrett; People-Youth: Let's Play (Higginbotham Park) by Jill Bramlet; Place-Youth: Legacy Sunset (Legacy Play Village in McAlister Park) by Maria Dyess; Nature/Wildlife-Adult: Eau Study II (Higginbotham Park) by Cate Logan; Place-Adult: Intrigue! Lotzbush with Gull

(Clapp Park) by Willa Finley; and People-Adult: In the Dugout (Mackenzie Park) by Liz Instip-Paulk. New this year to the competition is the "Lubbock, The Giant Side of Texas" categories sponsored by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. Judges for these awards were Cindy Harper, Glean Patton and Diane Taylor. All entries were judged for these awards, and the winners were as follows: Giant Side-Youth: Cypress in the Morning (Higginbotham Park) by Collin McGarrett and Giant Side-Adult:

Evening Sky (American Wind Power Center in Mackenzie Park) by Kasey Hagan. Photographs of all winners and participants can be viewed in person at the Garden and Arts Center through July 31, 2006, or online at the Parks and Recreation website [www.playlubbock.com](http://www.playlubbock.com) and Garden and Arts Center website [www.lubbockgac.org](http://www.lubbockgac.org).

The Garden and Arts Center is located at 4215 University and is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM and on Saturdays from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. For more information, call the center at 767-3724.

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

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Last week was an outstanding week for those who know the history of Dunbar High School which was opened in 1923 and closed in 1993. Approximately 500 graduates and former students gathered in Lubbock July 13th thru July 16th. There were many activities which involved many an all enjoyed the hospitality of the Dunbar International Alumni Association which sponsored the 7th All Class Reunion. One of the highlights was the banquet on Saturday evening when Quincy White, Class of 1965, addressed the group. He also serves as president of the association. His message was on target as he reminded those fortunate Dunbar to realize where all had come from and those dedicated Black teachers who toiled to help all of them.

All in all, it was an outstanding celebration. Hopefully in two years from this date, many will be attending and "doing it again!"

The Annual Picnic of the New Hope Baptist Church will be held Saturday afternoon, August 5, 2006, at the Booker T. Washington Park, located across the street from the church. This is a great time to fellowship and enjoy each other.

The Women Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church will sponsor its 7th Annual Prayer Retreat Friday, August 18th, and Saturday, August 19th, at the Ark in Amherst. Rev. Theaha McClendon will be the Clinician. Bus rates will be made known in the near future. Sister Joyce A. Ervin is president and Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

A jubilee Praise & Worship service will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, Sunday afternoon, July 30, 2006. Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, will be guest speaker. Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr. is host pastor.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. There are many who are ill at this report. Today, it is them and tomorrow it could be either you or this writer. A special prayer will be appreciated for the brother of Garnett Lee, Joseph Lee.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Among them

include the family of Sister Cletha Ruth Harris-Stubberfield who passed away here Saturday, July 8, 2006. Funeral services were held for her Saturday afternoon, July 15th, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Seventh Day Adventist Church. Burial was held at the Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Congratulations are in order for the new Wingstop which opened here June 23rd. The owner is Nathan Cage. The location is 5510 4th Street, Suite 220, and is open from 11 a. m. until midnight daily. May this become another successful business in Lubbock.

If you are unable to attend church services because of being shut-in, then tune to KJAK, 92.7 FM and listen to the New Hope Broadcast from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

If you are not a subscriber to the Southwest Digest, then why not become one. It is only \$37.50 a year, and \$48.00 for two years. Let this writer hear from you, if you are interested in subscribing. Looking forward to hearing from you.

## In Remembrance

### Cecile Graves-Hunter

Richmond, Va. (Special) - Word comes to the Southwest Digest Tuesday afternoon, July 18, 2005, of the passing Cecile Joyce Graves Hunter, who had moved to Richmond, Virginia in October, 2005 to live with her cousin, Norma Faye Anderson-Ashcroft. At this report, funeral arrangements are pending. More information will be forth coming in next week's edition. Her father, Julius C. Graves, Jr., mother, Dr. Lucille S. Graves, owner and founder of Mary & Mac private School; and husband, John Hunter, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son, Timothy Hunter of Odessa; a brother, Julius C. Graves, III of Odessa; a favorite uncle, Robert Anderson of Lubbock and cousins, Norma Faye Anderson-Ashcroft and T. J. Patterson, both of Lubbock; and many other relatives and friends.

Her husband, Tommy Lethridge, Sr., preceded her in death.

### Earlene Powell

Slaton - Services for Earlene Powell were held Friday afternoon, July 13, 2006, at the Triumph Baptist Church in Slaton. Burial was held in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Sunday, July 9, 2005, at the University Medical Center. She was employed at the Lubbock State School until her retirement.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Ray Powell; and four step-children: Ella B. White, Charlene Washington, Tyrone Powell and Charles S. Powell.

### Norma Robinson

Funeral services for Norma Robinson were held Friday afternoon, July 14, 2006, at the Ossie Curry Funeral Home. Burial was held at Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away in her residence in Northglenn, Colorado. She was born to Ernest and Ruby Davis on February 4, 1946 at Chapman Hospital. She attended Dunbar High School. She was employed by UPS until her death. She was preceded in death by her father, Ernest Davis; brothers, Byron and Wayne Davis; and sister, Donna Grant.

She is survived by her son, Jesse Cross, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Lynnette Cross; grandchildren: Jesse (BJ), Jalyin, DeAndra and Jhastelle Perez, and Dominique Thompson, all of Denver, Colorado; mother, Ruby Lee Watson-Davis; five sisters: Beverly Lester of Arlington, Brenda Hunter, Gwendolyn Davis, Marsha Davis, and Rhonda Davis, all of Lubbock; five brothers: Glen and James of Lubbock, and Earnest, Clark and Preston, all of Arlington; a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

### Cleola Ruth Harris-Stubberfield

Funeral services were held for Cleola Ruth Harris-Stubberfield last Saturday afternoon, July 15, 2006, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Seventh Day Adventist Church with Floyd Price officiating.

