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## George Scott Scholarship Luncheon set for Saturday at Lubbock Country Club

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### 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
- Hug 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 Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1503 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association "Tuck Supper" meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Park Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chattman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Lee J. Elementary Cafeteria.

There's no doubt about it, history will be made Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Lubbock Country Club at noon when a luncheon will be held in honor of the late George Scott, Jr. The Honorable and Mrs. Kent Hance have invited citizens to attend this luncheon recognizing the establishment of a scholarship endowment in honor of George Scott, Jr.

At one time, Blacks were not allowed to enroll in Texas Tech University, but this weekend, history will be made with this scholarship endowment.

It was early January 1974 when Scott invited Kent Hance to a meeting at his home in East Lubbock, 1801 East 26th Street. Kent and George had been friends for many years while both were employed at Texas Tech



Kent Hance

University. George had asked Kent to come speak to the African-American Leadership prior to the week he would seek the office of

the 28th Senatorial District of Texas. Among those citizens present were T. J. Patterson, Eddie F. Richardson, Ed and Alma Rainwater, Rose Wilson, Ed Deo, and many others. The meeting lasted almost two hours, but the group came away united in support of Kent Hance for the 28th Senatorial District of Texas.

One of the appealing facts about Hance was the fact while he was a student in high school, 1957 through 1961 in Dimmitt, Texas, he played sports with and had become best friends with Junior Coffey, one of the first African-Americans allowed to participate in integrated sports in the State of Texas.

In 1980, the Fair Housing Act was presented before the U. S. Congress. It passed by a vote of



George Scott, Jr.

209 to 208. Kent Hance was one of the 209 votes for the fair housing standards, which have been so important for the African-American community. In the last

several years, the East Lubbock Community has seen Kent Hance and his son, Ron Hance, invest millions of dollars in East Lubbock as developers in tax-credit housing development.

At the luncheon this Saturday, Kent Hance will announce a Presidential Scholarship for African-American students from Lubbock County. It will be known as the "George Scott Scholarship" and the selection committee will consist of African-American leaders and Texas Tech University officials.

Kent Hance stated, "George Scott was one of the greatest men I have ever known. The scholarship is a small tribute to a big man who was loved and respected by all who crossed paths with him."

## Congresswoman in Capitol fight apologizes



McKinney

With a grand jury investigating and little support from House colleagues, Rep. Cynthia McKinney, reversed course and apologized last Thursday for an altercation in which she entered a Capitol building unrecognized, refused to stop when asked by a police officer and then hit him.

"I am sorry that this misunderstanding happened at all and I regret its escalation, and I apologize," McKinney, D-Ga., said during a brief appearance on the House floor. "There should not have been any physical contact in this incident."

The grand jury investigation into whether to seek assault or other charges was continuing. It was unclear what impact McKinney's apology might have.

Her remarks came as two House officials who witnessed the March 29 scuffle prepared to answer subpoenas from the federal grand jury convened by U.S. Attorney Kenneth Wainstein. A day earlier, McKinney was shunned by several colleagues on the House floor, while the leaders of her party openly rejected her explanation that she was acting in self defense when she hit the offi-

cer. The night before the apology, members of the Congressional Black Caucus urged McKinney in a private meeting to find a way to put the matter to rest, said a person familiar with the session.

What McKinney called a "misunderstanding" on Thursday she had labeled "racial profiling" and "inappropriate touching" a day earlier. For nearly a week, she and her lawyers had insisted she had been assaulted and had done nothing wrong. She is black and the police officer is white.

McKinney, 51, has a history of confrontations with officers.

In this case, she entered a House office building without passing through the metal detector that screens visitors. Members of Congress are permitted to bypass the machines, but she was not wearing the pin that identified her as a House member at the time.

The officer, whose name has not been made public, has said he asked McKinney three times to step. She did not.

Terrance Gainer, outgoing chief of the Capitol Police, has said the officer placed a hand on McKinney and she responded by

hitting him. He said McKinney's race was not a factor.

Even as McKinney tried to put the incident behind her, a new scuffle occurred Thursday outside the Capitol between a man apparently protecting her and a reporter who asked the congresswoman whether she'd spoken to the grand jury.

"I'll put your ass in jail the next time you push me," the man told Cox Broadcasting correspondent Scott MacFarlane in video posted on WSB-TV's Web site.

McKinney's office refused to identify the man with her, but her spokesman, Coz Carson, said he is a "perfectly legitimate part-time employee" who works in her office and is on the House payroll. Carson said the man is 66 years old and was shoved by the reporter.

The March 29 incident has embarrassed Democrats, including fellow members of the Congressional Black Caucus, none of whom has publicly defended her behavior.

The caucus' public silence stands in contrast to its investigations of past altercations between the U.S. Capitol Police and lawmakers.

One such probe occurred in 1990, when the caucus investigated whether Rep. Mickey Edwards, R-Okla. poked a black female Capitol Police officer and shouted curses at her after she denied entrance to an Edwards staffer who did not have a House identification card with her.

A year later, the caucus investigated an incident in which a Capitol Police officer allegedly denied Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, entrance to the garage of a House office building because the officer did not believe Stokes was a member.

Republicans initially responded to the McKinney incident by advancing legislation to commend the Capitol Police for their professionalism.

The two House aides who saw the March 29 confrontation and were subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury are Lisa Subrize, executive assistant to Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (news, bio, voting record), R-Mich., and Troy Phillips, senior legislative assistant to Rep. Sam Farr (news, bio, voting record), D-Calif.

Bob Jackson, a spokesman for McCotter, said Subrize saw the

confrontation and immediately filled out a form for the Capitol Police describing what she saw.

A spokeswoman for Farr declined comment.

Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who on Tuesday abandoned his re-election bid under a cloud of ethics charges, weighed in on Wednesday, saying McKinney "is a racist."

"She has a long history of racism," the Texas Republican said on Fox News Channel. "Everything is racism with her. This is incredible arrogance that sometimes hits these members of Congress, but especially Cynthia McKinney."

On Wednesday, McKinney had charged anew that racism was behind what she said was a pattern of difficulty in clearing Hill security checkpoints, arguing that officers assigned to protect Congress members should recognize her, even without her congressional pin.

"This has become much ado about hairdo," she said on multiple television interviews. She recently dropped her trademark cornrows in favor of loose curls.

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## 29th Annual Ladies Day Lectureships

The 29th Annual Ladies Day Lectureship has been set for ladies at Twentieth & Birch Street

Christ of Christ on Saturday morning, April 29, 2006. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 9:00 a.m. This year's theme is: "The Role of The

Christian Woman In The Business World." Acts 16:14 and Romans 16:1.