Inhment was held in the Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow

under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Don Stubberfield, Billy Stubberfield, Terrace Jackson, Ricky Anderson, James Harper, Rodrick Stubberfield, Reginaid Stubberfield, and Arniya Harper.

Deacons of MLK Seventh Day Adventist Church served as honorary pallbearers. She passed away Saturday, July 8, 2006.

She was born May 6, 1922 in Taylor, Texas to Clint and Ada Lee Harris. Also joining her in this loving family circle were her sisters: Emma Lee Powell of Austin (deceased), Rosie Lee Evans of Lubbock (deceased), and brothers: Otis Harris (deceased), Eddie Harris (deceased) of Austin; and George Harris of Palo Alto, California.

Upon moving to Lubbock, she joined the MLK Seventh Day Adventist Church and remained a dedicated and faithful member until her sickness and death. Over the years, she served in different capacities including: Vacation Bible School, treasurer, clerk, Sabbath School Superintendent, and Deaconess. Her favorite church position was that of Sabbath School Superintendent.

Education was very important to her. At the young age of 69, she completed a night school program and received her high school diploma from Lubbock High School. She also enrolled at Commercial College School of Business in her 70's.

She leaves to mourn her passing: 31 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

### Omar Rashaad Wright

Funeral services for Omar Rashaad Wright were held last Saturday morning, July 15, 2006, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He died Saturday, July 8, 2006, at the University Medical Center. He was born March 10, 1980 in Lubbock to Karen Walker Wright and Freddy McGuire.

He leaves to mourn his passing: four children: Churde Wright, Alize Wright, Shamodrick Wright and Deja Wright, all of Lubbock; two brothers, DeAndre Wright of Austin and Freddy L. McGuire, Jr.; three sisters: LaSheria Sykes and Teresita Courtney, both of Dallas and LaCheria Brown of Lubbock; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## City prepares to handle U.S. citizens evacuated from Lebanon

The City of Lubbock is organizing and preparing to accommodate up to 1000 American citizens evacuated from the country of Lebanon. Today, the FEMA Operation Center in Washington, D.C. notified Texas Emergency Operations Coordinator Chief Jack Colley that Texas can expect up to 10,000 evacuees. Lubbock is one of several cities across the state that was asked to prepare accommodations.

The City of Lubbock has scheduled an emergency City Council meeting for 2 p.m. today at the Municipal Building, 1625 13th

Street in the Council Chambers. The City of Lubbock is coordinating response efforts with state, county, and area officials. The City continues to gather information, but currently understands that these U.S. citizens will be in town for a brief stay while transportation plans are made to get these fellow citizens home to their family and friends.

The City does not know if or when these evacuees could arrive. Again, City of Lubbock staff are organizing and preparing accommodations for any evacuees who may be sent to Lubbock.

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All have sinned - Romans 3:23  
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21, Acts 2:28  
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 in the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38  
Be faithful until death - Rev. 2:10

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### Dovie Lou Jones

Funeral services for Dovie Lou Jones were held Friday morning, July 7, 2006, at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Saturday, July 1, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center. She was born July 12, 1955 to Clarence C. and Eddie Lois Robison. She graduated from Dunbar High School in 1975. She also attended South Plains College for several years, and was an employee of Durham Transportation for over 20 years.

She leaves to mourn her loss: her children: Thomas Sneed of Houston, Elana Sneed, Alicia Jones, and Lester Joseph Jamar Jones, all of Lubbock.

### Johnnie Mae Lethridge

Funeral services for a longtime resident, Johnnie Mae Lethridge, were held Saturday morning, July 8, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist, 2020 East 14th Street, with Rev. Edward Canady, pastor, officiating.

Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Lethridge was born July 24, 1924 in Rosebud. She lived in Lubbock for 54 years. She worked for Texas Tech University for over 20 years.

Survivors include her four sons: Zebbie, Tommy, and Marvin Lethridge, all of Lubbock, and Jessie Lethridge of Joplin, Mo.; two daughters, Linda Johnson of Lubbock and Mary Hollins of Dallas.

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**FASHION FUN**  
by Shirley Robinson  
**BLING-BLING!**

Jewelry plays an important part in the completion of any fashion statement and your choice of an alluring, available, plentiful and really unlimited jewelry is personal and all about freedom, wear as little as you like or as much as you like, one at a time or all at once. Just remember the bling, Sparkle is extremely important. Jewelry is designed today for beauty and function, so ladies go for it and be creative. Juggle it, hunch it, mix it or match it. Just have fun wearing it!

**FASHION TIP: Always wear a smile!**  
**FASHION - Just for the fun of it!**



# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus Practice what you preach

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

**I John 3:18** - My children, let us not love in word neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

The father tells his son, "I don't want you to smoke that marijuana and dope," as he stands there with a cigarette in his hand, blowing his own smoke!!!

**Proverbs 3:7-8** - Be not wise in your own eyes. Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It shall be health to your navel and marrow to your bones.

### \*\*\* Practice What You Preach \*\*\*

(what is the difference in marijuana and cigarette tobacco? One is grown in the ground. One is rolled in paper and lit with fire while the other is inhaled. One is needed to satisfy the user. One cost big money. One cause lung cancer and that is suicide. Now, that person needs Jesus!!!)

The mother tells her daughter to keep her house clean. Keep it like spick and span, but she was raised in her mother's house where it was not fit for any human.

**Ezekiel 16:44** - Behold (look), everyone who uses proverb shall use this proverb against you, saying, as is the mother, so is the daughter.

Now the preacher tells the people living for God is how you save your soul. But his daughter

sings in the night club. Her singing is rock and roll!!!

**I John 2:15** - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

### \*\*\* Will A Preacher Rob God? \*\*\*

Preachers, if you can't run your own house, and you can see it going to hell, you're not qualified to run the House of God, and this I must tell!!!

**I Timothy 3:4-5** - (Preachers) one who rules his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity. For in a man know not how to rule his own house. How shall he take care of the Church of God?

The mother tells her daughter when you grow up don't go whoring around, but the mother has three men. One is the daughter's father and lives right here in this town!!!

**Proverbs 23:27-28** - For the whore is a deep ditch, and a strange woman is a narrow pit where she also lies in wait as for a prey, and increases the transgressors among men.

### \*\*\* Will A Mother Rob God??? \*\*\*

The father tells the children to go to bed early and get plenty of sleep, but he is never home at

12:00 a. m. He is always out in the streets.

**Matthew 18:14** - Jesus said, leave them along. They are blind leaders of the blind, and if the blind lead the blind, they both shall fall in the ditch.

The mother tells her daughter don't eat so much or you will get very large. But every time she sees her mother, she's eating. She takes it in like a pig!!!

**Luke 6:42a** - Jesus said, how can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in your eye, when you, yourself, behold not the beam that is in your own eye?"

America tells her children, don't do drugs, because it is hazardous to your health, but America is the one who puts them out there. For she only loves her wealth!!!

**I Timothy 6:10-11** - For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But, you, O man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and meekness.

I am a nobody, trying to tell everybody, about Jesus' body, dying for the sins of everybody!!!



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Black Males - Staying the course in troubled times (corrected)

We are living in troubled times. Suddenly we see crisis in every direction. Not in modern history has there been so many challenges facing America in concert. There is deteriorating security from Afghanistan and Somalia to a devil's mess in the Middle East. There is confrontation with Iran and eroding relation with Russia to a threat of nuclear confrontation with North Korea.

In Somalia, an Islamic militia has seized control of the country. Mexico's future is uncertain after a close presidential election that may not be settled until December 2006. Oil has surpassed \$78 a barrel.

If this is not enough - the essential tool to protect minority interests in the United States: the Voting Rights Act of 1965, has been questioned by Southern conservatives whites. They claim that the act as written would single out their states and localities for federal oversight without crediting them for strides on racial issues. The Texans who topped the vote must have been in concert with Tom Delay's redistricting movement and not giving a care about the rights of Blacks and legal Latinos.

Representative John Lewis, D-Ga, who was beaten by the Alabama state troopers in 1965 as they marched from Selma to Montgomery in support of voting rights said in an emotional speech Thursday, July 13, 2006 "I have a concussion. I almost died. I gave blood; some of my colleagues gave their lives." Yet, the Bush administration "supports the intent" of the renewal however, they want it framed in the way that Black folk would still be sub-ordinate and Mexican would work for nothing and forever chase a dream.

It was reported on CNN Thursday, July 13, 2006 White Supremacists had infiltrated the United States Marines and their aim was to overthrow America.

The Michigan Citizen, an African American newspaper reported their would be a community meeting of the Southwest side residents and victims of cops. The policemen have allegedly raped, assaulted and frame-up Black men.

The paper reported Black men were force strip, told to dropped their underwear and become naked in the streets by police officers. They were cavity and squeezed search. One Detroit lady said, "I had never seen anything like this before. They do it in front of your daughter, your grandchildren, and the whole neighborhood. They were doing it so often and to so many people that I thought it must be legal."

Under Michigan law cavity searches are not only unconstitutional, but it is criminal to conduct cavity searches without first getting a court order and a doctor being present."

There also was a report by a witness of what police forced a black male to do. The report was "the police pull a van over in front and searched the driver and the car three or four times. They kept searching because they could not find anything. They pulled the victims pants down and told him to bend over. They put their latex gloves on and they were really fondling the suspect. They had his pants down to his knees." The young black males were victims of troubled times in a trouble society.

We live in troubled times but those who have faith and believe and abide by the "rule of law" must stay the course. Black males must stay in school. They must not get

involved in drugs and be fool enough to think they can shoot up a neighborhood and hurt innocent people they will not have to pay the price in the criminal justice system. We who have paved the way demand the best of young blacks. We expect them to exceed our faintest dream even in troubled times. We expect young black males not to commit domestic violence and get mark with a felony that will haunt them to their grave. We encourage all black males to stay the course of righteousness and you will succeed even in troubled times.

Just as this writer was penning the potential doom of the Voting Rights Act led by Southern conservatives, He who sits high and looks low moved on the heart of 290 members of the House of Representatives and the bill was renewed and stayed the same as written for the next 25 years.

It must be noted however, that in the Senate, there are white conservatives (Southern Dixiecrats) who want and dream things as they use to be. Republican Senator Tom Coburn of Oklahoma want proposed House amendments to be considered. The states identified in the bill as still in need of federal oversight are: Texas (remember Tom Delay), Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Virginia.

These white conservatives need to face reality and do what is right toward all Americans, if they want an America that is safe and not like in the Middle East. Reverting to the past would destroy America. People who have no hope will not abide by the RULE OF A DISCRIMINATING LAW!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are inviting all of you to come and join them in their next meeting on Saturday morning, August 5, 2006, at 9:00 a. m. We are asking each of you to make plans to be present with us.