Guest speakers will be Cecilia Jones, a member of Sunset Church of Christ of Lubbock, and Sabrina Smith, who attends the Greenville Avenue Church of Christ in

Richardson. Lottie Harper is chairperson, and Lavoyne Wortly is co-chairperson.

The public is also invited to attend the 25th Annual "Sing-a-long" on Saturday evening, April 29th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Both events are open to the public, and all will be looking forward to seeing as many as possible.

## City Elections coming up! Don't forget to vote!

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

The Senior Usher Board Service of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fir Avenue, will sponsor a program which will be called "Order In The House!" The topic for discussion will be: "To Everything There Is A Time And A Season." Acts 2:1-2.

Mother H. Fleming is the conductor. The topic speaker will be Sister R. Sampson. Characters of the special skit are: Ushers: Sister Bobbie Harris and Sister Faye Parker; Acting Minister, Brother Jerrell; "I'm here, but I'm bored", Brother C. Newton; "Child who sleeps on the pew," Brother J. Hunter; "The distracting worshipper," Sister L. Hightower; and "The Prayerful worshipper," Sister S. Barnett.

Supt. W. David Haynes, pastor, will give Words of Exhortation.

The 80th Church Anniversary of the New Hope Baptist Church was held Sunday morning, April 16, 2006, at 10:45 a.m. The theme for the celebration was "We Will Trust The Word Of God For Victory." Isaiah 40:1-8.

Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, delivered a dynamic anniversary sermon. His subject was "A God Who Will Still Roll

Stones Away!" His scripture text was Isaiah 8:18. In his sermon, Pastor Moton reminded those in attendance stones represent burdens. "Some are heavy. Some can kill. They can even stand in your way. They, too, can keep you from Jesus," said Pastor Moton.

He continued by reminding those in attendance, "The love of Jesus will roll stones away. Jesus showed his love by dying for all of us."

A special welcome was given by Sister Mattie Beaty. Brother R. J. Givens gave an occasion which reminded those present why here was such an occasion.

Looking back over the years in reference to the history of the New Hope Baptist Church, the following are the names of the pastors since the beginning: Rev. G. H. Washington, first pastor of New Hope; Rev. E. C. Wade, Rev. E. W. Criglar, Rev. S. M. Meters, Jr., Rev. Al. L. Dunn, who served for 29 years; Rev. S. C. Nash, and Rev. B. R. Moton, present pastor.

There have been seven pastors of the New Hope Baptist Church. In the beginning, it was called the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, and was organized in 1927. The building

moved from 18th Street to Avenue B, and is presently location since 1929.

The Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday afternoon, April 23, 2006, at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fir Avenue, where the host pastor is Supt. W. David Haynes. Services will begin at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Sister Bennie Sims is president.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in citizens. At this report, Brother Eddie P. Richardson is recuperating from his leg injury in University Medical Center, room 362, where he is undergoing rehab treatment. Brother Eric Strong, executive director of Upward Bound, is at home recuperating from a recent surgery. At this report, he is doing nicely.

There are those who have lost loved ones this week. Among them include the family of Sister Florence Mae Collins, a longtime resident, who passed away here Thursday, April 13, 2006, at Bender Terrace Nursing Home. Her funeral services were held Tuesday morning, April 18, 2006, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

## In Remembrance

**Florence Mae Collins**  
Funeral services for a longtime resident, Florence Mae Collins, were held Tuesday morning, April 18, 2006, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H.



Collins

Ford, pastor, officiating. Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock in charge of arrangements.

At the age of 95, she passed away Thursday, April 13, 2006, at the Bender Terrace Nursing Home of Lubbock.

## SPC hosts annual Big Band Dance

The 16th annual Big Band Dance will be held April 29 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm in the South Plains College Sundown Room in the Student Activities Building on the Levelland campus. Admission is \$6 per person and light refreshments will be served.

The music will be provided by the South Plains Dance Orchestra under the direction of Jon Johnson, SPC chairperson of the fine arts department. The orchestra will also be accompanied by the SPC Jazz Band. The 18-piece orchestra will perform music from the 1940's and 50's.

"Anyone that enjoyed dancing or listening to classics by Glen

Harold, Harry James or Artie Shaw should definitely attend this event," said Fred Harris, co-host of the event and retired SPC employee. "It will be a blast from the past and it truly is one of a kind for this area. No where else on the South Plains will you find a place offering ballroom and swing dancing opportunities to a live band such as this," he added.

The attire is Sunday best or business. All money will benefit the Wilburn and Helen Wheeler Band Scholarship and the Fred and Betty Harris Music Scholarship. For more information, contact 806-894-9611, extension 2260 or 806-894-3571.

## Applications being accepted for national basketball camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Top All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The

camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10 through 19 are eligible to apply.

Past participants include: Michael Jeruan, Dim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, and Antawn Jamison.

Players from 50 states and 18 foreign countries attended the 2005 camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team.

Camp locations include: Commerce, TX, Prescott, AZ, Thousand Oaks, CA, Sterling, CO, Bridgeport, CT, Babson Park, FL, Gainesville, GA, Champaign, IL, North Manchester, IN, Towson, MD, Ypsilanti, MI, Glassboro, NJ, Schenectady, NY, Hickory, N. Leban, TN, Blacksburg, Va., Lyndonville, VT, and Beloit, WI.

For a free brochure call (704) 373-0873 anytime.

## Join your neighbors for a tribute to Griffin Mortuary

THE WELCOME MAT HAS BEEN LAID. The East Lubbock community is giving Griffin Mortuary, a spectacular evening out, a celebration of appreciations. Honoring the business for its first two years of immaculate service to the community. A service the Griffin Family has generously provided with compassion, dignity and style. Please come and be apart of this special occasion, as the community pay tribute.

You can expect great entertainment, laughter, good food, good people and a extremely good time!

For more information, call Shirley Robertson at 806-773-6097

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## Community Resource Center offers education

The staff at The Community Resource Center at Covenant Health System believes patient education is an important factor in obtaining excellent health. The Community Resource Center is located at the corner of Louisville and 21st Street, 6th floor, west parking garage.

Educational programs, support group information, research, support and access to Kravets or Demand and Healthnet are also provided through The Community Resource

Center. The service is free to all patients, family members and community and is available Monday through Friday, 7am-4pm.

"We believe patient education is one of the keys to patient recovery and good health," said Terrie Krueger, The Community Resource Center Coordinator. "That is why we established the Community Resource Center."

For more information, call Terrie at (806) 725-0633.

## Cotton Kings get needed support from David Miller

Lubbock's mayoral candidate, David Miller, is scheduled to visit with the Cotton Kings' Booster Club on Tuesday evening, April 25th. The meeting begins at 7pm and will be held in the meeting rooms of River Smiths restaurant at 4th Street and Ave. Q. All community members are invited, and the meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend and is interested in David Miller's views on hockey and the City of Lubbock. Membership not required to attend. Members of the team and Cotton Kings' staff may also be present at the meeting.

The booster club's board received a message from David Miller regarding the upcoming meeting.

Thank you for the emails received via my campaign website (davidmillerformayor.com) and for the postings on the Kings Court website. I appreciate your encouragement and look forward to working with you to keep professional hockey in Lubbock.

Meanwhile, you should know that I am committed to keeping the Kings in Lubbock. Not only does the team provide entertainment for a broad base of fans and bring economic development to Lubbock (spelled jobs), losing the team would send a signal that Lubbock is not ready to attract and keep other professional sports teams. Having had a son who played professional baseball (Matt Miller, former Tech and Detroit Tiger pitcher), I know

how much a professional team means to a city and its fans and its image outside the city.

In addition, my campaign manager is Linda Greenstreet, mother-in-law of Cotton King's assistant captain Bobby Brown. She has jokingly said that she will quit the campaign if I don't pledge my support to the Kings! I do take this topic seriously and look forward to working with you as your mayor to improve our situation with the team.

I appreciate your support of my campaign and hope I can serve you for the next few years as mayor. Thank you for all you do for Lubbock to move it closer to being the model city for America. Best regards-DM

David A. Miller  
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## Who is this former Panther Football Sweetheart?

How many of you can identify this former Dunbar Panther Football Sweetheart from 1954? If you don't know, it is the beautiful Bobbie Bailey.

After years of working in the Lubbock Public Schools System she is now retired and living a life of leisure.

Be sure and tell Bobbie Bailey-Patterson that you saw her photo in the Southwest Digest!

Don't forget to attend the Dunbar all-class reunion in July!

**2006 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION PRESENTS**

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Saturday, May 6, 2006 - 3pm-5pm

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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus America, how low can you go?

Written by Evang. Jett Pilly, B.A., Morrison, Ill. • Your brother in Christ, Jesus always.

**Deuteronomy 6:16a-17a** – When the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land, and houses full of good things, which thou fillest not, and wells digged, which thou diggest not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou planteest not. When thou shalt have eaten and be full, then beware lest thou forget the Lord.

Lord, you kept keeping your promise you made with our forefathers. They tried to keep your ways, but today's people don't even bother!!!

**Romans 1:21-22** – Because that when they (The Christians) knew God, they glorified him not as God. Neither were thankful, but became vain (Dreamers) in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

\*\*\* We Forgot To Remember Not To Forget \*\*\*

Lord, you gave us America, the most blessed land in the world. She is the world's worst. Look at our men, women, boys

and girls.  
**Leviticus 19:29** – The Lord said, do not prostitute your daughter to cause her to be a whore. Lest the land becomes full of wickedness.

Lord, the people worship the Devil, the idols, the statues of man have made. No one worships you, because the Devil has made them his slave.

**Isaiah 2:8** – The Lord said, this land is full of idols. They worship the works of their hands, that which their own fingers have made.

Lord, America has left you, and has gone whoring after gods. They wanted to do it their own way, and not follow the true God.

**Exodus 24:14-15** – The Lord said, for thou shalt worship no other god, for the Lord whom name is a jealous God, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one shall thee and thou eat of his sacrifice.

\*\*\* America Is Robbing God!!! \*\*\*

Lord, now we are in trouble

as any man can see. This country is now falling. Only you know when it's to be.

**Galath 6:7** – Ye are not deceived. God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

(A. Annie teaches: You can take a bucket of coal to the field to plant. But when you reap it, you will need a pickup truck to bring it in. You always reap more than you sowed!!!)

Lord, no county can beat America, but her sins will make her die. Like Cancer taking over the body, she (America) is dying from the inside.

**Micah 7:2** – The Lord said, the good man is perished out of the earth, and there is none upright among men. They all lie and wait for blood. They hunt every man his brother with net that they may do evil with both hands earnestly. The prince (President) asketh, and the judge ask for a reward, and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire, so they wrap it up.



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith The proof is in the pudding

The timorous uncertain agitation with the political tactics of former U. S. House majority leader, Tom DeLay has been expressed a great number of times by this writer. Mr. DeLay's political cruel agenda of increasing Republican representation will adversely affect West Texas. One must take note of the phrase "two heads are better than one - even if one is a goat head!"

The rendering of West Texas to a single U. S. Representative in the area that once included Lubbock, Midland and Abilene into a new package will someday come back to haunt all of us. The irony of this is a vast number of West Texan were so GOP partisan and hooked on a man who played well the role of a conservative Christian they failed to look into the future. My thought is communities need to recognize bi-partisanship to maintain economic stability in America. For example, in fiscal year 2004 a Consolidated Federal Funds Reported that Lubbock County received a total of \$1,268,802,524.00.

Example: of how this billion plus dollars were used to help individual are: food stamps, \$28,729,522.00; Federal Pell Grant

Program \$17,922,838.00; Medicare hospital insurance, \$179,279,190.00; Medicare-supplementary medical insurance, \$118,468,316.00; burial expenses allowance for veterans, \$20,327.00; post-Vietnam area veterans' educational assistance, \$1,346.00. An example of payments other than individuals are: production flexibility payments for contract commodities \$15,254,413.00; conservation reserve program \$1,814,419.00 and crop insurance \$12,038,365.00. Could you imagine how this money could dry up if there was not political balance!

Dave McNeely, a former political columnist for the Austin American-Statesman, mirrors my thinking, when he wrote the following: "the bigger they are, the harder they fall." DeLay had built a power machine in Washington, demonstrating that his well earned nickname of "The Hammer" could be used to make not only the lobbying firms of K Street toe his line, but also his party members, to whom he funnel campaign cash and other perks. "Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely ...

While wrapping himself in a Christian cloak and sporting party names, DeLay was also the kingpin in a money machine that among other things, sent him on postal trips paid for lobbyists, and channeled hundreds of dollars to his own family ... He has well over a million dollars in campaign fund. He could choose to spend that in what even he began to realize could be a losing campaign. Or, he could carry that money with him out of office, and spend it on legal fees, on travel to promote causes, or to give to other politicians - to curry favor for whatever his next move may be. He leaves a legacy: he was the major catalyst in bringing to the once unequally bipartisan Texas Legislature the type of party division that he had hammered into place in Washington.

All of us should be mindful of who we give our vote to represent us in any level of government. It appears that those who claim to be devout Christians are the one we all must watch. These creatures of darkness play the game of their master (Satan) well by playing angels of light. We must be forever mindful that "the proof is in the pudding."