If you feel you have a mountain in your life that is just getting bigger by the day, turn to the scripture, Mark 11:22-26 which says very clearly: Have Faith in God. And you can speak to the mountain and tell it to move! And have no doubts in your heart, they will move! And please don't have doubts in your heart! This won't work. What are you holding in your heart against others??? It doesn't have to be a

global matter just a small ought! This want work for you, Saints! Read the scripture above. He's not man that he should lie!

**Numbers 23:17** - Forgive others. This is important. If you don't have a problem, come help us pray for someone who does.

**Mark 16:17** - These signs shall follow them that believe. You can use his authority to do great stuff, and the Lord will be with you. Confirming what you say by the miracles that follow your message. Keep praying for us, and your communities, churches, our leaders and their families.

**Thoughts:** It's not how you die that makes the difference, but how you live! He has given us mountain moving power through

the word.

Whatever you do, don't give up. We fall down, but we get up! Having done all to stand, **Just Stand!** It's not about you and I. It's about the blood of Jesus that will never lose its power! **Oh, What a Mighty God we serve!**

Thanks for reading, Saints. Please don't forget those who are sick and shut-in as well as those who have lost loved ones. Remember, God is able!

Let us hear from you concerning your attendance to our August 5th meeting!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elma Jones, teacher; and Rosaina Henderson, secretary.

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, July 16, 2006. Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor. Pastor Canady reminds all of us of pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

The Sunday School lesson was a very good one as it is personal to all of us. The subject was "Call To Win." Scripture text was I Corinthians 9:24; 10:13. It reminded all of us of what we must do as Christians. This lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

Morning services got underway with the morning devotion led by Deacon Edward Williams. The spirit was high. What a time in the Lord. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sang from the depths of their hearts. God is able!

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful sermon. In his subject, he asked the question, "Are You The One?" His scripture text was St. Luke 7:19-23. It was a most rewarding message for all who were in attendance. Praise God for the Word, and our Pastor!

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. One of our own, Sister Imatha Isaac is reported to be doing nicely. Let us not forget her in your precious prayers.

**Thought Of The Week:** "When we have nothing left but God, we'll find out that is enough."

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# Young artists, submit your drawings

## Atlanta Braves player, Brian Jordan, extends youth art contest

Atlanta, GA - July 19, 2006  
 Brian Jordan has extended the deadline for his nationwide youth art contest until August 31, 2006.



Renowned illustrators Cornelius Van Wright and Ying-Hwa Hu have successfully captured the various emotions from Jordan's writings in his book, *I Told You*

*I Can Play!* Now, Mr. Jordan is asking children, ages five through eight, to do the same. Young artists - Take your imagination to the limit and create a masterpiece that depicts how you imagine the book cover for *I Told You I Can Play!* should look.

"Many have inquired about the mystery prize for the art contest," states Brian Jordan. "Just say they won't be disappointed and I'm looking forward to having some fun with both of the winners." In addition to the mystery (grand) prize other rewards include gift certificates to Toys-R-Us and Barnes & Noble. Winners will be announced on September 30, 2006 in Buford, Georgia at the Mall of Georgia. Please visit [www.bojbooks/events](http://www.bojbooks/events) to find out more details.

Entries must be post-marked by August 31, 2006 and mailed to Art Contest, Attn: Tamara Wilson, P.O. 4745, Atlanta, GA 30302.

The six winning drawings will be showcased in Mr. Jordan's office and online at [www.bojbooks.com](http://www.bojbooks.com).

Contest information:

- Rule Clarification: Drawing can be horizontal or vertical
- Entries are currently being accepted.
- Participants must be 5 thru 8 years of age as of August 1, 2006.
- Only one entry per child is allowed.
- Entries will be divided into two age groups.
- Artwork will be judged by age category, originality, colorfulness, and message being conveyed.
- Artwork and entry form must be submitted together.
- Suggested drawing materials: crayons, watercolors, paints, markers, and colored pencils.
- Submission deadline is Thursday, August 31, 2006.
- An entry fee is not required.
- A book purchase is not required for entry. Please visit BOJ Books' Current Promotion page at [www.bojbooks.com/promotions](http://www.bojbooks.com/promotions) for the entry form, complete list of rules and prizes.

*I Told You I Can Play!* is for sale at BOJBooks online store at [www.bojbooks.com](http://www.bojbooks.com). It can also be purchased by calling the Atlanta Braves Merchandising Department at 1-800-433-BRAVES or visiting the Braves



Six year old Brian loves to play ball. But his big brother and sister think he is too young and too little to play with them. The older boys in the neighborhood think Brian is too small too. But given the opportunity, Brian shows them all that he is not too little and that he "can play". Drawing from his own experiences as a youngster, Major League Baseball player Brian Jordan has written a heartwarming story about an empowered little boy who exudes confidence, self assurance and a sense of humor.

Clubhouse Store (404-523-5854) located at the CNN Center downtown Atlanta, Georgia. Brian Jordan's royalties for the book support his foundation. For more information visit [www.bojbooks.com](http://www.bojbooks.com) or e-mail us at [info@bojbooks.com](mailto:info@bojbooks.com).

Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers: Rivers

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## Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goals for Federal Fiscal Year 2007

The Lubbock International Airport hereby announces its fiscal year 2007 goal of 5.17% for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise airport construction projects. The proposed goals and goal setting methodology is available for inspection between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday beginning July 24th and ending August 23rd in the Office of the City Purchasing manager, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

The Airport will accept comments on the DBE goals for 45 days beginning July 24th and ending September 7th. Comments can be sent to either of the following:

- Purchasing Manager, City Of Lubbock, Re: Airport DBE Goal-2007, P.O. BOX 2000, Lubbock, TX 79457
- Federal Aviation Administration Civil Rights Staff, ASV'9, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76137-0009



# Final plea for Lubbock area host families

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications; and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family. Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student. For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Macedonia,

Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, and many other countries. P.I.E. is also participating in two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union as well as predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar to the United States. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards

set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs. Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time. Lubbock area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

# Registration begins for Lubbock Senior Games

Approximately 200 senior athletes from across the region will converge in Lubbock on August 16-19, 2006, for the annual Lubbock Senior Games hosted by the City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department. Registration packets are now available at the Lubbock Senior Center, 2001 19th Street, or by calling 806-767-2710. This year's events include Basketball (Free Throws and Around the World), Bowling, Cycling, Track and Field, Golf, Horseshoes, Swimming, Tennis, Table Tennis and Washers. Individuals competing must be 50

years of age or older and categories are divided into five-year interval age groups. Medals are awarded for first, second and third place finishers at the completion of each event. The top five places in each age group for each event will qualify for the 2006 Texas Senior Games Championships being held in Austin, Texas, on September 9-17, 2006. Partnering with Parks and Recreation in offering the Lubbock Senior Games are Meadowbrook Golf Course, Texas Tech University's Recreation Center and the R. P. Fuller Track,

Burgess-Rushing Tennis Center, Lubbock Independent School District's Pete Ragus Aquatic Center, South Plains Area Track Officials, Whitewood Lanes, Troprock Multi Sport, and the many clubs and organizations that help provide volunteers for the games. The Lubbock Senior Games is an open event and is sanctioned by the National Senior Games Association and the Texas Senior Games Association. For more information, call the Lubbock Senior Center at 767-2710.

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# How America Made Niggas!

## (Part 3 of 4: Greed and Jealousy)

by Anthony Asadullah Samad

In the third part of this series of how the longest lasting "Made in America" commodity, Niggers, continue to survive and have great-grandchildren (Niggas), I must examine the crowning characteristics that promotes disunity and dysfunction amongst a once proud people, greed and jealousy. No matter what you think (or how you think) about this discussion on eradicating these words (and according to your e-mail responses, the discussion is now a national one), we cannot deny what African Americans, as a people, have become as a result of a four hundred year effort to frame Blacks in a sub-human context and marginalize their equality. What we once could not have (liberty, equality and property) because of law and culture, has turned to what we must have (and not necessarily want others to have). The social politic of mainstream access and limits that have been placed on Blacks (and others) have created who, I call "the only one" syndrome that we, as a people, must somehow come up one at a time instead of all together. Instead of wanting for our brothas (and sistas) what we want for ourselves, many of us want everything for ourselves and nothing for our brotha. Many of us have developed this "only one" mentality that causes much consternation when another one of us joins the land of "milk and honey." Instead of celebrating another black person's success, we feel like we have to compete and are jealous of their very presence. Our greed (to have it all—by ourselves) turns to envy, then jealousy, then enmity. Minister Louis Farrakhan once said that "Envy is the Mother of Murder."

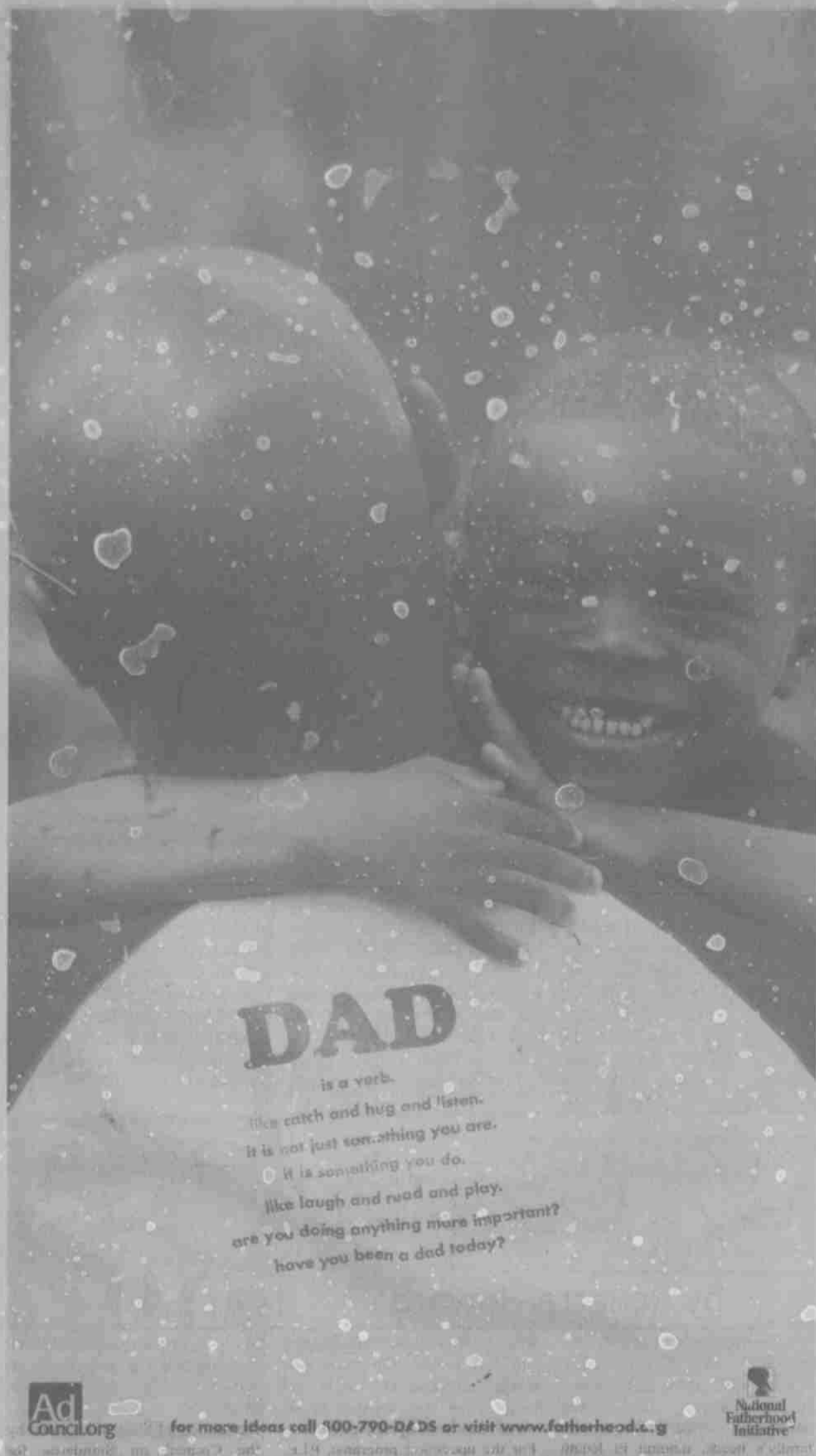
So what do we now see in our communities? We see folk "hatin'" on each other because they succeed in pulling themselves up against seemingly impossible odds. We see our young men killing each other when one tries to "get out" of the