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, last Sunday morning, April 16, 2006. Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

It all began with Sunday School at 10:15 a. m. with a dedicated church worker, Sister Luella Harris, Superintendent, in charge. The morning Sunday School lesson was entitled "From Death To Life." It was taught by Sister Harris and was reviewed by Pastor Canady. It

was a most inspiring lesson. The morning worship services began at 11:15 a. m. with the morning devotion led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sang out of their hearts and souls on Resurrection Day. What a time!

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Looking For The Doctor." His scripture text was St.

Luke 23:46. It was a wonderful message.

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Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. As it is always reported, there are those who are shut-in today and tomorrow it could be one of us.

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Thought For The Week:  
"When you're in the wrong place, God always has the right answer."

## Junior League hosts Kids in the Kitchen

The Junior League of Lubbock will host its first Kids in the Kitchen program April 29 in the Arnett Room, on the sixth floor of Covenant Lakeside, 4000 24th St. There will be two chances during the day to participate in the events, beginning at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Both sessions will include two interactive cooking demonstra-

tions performed by Shelley Phillip, R.D., L.D., outpatient dietitian at the LifeStyle Centre at Covenant Health System, for parents and children to participate in together. There will also be information presented about portion control and label reading, as well as a food IQ test about healthy snacks and free prizes.

"We want the kids to have fun

with this hands-on experience, instead of just watching me cook," Phillip said. "Whether it is snacks or meals, it will be a great way to increase awareness of cooking together as a family."

Free parking will be available and an R.S.V.P. is required to 1-866-4COVENANT (1-866-426-8362). For more information, visit www.kidsinthekitchen.jfli.org.

## Make a difference by hosting an exchange student

World Heritage, a public benefit organization, is seeking local families to host high school students from France, Germany, Thailand, Japan, Russia, China, Switzerland, Denmark and Italy. Students are already awaiting word on their host family for the 2006-2007 academic school year. Host families provide room, board, and guidance for a teenager living thousands of miles from

home. Students are well screened and are selected based on academic performance, English proficiency, teacher recommendations, and personal interviews. Couples, single parents, and families with or without children at home, who are adventurous, fun loving, responsible, and most of all caring, are all encouraged to apply. The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly

before school begins in fall. Each student is fully insured, brings their own personal spending money and expects to bear their share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles.

For more information, call Tony Bako at 1-800-888-9040 or visit our website at www.worldheritage.org

## Lubbock announces 2006 Junior Ambassador Goodwill Program

The City of Lubbock is proud to announce the 2006 Junior Ambassadors. The mission of the Junior Ambassador program is to foster the development of friendship, understanding, and education through International Ambassador Exchange. The Junior Ambassador Program provides a unique opportunity for junior high students to learn firsthand about the Japanese culture. Sixteen students have been selected to participate in this unique educational program, representing four area school districts. Each of the students has excellent leadership skills and will be an outstanding representative of our great city as we travel to Musashino City, Japan. The following students have been selected: Brittanni Johnson, Russ Douglass, Sarah Ryburn, Avalon Tissue, Cody Hendrix, Benjamin Hernandez (O.L. Slaton Jr. High), Jackson Kennedy, Jordan Smith (Evans Jr. High), LecAnn Aguas, Michael Adams, Jordan

McGregor, Mari Wilcox (Irons Jr. High), Tanner Saunders (Levelland Jr. High), Tomas Gatica (Slaton Jr. High), and Sam Taylor (Shallowater Jr. High).

The Junior Ambassadors meet weekly to learn about the Japanese language, culture, and customs. Meetings provide students a chance to become familiar with each other, as well as to prepare for their upcoming journey. The Junior Ambassadors travel to Musashino, Japan in June for eight days and will stay with Japanese host families. This once in a lifetime opportunity will enrich the Ambassadors' understanding of the social, political, and economic aspects of Japan and will increase their global competitiveness in the job market of the 21st-Century.

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The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast always enjoy discussing the word when ever they assemble. God is so good, and we are just thankful for all the good things he does for each of us. Hope you feel the same as we do about our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here are a few comments on a subject: "Christ's Promise to Return Gives Us Hope." 1 Thessalonians 4:13; 5:2.

"And now, brothers and sisters, I want you to know what will happen to the Christians who have died so you will not be full of sorrow like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus comes, God will bring back with Jesus all the Christians who have died."

"I can tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not rise to meet him ahead of those who are in their graves. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the call of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, all the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and remain with him forever. So comfort and encourage each other with these words.

"I really don't need to write to you about how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters. For you know quite well that the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night."

### Something To Think About:

The death of a loved one is one of the greatest causes of sorrow that a person can experience. Yet, as the apostle Paul reminds us here, Christians need not be overcome with sorrow at the death of our loved ones. For we know that one day we will see them again. A day is coming, Paul says, when Christ will appear in the sky along with all his followers who have died. When that happens, the followers of Christ who are still living will rise up and join them in the air. It will be a time of reunion and victory for all believers. While the passing of loved ones will always contain a certain amount of sadness, this great promise should fill believers with an undercurrent of hope even in the midst of sorrow.

Let us not forget those who are sick and shut-in. Remember God is able, no matter the situation one may be in at any given time.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Our prayers go out to the little children of our community who have not been introduced to the teachings of God.

Don't forget your drive by prayers as you drive from your home to your work station which may include your church, our schools and the many businesses in our community. Prayer changes things. If you don't believe it, just try it. God is able!

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Yours in Christ,  
Members of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, J.H. Ford, Pastor, and Sisters Venessa Carter and Mish Manahan, Chairpersons

# Race and gender may play a role in survival for preemies

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (PRNewswire) - Extremely premature baby girls, especially those who are African American, are much more likely to survive than extremely premature white boys, according to research published in the January issue of Pediatrics.

Although the findings are consistent with past research, no one knows exactly what role race and gender play in the survival of the premature babies born at the current limits of survival (less than 28 weeks gestation) with extremely low birthweight (ELBW), said the March of Dimes in commenting on the report.

"We need to understand what gives African-American baby girls a better chance of survival at the earliest extreme of viability. If we can understand the differences in genet-

ic or other influences during gestation between African-American girls and white boys, maybe we can improve outcomes for all premature babies, regardless of their race or gender," said Nancy Greer, MD, medical director of the March of Dimes. "That's why the March of Dimes continues to support research on the causes of prematurity."

Additional time in the womb can improve the chances of survival for all premature babies, regardless of race or gender, Dr. Greer said. The study in Pediatrics found that for extremely premature infants, as gestational age and birth weight increase, so did the chances of survival.

Some 12.5 percent of all babies — about 508,000 — were born prematurely in 2004, according to the latest government statistics. About

1 percent of these babies are considered ELBW.

In this study, 11 percent of babies born at 22 weeks gestation or less survived, compared to 27 percent at 23 weeks gestation. Survival rates reached 85 percent at 28 weeks gestation. Also, about 60 percent of the ELBW babies, those that weighed two pounds or less, survived.

The study also found that extremely premature baby girls were 1.7 times more likely to survive than baby boys. However, African-American baby girls were 2.1 times as likely to survive as white boys. The study only reported on infant mortality. Quality of life or other outcomes, such as complications of the developing brain or lungs, were not assessed.

The study, led by Steven B.

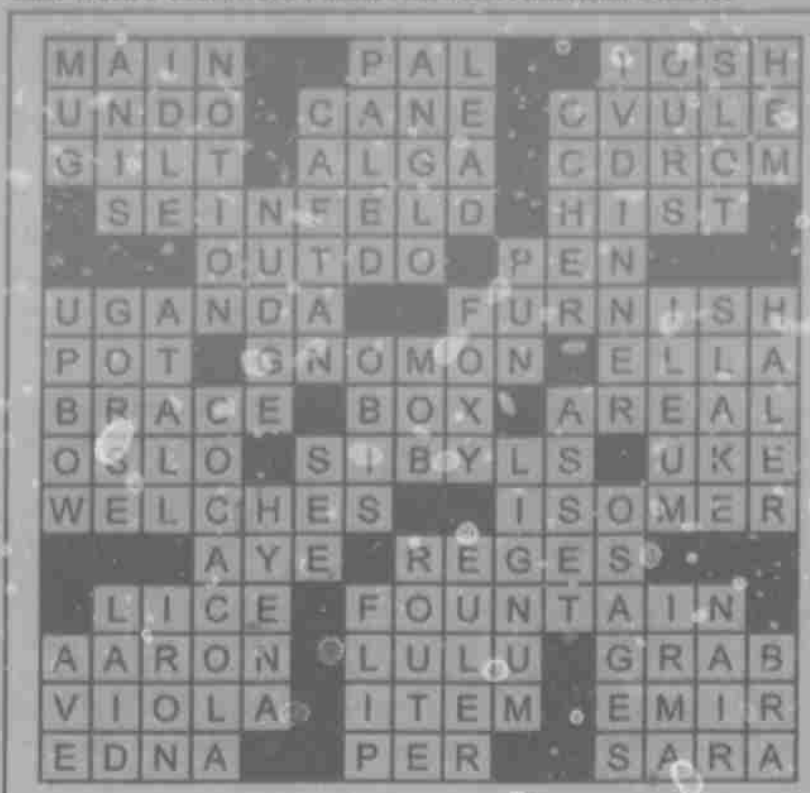
Morse, MD, MPH, of the University of Florida, looked at the one-year survival rate of 5,076 ELBW babies born in Florida between 1996 and 2000. "Racial and Gender Differences in the Viability of Extremely Low Birth Weight Infants: A Population-Based Study," appeared in the January issue of Pediatrics, volume 117, number 1.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies and in 2003 launched a campaign to address the increasing rate of premature birth.

For more information, visit the March of Dimes Web site at [www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com) or its Spanish language Web site at [www.nacemano.org](http://www.nacemano.org).

For additional national, state, county and city level statistics related to perinatal health, visit March of Dimes PeriStats at [www.marchofdimes.com/perstats](http://www.marchofdimes.com/perstats).

Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers: American Classics



# Nature vs. nurture: The raising of a young genius

By Fred Beauford

Whenever extraordinary talent surfaces at a very young age, the old debate between nature vs nurture, also often surfaces. Was it just good genes? and was this person just born gifted? Or were there some other set of circumstances, like a wise, insightful teacher, or their being born filthy rich, with them and their family well-connected, and plugged into a system which is set up to reward them first with all the good things life has to offer.

Or, maybe just loving, caring, encouraging parents—some rich, some poor, and some who are just float close to both groups—gently pushing, and guiding their offspring in the right direction.

Sam and Sonja Jeremiah could certainly answer some of these questions easily. They can barely contain themselves these days. And for good reason. Morton Books, Inc. has just released their 14-year-old son, Omari's latest work, *Paperboy Three: The School of Doom*, the third book in the wildly popular Paperboy series.

In the process, young Omari has become a nationally celebrated, best selling author. Not bad for a black, immigrant family from the Bronx.

Sam Jeremiah said that his son started writing at age three or four, strongly suggesting nature at work. "Nothing much," Sam said "just little short stories, nothing too involving."

It didn't hurt the budding young writer that both of his parents were school teachers, and had a very impressive pedigree, and were well trained to spot talent in youngsters. Samuel Jeremiah was born in the country of Antigua in the West Indies. He attended High School in Antigua and then went to the University of the West Indies (UWI) where he earned a Bachelors Degree with a double major in Chemistry and Biochemistry. He taught Chemistry in Antigua for two years then returned to UWI where he completed a Post-Graduate Diploma in Food Technology. He worked in Antigua as a Food technologist before immigrating to the United States in 1981.

He worked as a Food Technologist at a Laboratory in Queens, New York before embarking on a career with the New York City Board of Education as a Math Teacher

assigned to School District 9 in the Bronx.

He attended City College of the City University of New York and earned three Masters Degrees, majoring in Science Education, Mathematics Education and Educational Administration. He also obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in Computers in Education from the New York Institute of Technology.

He has been employed at Middle School 145 in the Bronx, since 1982 as a Math teacher, computer teacher and recently as a Math Coach. In addition to these responsibilities, he has successfully prepared students for entrance into the New York City Specialized High Schools. He also works with gifted students in the Fieldston Enrichment Program. This is a specialized academic program housed at the Fieldston School in Riverdale, New York.

Sonja Jeremiah was born in the country of Barbados in the West Indies. She attended High School in Barbados and then went to Erdiston Teacher Training College where she completed an Associate Degree in Elementary Education. She taught at an Elementary School in Barbados for six years before immigrating to the United States in 1978.

Sonja worked for a few years at a bank in Manhattan then returned to college and completed her Bachelors Degree in Psychology and Early Childhood Education at Hunter College of the City University of New York. She has been employed at an Elementary School in the Bronx as a Reading Specialist from 1987 until presently.

Sonja returned to the City College of the City University of New York and earned a Masters

Degree in Early Childhood Education with an emphasis in Reading. She works in a special program which teaches young children to read.

She is happily married (26 years) to her husband, Samuel. That union has produced three children, Aquisha, Osei and Omari.

Sonja said that she noticed that at a young age her son had a knack for story telling. "Omari," she said, "used to get old comic books and cut out the figures and then he would put on a little puppet show. His little plays were quite involving. It was very interesting the way he creates his characters and the plots he built around them."

The key question then, did Omari just come to this naturally, or was there some prodding on the part of his parents?

Sonja thought for a second, and then smiled. "You know, I use to read to him while he was still in the womb. I could tell I was getting a response because I could feel him moving around and start kicking each time I started reading to him."