cycle of self-destruction. We see our children dumbing themselves down, afraid to let their own lights shine for fear that somebody might think they're "all that" and be assaulted (remember Akelah and the Eco-scholar, John McWhorter calls it children suffering from fear of being seen as "Acting White"). So they play dumb—or act like Niggas, thus reinforcing what Whites once truly believed (and some still believe) that Blacks are inferior. We know our children are bright. What they are not—are inspired. We see black leadership fighting to be the HNIC (Head Nigger In Charge) so that they can deliver our communities to the feet of the economic and political power brokers outside our communities. And Niggas now do anything for money, from slingin' drugs to sliding up and down on poles naked.

This form of niggerism escapes no segment of the community. From political leaders, to business leaders, to the preacher wars, all of them could be doing well but still are jealous of the preacher's success across the way, or the businessman's success across the way, or the politician's success across the way. They have to be the only one—not a leader, but the leader. I call it, the "take me to your leader" syndrome. Black people are the only people that have to have "a leader." This is a true vestige of slavery when the slavemaster would pick one "field slave" to come to the big house and express their concerns about the abuses of the overseer. In other words, "All you Niggers can't come in my house—pick one." And black people, 140 years after slavery has ended, are still fighting over who's going to be the one to get into the house to speak to "Massa." Everybody else can have multiple leaders, in every industry. Ask white people to take you to their leader. They damn sure wouldn't take you to President Bush. They'll ask you what you're talking about,

Because they're taught, from the time they're children, that they're all leaders. That's where the sense of entitlement comes from. A sense of entitlement that is absent in Niggerism, because the Nigger thinks that he's the only one entitled and nobody else should be. Moreover, if he doesn't "come up" then he wants nobody else to succeed either. And now we're allowing black children to be taught that they're all Niggas. We have, sho' nuff, gone backwards when black people go from most white people thinking they're Niggers to black people thinkin' of themselves that same way.

So much so, that Comedian Damon Wayans has tried to trademark the word so he can commoditize "Nigger" by putting it on t-shirts. The U.S. Copyright Office has turned him down twice, but he intends to continue to pursue it. Just like a Nigger not to let their own greed get in the way of a whole people's degradation. But there's probably a whole bunch of people jealous that they didn't think of it first. That's how Niggas roll. They put greed and jealousy above all else.



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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

WHAT A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EAST & WEST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT had an opportunity to take an unexpected ride to WEST LUBBOCK, and it quickly reminded of what one our dedicated Pastors said many years ago. The statement was by the late REV. A. L. DAVIS, pastor of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, and he said, "WEST LUBBOCK DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A COUSIN TO EAST LUBBOCK!" After riding and looking at all the new development in West Lubbock, one wonders where the same opportunities have not been afforded in East Lubbock. For many years, there have been those who have attempted to stand with a banner of bringing those same kinds of opportunities to the East Side, but there have always been obstacles in the path of positive growth. Point at hand has been the development of the KING'S DOMINION, a new and need housing development with homes to be constructed between \$80,000 & \$150,000. The project was side tracked for several weeks because of a battle over mineral rights. THIS N THAT doesn't know of any home owner in East Lubbock who owns the mineral rights under their property. Anyway, THIS N

THAT is still hoping for more construction in the business aspect, but that really can't become a reality until there are enough ROOFTOPS on the East Side. If you get an opportunity, just drive west and observe what is going on. Perhaps you agree with the late Rev. A. L. Davis, but you know that PROGRESS must continue and we must not lose sight of what is important for the future of East Lubbock.

WHAT WOULD EAST LUBBOCK HAVE BEEN LIKE IF ALL OF THOSE DUNBAR GRADUATES REMAINED? THIS N THAT, along with at least 500 participants, enjoyed the opportunity of attending the DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL 7TH ALL CLASS REUNION last Saturday evening, July 15th, at the KoKo Palace. It was just great to see all those returning graduates and former students come back home for a short while. As THIS N THAT sat and observed all the talent in that facility, I couldn't help but wonder what would East Lubbock be like today if they were residents of Lubbock? You see, that high school, with the help of parents and the community did so much to make things happen for those young people.

Today that same kind of spirit doesn't appear to be here. THIS N THAT observed retired educators, an attorney, businessmen and women, a medical doctor and other professionals, sitting and talking about how they got to where they are today. What a positive sight it was, just think of the minds here last week! That doesn't even include those who remained here in Lubbock.