Mrs. Jeremiah let out a loud laugh and continued, "From the day he was born I would read to him every night. His little eyes became very attentive, not like a normal baby, and I could tell he was taking it all in."

Growing up, young Omari was surrounded by books and his parents took him to bookstores and encouraged him in his writing endeavors by taking seriously what he was doing.

As I listened to both of his proud parents talk about their son, it seemed almost inevitable that he would have his first book published at the age of twelve, and be featured in the *New York Times* as a best selling author, at the age of

thirteen.

It seems that with a little help from nature, with a strong push from nurture, anything is possible.

Fred Beauford is the best selling author of *The King of Macy's*.



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### New search engine offers "kid-safe" internet searches

(St. Petersburg, Florida) - According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, every year one out of every five children is sexually solicited online. One of the more common incidents on the Internet involves children searching for explicit topics that send kids to pornographic Web sites. Major search engines allow unfiltered results that can be a problem, especially if kids are doing the searching. Even the Bush administration is trying to pass an Internet child protection law to stop pornographic Web sites from showing up on computers that children are using.

Now a new search engine called RedZee.com has a solution to this problem. RedZee.com filters out pornographic results while delivering relevant searches. RedZee.com offers fast, clean search results that are targeted correctly to what web user are seeking. Searches for pornographic related words pull up no results, thereby preventing access to any unwanted sites. "We are filling the desperate need for a quality search engine that offers clean, yet still accurate results," says John Stewart of ISI Corporation, the company behind RedZee.com. "We take pride in knowing that people will count on us to help in

the struggle to clean up Internet searching as we know it." With an innovative and user-friendly interface, smart searching and neatly presented results, RedZee distinguishes itself from other metasearch engines. RedZee's intuitive, one-click search interface makes web searching and navigation much easier and faster. With useful options cleverly arranged in a menu-bar appearing at the top of the page, visitors can choose the interface language, text-size, font-type, page outlook to their taste or set other options like keyword-highlighting, family-filter listing style and other popular settings.

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### Local Kiwanis Club sponsors Book Fair

The Kiwanis Club of Hub City will sponsor a "Book Fair" Saturday, April 22, 2006, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the

Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive. There will also be storytelling, face painting and refreshments.

Parents, guardians, and children are welcome. The Kiwanis Club of Hub City is asking all to read year round!

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### Wheatley WonderCats celebrate academic success

The Institute for the Development and Enrichment of Advanced Learners (IDEAL), a Department of Texas Tech's Division of Outreach and Extended Studies, is hosting a celebration for the newly formed academic achievement club, the Wheatley WonderCats on April 28, 2006. The celebration will begin with a Physics Magic Show by Dr. David Lamp at 11:00 a.m. in Room 101 of the Mass

Communication Building followed by a luncheon in the Fraizer Pavilion and a tour of the stadium club. Mr. Eric Strong, director of Upward Bound, is scheduled to present the luncheon keynote speakers. The Wheatley WonderCats honors high achieving students through recognition assemblies and two special events on the Texas Tech campus. Teachers select students based on good

grades and good citizenship. Over 100 students in grades two through five will be honored annually. The event is part of the Lubbock Independent School District Partners in Education program and co-sponsored by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Center for the Integration of Science Education and Research, Office of Admissions K-10 Outreach and the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center.

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### YWCA Head Start Program taking applications

The YWCA Head Start Program is taking applications for the 2006/2007 school year on Thursday, April 27th, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1500 14th Street, go to the east side of the church on Avenue N between 13th and 14th Street and Wednesday, May 3rd, at the YWCA, 3101 35th Street, on the southwest corner of 34th Street and Flint

Avenue, go to the door on west side building. The YWCA Head Start Program is accepting these applications because a child must be age 3 by September 1, 2006. The Head Start Program is free for eligible applicants. Parents or guardians must bring in their possession a birth certificate of child, Social

Security Card, updated shot record, Medicaid card (current month), and income verification (income tax or W-2, SSI). If applicable, bring proof of TANF benefits (cash, CCS, WIA and/or Transportation Assistance).

### Volunteer Center to celebrate National Youth Service Day on Saturday

National Youth Service Day, the largest service event in the world, will be celebrated in Lubbock on April 22, 2006 from 10 am to 2 pm. The Volunteer Center of Lubbock has collaborated with Keep Lubbock Beautiful and Parkway Neighborhood Center to paint a mural and clean up a local neighborhood.

Hutchison Junior High, and Lubbock High School will also be participating. "National Youth Service Day is open to the public for individuals over 14 years old. Younger children may participate if supervised by a parent or guardian. "National Youth Service Day is not only a way for youth to come together to do something worthwhile for the community but for people in the community to see what amazing things youth can do." Erin Kainer, program director at the Volunteer Center, said. Contact Kainer at the Volunteer Center at 747-0551 with any questions. Visit [www.volunteerlubbock.org](http://www.volunteerlubbock.org) for more information.

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Not bad for a kid whose first experience with the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

Alas, the arts are dismissed as extravagant in today's schools. This, despite all the studies that show parents believe music and dance and art and drama make their children much better students and better people.

If you feel like your kids aren't getting their fair share, make some noise. To find out how, or for more information about the benefits of arts education, please visit us on the web at [AmericansForTheArts.org](http://AmericansForTheArts.org). Just like the great Louis Armstrong, all you need is a little brass.

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson



## Think About It! It's too late to stop now!

by Eddie P. Richardson

A BANK WOULD REALLY MOVE EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT believes that the establishment of a BANK OR SOME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION would really move the eastern part of Lubbock in a direction which would bring things into a more equitable posture, thus allowing this part of the city of Lubbock to compete on a positive posture. Without this kind of an infrastructure, THIS N THAT believes this area of the city, EAST LUBBOCK, will continue to remain unbalanced. What really puts this area of the city in a negative posture is the way Lubbock is developed. At one time, EAST LUBBOCK was defined as an area east of Avenue A, but today, because of the growth to the west, technically speaking, EAST LUBBOCK begins at Indiana Avenue. So with some financial institutions such as a full-service bank, things really could move to a higher ground. With the effort of the NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, much progress would be visible in this part of the city. Until this is accomplished, it will continue to be a long haul, with not much happening as it should be. Really the numbers appear to be in place. All we need are those with the abilities and interest to step forward and see things happen. THIS N THAT would like to hear from you on this. Just

look at the recent development by KENT HANCE, who has spent at least \$20,000,000 in the neighborhood for apartment housing, along with the Lubbock Housing Authority, Inc. Sure, with a bank, something would really move at a faster pace.

VERY POSITIVE COMMENTS OVER DUNBAR PANTHERS! THIS N THAT and this newspaper has received many positive comments about the photo showing the DUNBAR PANTHERS BASKETBALL TEAM, who won the State Championship in Prairie View A&M College in 1962. This was only one of the four state championships those mighty DUNBAR PANTHERS won. They also captured the state championship in the years of 1954, 1957 & 1965. As many of you may know, BLACK SCHOOLS couldn't compete in such programs as UIL. THIS N THAT would like to have those pictures of those team members printed in the SOUTHWEST DIGEST. If you have a copy or know to attain one, then please advise THIS N THAT. One thing worth noting in the photo of the 1962 team - those young men were neat and looked positive about what they had done. As the owner of the photo, RALPH HODGE said, "We traveled there and beat a pretty good team from Houston!"

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER ASKS: "How many of

YOU knew that RIGHT & WRONG can never be PARTNERS?"

JERRY LEVIAS WAS ON TARGET! THIS N THAT wants to salute the Texas Tech Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame for bringing JERRY LEVIAS as the keynote speaker at the SCHOLAR-ATHLETES AWARDS BANQUET on Monday evening. LEVIAS told some interesting stories of what he encountered, being the FIRST BLACK TO RECEIVE A FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP in the former Southwest Conference. It was tough for him, but he endured. Because of what he endured, and a football coach, HAYDEN FRY, he was able to become an outstanding athlete at Southern Methodist University. He said it was tough, but he held on because of his teachings at home and the concern of his family. There's no doubt about it. JERRY LEVIAS was on target with his comments here. Thanks, JERRY LEVIAS, for stopping by here for a short spell. Oh, by the way the Lubbock Independent school athletic director, INES PEREZ, was a teammate of LeVias at SMU. THIS N THAT is hoping more of our young people realize how difficult it has been for many people of color, but because of the efforts of men like JERRY LEVIAS, things have been easier.

Due to the hospitalization of the author, this editorial is being revised from a previous issue of the Southwest Digest.

So long has our long denied communities been overlooked, bypassed and ignored, but finally, after many, many years of struggle, begging and crying for help, along comes the North and East Lubbock Development Corporation. It is a corporation which did a massive feasibility study to find out what will work, how and why. John Hall was hired as its executive director. All of this was done after several trips to the Dallas Metroplex to observe a similar situation. He was hired to be the quarterback of this economic development team.

At the beginning, the support was great, but as time has gone by, it appears as though some support has diminished. This is what always happens when a positive project is new. The support is tremendous, but as time goes by, the support slowly fades away.

In order to be successful, one has to find a project or program and stick with it - through thick and thin - until the end. That is how and only how you will win the game. The only way to win a game, in this writer's opinion, is to just stand tall. Over the many years, we have jumped on many wagons, only to jump off before we reach the destination. You must keep on keeping on, regardless of the difficulties.

In this writer's opinion, we have apparently slowed down on the North and East Lubbock Plan. It appears as though John Hall needs our help (Citizens) and support more than ever before. There is no doubt about it; we have people in position who can help the program. We have a few people in position who could be a valuable asset to the project, but have never supported the program. Not only have they not supported this program, but nothing that was designed to move the minority or depressed communities ahead.

Too long, we have sit around on our behinds and waited for someone else to do for us what we should and could do for ourselves. For our long denied communities to become the competitive marketplaces with its goods and services, the leadership must come and should come from us within the community. This must be done with the support and help of others who want to see us become a part of the tax rolls and off the relief rolls.

In order to be an example for our young people, we have to be seen in the community in positive roles and as positive role models, such as Black plumbers, electricians, police, firemen, management, laborers, and teachers - especially males in elementary schools so our young people can see some positive male role models tolerate.

We need to re-evaluate our stan-

dards for role models. That person doesn't have to be a professional athlete, show person, musician, entertainer or any kind of a celebrity. It could be a parent, preacher, schoolteacher, community leader, janitor, street sweeper or any community person with good moral character, good citizenship. Our role model should not, must not be a pimp, dope dealer, hustler or any kind of a thug.

From a national point of view, how and why should Halliburton receive the contract for the construction of the infrastructure in Iraq, with price gouging and now it appears they will have same kind of a contract for the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast area of this country. Why? The word is they (Halliburton) have and had the contracts before the bidding begun. Is it because of the Vice President's connection? It will be interesting to see who ends up with the rebuilding contract.

Closing Thought: "Never apologize for showing feelings. When you do so, you apologize for the truth." (Benjamin Disraeli)

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Nuf Sed! Why Not!!

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



It was amazing to see how many people turned out to march and protest about the bill being passed in Congress to make it a felony for people coming into this country illegally. It was already illegal. Congress is ready to scrape the bill because of the protests. It was protest against government and religions in Europe which set the explorations and discoveries of this country into motion. America is a country of immigrants who conquered the natives and brought other conquered peoples to the shores of America to form a new government. This country is populated with

people from all over the world. Consequently, some groups are larger than others. One of the largest groups with the most illegal immigrants is the Hispanic group whose ancestors call themselves Texans and Mexicans. They feel that they are the rightful owners of the part of the United States that we call Texas because they were here first and should not have to be admitted like everyone else. There are some Hispanics who are not concerned about the immigration laws at all because they see no need to change what they have witnessed as time has gone by and thousands of illegal immigrants have entered this country. Entering this country and being a productive citizen by way of the naturalization laws and processes is the normal way one is expected to become a citizen. One is required to learn the English language and pass a test

on the U.S. Constitution. Because of these two things, many immigrants fear that this will never happen, so why bother to try the legal route when they can learn everything they need to know from friends and family. If they stay long enough before being found, they can appear to be a normal citizen. Normal citizens work and pay taxes. They can do that and send money back home to their family or save to send for their family. Who can see anything wrong with that? Citizens who feel that they could have or should have had the job which the illegal immigrant has, see quite a bit wrong with that. Employers looking for cheap labor see nothing wrong with that. Voting citizens need to get 'in cinque' and let our Congressmen know how we really feel about illegal immigrants.

## Letter to the Editor

Open letter to fellow Hispanic Americans and all people of goodwill:

For more than a year a debate over immigration divided America. Words and feelings expressed in that debate are especially important to us. All of us have friends, acquaintances, or family who entered our country without authorization. More than a few of us have stories from our grandparents who swam across the Rio Grande in the 1950's. This debate cuts close to our hearts.

Now the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives want to make felons of our relatives or friends without documentation. (A felon is a criminal who can be sentenced to serve time in prison.) An estimated twelve million people would not have a way to become citizens but would be threatened with prison.

The Republican majority want every employer to phone a Social Security office before hiring the people who pick our fruits and vegetables, pack our chicken and beef, take care of old folks and children, make beds, clean toilets, and haul mortar for bricks. The Republican majority want nearly 800 miles of fence crossing the desert and arroyos uniting Mexico and the U.S. They propose not one fence but several fences separated by a road and with sensors. It will resemble parts of the wall of the East German

Communists. Will they also propose a matching fence to divide the U.S. from Canada, which unlike Mexico, has been a source of terrorists attempting entry to the U.S.?