DEDICATING TO THE LATE GEORGE SCOTT, JR. WAS A CLASS ACT! THIS N THAT wants to say, "CONGRATS" for dedicating the 7th All Class Reunion to the late GEORGE SCOTT, JR., who served as teacher, coach and principal of Dunbar High School. Of course, there were many outstanding professionals at Dunbar, and this was a CLASS ACT! THIS N THAT observed his family as they sat and enjoyed the evening. It was just good to see such programs happen in our community. Even the address by QUINCY WHITE, who is president of the Dunbar International Alumni Association, was on target in speaking about the late George Scott.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "CRITICS are the ones who really let you know of your SUCCESSES!"



## Think About It!

### The Young Black Male Needs Help

by Eddie P. Richardson

Two other major contributors to the drop out rate in the Black Community is fatherless and illiteracy. Much of a child's academic hardships begin as early as elementary school in what is referred to as the "Fourth Grade Failure Syndrome." Which, most of the time, results in young Black males being placed in special education classes. This time is most critical for Black males, because no one is. Chances are the young Black male has never had a Black male teacher. Then as his age increases, peer pressure increases with drugs, gangs, stealing, etc. Then the teaching style changes and the curriculum becomes more content overt. Then as his age increases, parental involvement decreases.

It's hard to figure why parents think that as their son becomes older, they need less of their time than more from infancy and beyond. Parents and guardians must realize that everyday involvement is mandatory in order for a young Black to succeed.

From the fourth grade through high school in the Black community, parents need to monitor their children's friends, listen to their music, and either eliminate, reduce or watch television together with their children. A positive change can still occur for the young men. Society has labeled a lost generation, just it did for world renowned pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin Carson and the late civil rights activist Malcolm X. It still can be done, but it's much easier to catch the problem before it starts.

Another way to begin to save our young men is to help them connect with their spiritual side. We are mind, body, and spirit. We were formed in the image and likeness of God. If you have a person who is connected with his creator, he's able to develop faith, which will sustain him when life beats him down.

If you're able to build a

foundation when him spiritually that becomes the reserve the young Black male can call upon.

To ensure that more children, especially those who are fatherless grow up to be responsible young men. Experts strongly suggest that responsible adult males step forward and become mentors.

Would be mentor don't have to give an eight days work to be supportive. A minimum of one hour is sufficient.

They just have to find quality time as they would in finding time to attend night clubs, go out to sporting events, and anything else. If a Black man can just find one hour a week and give a young Black male that one hour consistently every week, he will change the life of that young Black male for a lifetime.

For those who say they are too busy and can't spare the time. They need to write some checks and help raise money for organizations which are in need. This way, organizations can build their capacity to serve more young people.

Closing Thought: "Morals cannot be legislated, but behav-

ior can be regulated. The law cannot make an employer love me, but it can keep him from refusing to hire me because of the color of my skin."



## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



The rise in the crime rate nationally, since the devastation of hurricane Katrina must be one of the causative factors. We know that the crime rate in New Orleans has risen to the point wherein the mayor had to request the state's armed guard to be sent into that city to quell the high incidents of capital crimes.

Capital crimes have also risen in states where the displaced persons from New Orleans were located. One of the variables in the locations of many of the displaced persons is the fact that they did not have a choice as to where they finally came to rest.

Some people made their choices, and left before the hurricane struck, but those who could not leave when they wanted to or chose not to leave had to end up where the government put them. Families were separated like farm animals and some still have not found all of their relatives. Life is lonely and sometimes hard when you have family, how desperate can it be when you have no idea where family is?

Facing a lonesome desperate situation can easily give rise to crime. The disbursement of individuals in various states a long way from 'home' may very well be one of the reasons that the crime rate in some cities in various states have caused mayors to declare a state of emergency. Of course, FEMA has to take some of the blame for the split-up families and the state of families that are still together. The trailers

provided for the displaced persons are not the best vacation trailers, not to mention somewhere for a family to live. Adjustments can be difficult for many regardless of where they lived before the hurricane.

Some people are thankful just to have a place to lay their heads and there are those who curse every moment that they feel scared, neglected and unresourceful. Despair and desperation can cause many people to do untoward and even illegal things to try to get along. Then, there are people who will only break the law when they feel that they are anonymous. They will do wrong things that they would never have attempted to do in a familiar setting with familiar people around. We need to get 'in cinque' and get to know our neighbors where ever we are and help reduce the crime rate.

### City prepares to handle U.S. citizens evacuated from Lebanon

The City of Lubbock is organizing and preparing to accommodate up to 1000 American citizens evacuated from the country of Lebanon. Today, the FEMA Operation Center in Washington, D.C. notified Texas Emergency Operations Coordinator Chief Jack Colley that Texas can expect up to 10,000 evacuees. Lubbock is one of several cities across the state that was asked to prepare accommodations.

The City of Lubbock has scheduled an emergency City Council meeting for 2 p.m. Thursday at the Municipal Building, 1625 13th Street in the Council Chambers. The City of Lubbock is coordinating response efforts with state, county, and area officials. The City continues to gather information, but currently understands that these U.S. citizens will be in town for a brief stay while transportation plans

are made to get these fellow citizens home to their family and friends.

The City does not know if or when these evacuees could arrive. Again, City of Lubbock staff are organizing and preparing accommodations for any evacuees who may be sent to Lubbock.

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## Landrieu legislation to help small businesses recover and compete

*Bills improve SBA disaster preparedness and promote export opportunities for small businesses.*

WASHINGTON — United States Senator Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., Friday introduced two bills to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, on which she sits, that will better prepare the Small Business Administration (SBA) for future disasters and will assist small businesses in exporting products overseas. Both bills were cosponsored by Sens. John Kerry, D-Mass., Evan Bayh, D-Ind., and Mark Pryor, D-Ark.

The Small Business Disaster Recovery Assistance Improvements Act of 2006 (S. 3664) will ensure that the SBA is better prepared for future disasters by giving the agency the ability to provide bridge loans or grants, in addition to expedited disaster loans, to major employers or businesses vital to recovery efforts. It also helps improve SBA loan disbursement during future disasters by raising the loan caps on disaster loans from \$1.5 million to \$2.25 million for business loans, from \$40,000 to \$50,000 on personal property homeowner loans, and

from \$200,000 to \$250,000 on real property homeowner loans. The bill provides for increased SBA accountability and preparedness via monthly reports and increased disaster preparedness staff, among additional provisions.

"This bill will provide essential tools, including bridge loans, to make the SBA more proactive, flexible and efficient during future disasters," Sen. Landrieu said. "It will ensure that the Small Business Administration is better prepared and more responsive to the needs of Louisiana and its hardworking small business owners in the event of another disaster."

The Small Business International Trade Enhancements Act of 2006 (S. 3663) fills a void by creating a Gulf Coast International Finance Specialist to help small businesses impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita with export financing. Currently there is no individual dedicated to helping the economic recovery of the Gulf Coast, a critical commerce center. This Gulf Coast Finance Specialist would have responsibility for the impacted states of Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana. In addition

to assisting Gulf Coast businesses, the legislation also helps small businesses nationwide with their export and trade operations by setting a floor on the number of International Finance Specialists to help continue downsizing of this vital program. At a cost of less than \$2 million per year, this small group of specialists has obtained \$1.5 billion for more than \$10 billion in U.S. exports since 1999. Yet, the current number of specialists currently sits at only 15 — the lowest level ever for the program.

The bill also makes the SBA International Trade Loan program more user-friendly for lenders and borrowers by raising the loan cap to \$3.67 million and the guarantee amount to \$2.75 million, while also bringing collateral aid refinancing requirements in line with the regular SBA 7(a) program.

"This legislation will help our exporters in Louisiana and the Gulf Coast recover while giving small businesses nationwide more options when seeking export financing," Sen. Landrieu said. "It is an important first step, not just for exporters on the Gulf Coast, but also for small businesses nationwide looking to

open markets overseas for American products."

"Gulf Coast small businesses shouldn't be at the mercy of export assistance three states away. As an essential export hub that drives our nation's economy, the Gulf Coast needs a small business trade specialist who can focus on their unique needs and work towards the region's long-term recovery," said Sen. Kerry, Ranking Member of the Small Business Committee. "I applaud Senator Landrieu for her leadership on this critical issue to help expand the Gulf Coast's international competitive edge and look forward to working with her to make this proposal law."

Senator Landrieu will be offering provisions from both bills as amendments during the Senate Small Business Committee SBA reauthorization markup Thursday, July 20.

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### Petting Zoo at the Lubbock Public Library

The Lubbock Public Library will host a petting zoo for children of all ages. Dates and locations are:

Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, Tuesday, July 18, 10 a.m. to Noon; Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, Wednesday, July 19, 10 a.m. to Noon; Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, Thursday, July 20, 10 a.m. to Noon.

This program is free and will be held outdoors. Visit the library's website at [www.lubbocklibrary.com](http://www.lubbocklibrary.com) to see a complete list of summer activities. Don't forget to sign up for the summer reading program at any of our four locations and receive prizes for reading! For more information, please call 775-2838.

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The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, will host a special "Murder Mystery Café" for teens (middle school and up) on Thursday, July 20 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join us for dinner and become detectives in a real-life "whodunit." This free program begins promptly at 5:30. No one will be admitted into the library after 6 p.m. For more information, call the library at 792-6566.

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14. Ancient Greece marketplace
15. Pointing finger
16. Keanu Reeves in "The Matrix"
17. It contained this classic line, "Mrs. Robinson, you're trying to seduce me"
19. \_\_\_ Man of "The Wizard of Oz"
20. \_\_\_-been
21. Wraths
22. Practicing
24. Acorn producer
25. "Buddenbrooks" author
27. 1961 Natalie Wood movie
33. Arguments
34. Sinister side in "Star Wars"
35. Top of a building
37. Something that has been previously mentioned
38. Common hops
39. MacLachlan of "Twin Peaks" TV show and movie
40. Volcano in Sicily
41. Sinbad's savior hybrid pl.
42. Roof defect
43. "When \_\_\_", 1939 movie classic
46. Furby's ex-boyfriend, pl.
47. Roman goddess of fertility
48. Water eroded limestone landscape
51. Jack Nicholson was transformed into a werewolf in this 1994 flick
53. Caribbean, e.g.
56. Friend from Paris
57. Bette Davis' 6-time Oscar winning movie
61. Lower and raise head
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10. Instruction to exit off stage
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12. A horse control
13. Famous King who first appeared in movies in 1933
14. Plural of 11 Across
15. Underwater breathing device, pl.
16. Former East Germany currency, pl.
17. Simplest
18. Inquires
19. W in formula  $A = lw$
20. Helen in Russian
21. "Kick the bucket" and "apples and oranges," e.g.
22. Waitz or jig, e.g.
23. Monarch's blood, adj.
24. Yolk-like
25. Black one means formal attire
26. SNL star, screenwriter and film actress, Tina
27. \_\_\_ Mawr College, PA
28. Quantity held in the lap, pl.
29. Slow the growth of
30. Harrison Ford's most famous role
31. Citizen from 1941 classic movie
32. In a frenzy
33. Amusement park machine
34. Ocean movement
35. Conform
36. Fastened with stitches
37. "\_\_\_-steven"
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