Let us be clear. The Republicans and their allies in the Senate, including the junior Senator from Texas, want to punish people like you and me. Either go back to Mexico or to prison. This is a policy based on fear, hate and division. Why has the majority turned its back to the President who has talked of dignity and respect for Mexican labor? We cannot say.

We can say that today is our moment to act, to express our love of American ideals and to defend family and friends. We must register to vote. We must vote. We must encourage all our friends and associates to register.

and vote for persons whose words and intentions deserve our support.

This message needs to stay at the forefront of the Hispanic community from now until kingdom come!! Will you join with us and with those organizations and groups who are informing citizens about the issues that are affecting our lives and our families? Will you double your efforts to get citizens to register and vote? Do you believe we can and we will make a difference? Have you thought about the consequences of our failure to take action? Evil thrives when good people do nothing! We are called and we are sent to go forth and do good!

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BY KEITH BRIGHT

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# Did Hurricane Katrina reveal a historic reality? Part 2

Courtesy of the Today show

Michael Eric Dyson, author of 'Come Hell or High Water,' explores the legacy of African-American suffering in the U.S. since slavery. Read an excerpt

Editor's Note: This is the second of a three-part story from NBC's Today Show. We will be running the remaining segment next week. It's been almost five months since Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast and flooded most of New Orleans. But the rebuilding efforts are slow in coming. In his new book called 'Come Hell or High Water,' Hurricane Katrina and the Color of Disaster,' author Michael Eric Dyson looks at how race may have been a factor in the response to the disaster and offers ideas for how New Orleans can return to its glory. Dyson was invited on the 'Today' show to discuss the book. Here's the second portion:



Dyson

In the aftermath of Katrina, some of the same black critics who had previously sided with Cosby suddenly decried conservative visions of the black poor that, interestingly enough, accord quite well with the comedian's views. For instance, Atlanta Journal-Constitution editorial page editor Cynthia Tucker penned a column, "Katrina Exposes Our Callous Treatment of the Poor," nearly a week after the storm struck. She began dramatically - "Here in America, the land of opportunity, we gave up on the poor more than two decades ago." She writes that under Ronald Reagan "we learned that the poor were simply too lazy to improve their prospects and their misery was their own fault." Tucker argues that we "not only gave up trying to help the poor, but we also bought the argument that trying to assist them, especially through government programs, would just make matters worse."

The right-wingers, she says, convinced us that the poor are illiterate, sick, and unemployed because of welfare, and because they choose to be. "So we turned our backs on the impoverished and turned them out, leaving them stranded in the worst neighborhoods, worst schools and the worst geography." Tucker writes that the images of the poor in the wake of Katrina shouldn't surprise us, since it is the outgrowth of a culture that has left the poor to their own devices. Tucker concludes her column with a rousing

portrayal of the insular attitudes that deny the privileges of the well-to-do, blame the poor for their ills, and sweep the plight of the poor under our collective social carpet.

In fact, it's easy for all of us who live in relative prosperity to forget that most of us are here because we had the good sense to be born to the right parents. While a few impoverished young adults can still scratch and claw their way into the mainstream, it's getting harder and harder to do so as the industrial jobs that created the great middle class are disappearing. (Why do you think so many working-class sons and daughters volunteer for the armed forces?) Income inequality is increasing in this country; the latest census shows that the number of people living in poverty is rising. Still, a few predictable voices on the far-right fringe are already thinking up ways to blame Hurricane Katrina's victims for their plight. Some are playing up the lawlessness of a few thugs; others are casting responsibility for the crisis solely on local authorities. Haven't we listened to those callous self-promoters long enough? Hurricane Katrina overwhelmed levees and exploded the conventional wisdom about a shared American prosperity, exposing a group of people so poor they didn't have \$50 for a bus ticket out of town. If we want to learn something from this disaster, the lesson ought to be: America's poor deserve better than this.

But less than a year before Tucker's heroic defense of the vulnerable, she had heartily endorsed Cosby's equally callous condemnation of the black poor. In a column entitled "Bill Cosby's Pointed Remarks May Spark Much-Needed Debate," Tucker lauded the comedian-cum-social critic for his willingness to address the black poor's "self-inflicted wounds" in his "pointedly politically incorrect" diatribe against the black poor. After briefly acknowledging that American society "still bears some responsibility for the failure of so many black Americans to join the economic and cultural mainstream," Tucker asked if black Americans shouldn't "acknowledge that, at the dawn of the 21st century, personal responsibility has at least as much to do with success in modern America as race, especially since the Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board rolled back much of systemic racism?"

A few months later, in a column entitled "Bill Cosby's Plain-Spokenness Comes Not a Moment Too Soon," Tucker affirmed the

need for the Afriocracy to bear down on their less-fortunate kin by faithfully citing the earlier example of black elites doing just that. "Throughout the first half of the 20th century, accomplished blacks routinely policed the behavior of their less-polished brethren, urging thrift, moderation, tidiness." Such policing of black behavior gave way to a black leadership class during the civil rights movement that was loath to a limit black failure for fear that it "would damage the movement." While black power advocates "denounced any black critic of black failure as a race traitor," Tucker concludes her column comparing American blacks to their kin throughout the diaspora who come to this country and succeed against the odds. She draws the lesson from their success that race simply isn't that big a barrier to black achievement. But black parents ought to note this, as well: The success of black immigrants strongly suggests that race is no great barrier to achievement. While many black activists contend that there is still a grave disadvantage in being the descendant of slaves, it is hard to see what that could be. (Note, too, that black West Indians are also the descendants of slaves.) Yes, our ancestors suffered. But the 21st-century racist aims his hate at the color of our skin—not at where we came from or who our grandparents were.

Nowhere does Tucker mention, as she did in her column after Katrina, the conservative philosophy and policies that hamper the progress and achievement of the black poor. No mention of deindustrialization, fortunate birth to middle-class parents, or the income inequality she previously addressed as reasons for poverty. Absent is the sense that blaming the poor for their problems is but the reflection of our callous refusal to acknowledge society's role in black poverty. Completely missing is the insight that Katrina brought to Tucker: that is, that we have collective responsibility for banishing the poor to the margins of the economy through horrible communities, schools, and living conditions. After Katrina, Tucker saw social and political responsibility; whereas after Cosby, she had seen only personal responsibility and self-determining fate. It is not that Tucker is unaware of the need to balance the call for personal and social responsibility—she pays lip service to the latter in her Cosby columns. But she tips the scales heavily in favor of the poor creating the conditions of their success or failure. Thus she relegates her citation of the social

forces that constrain them to a footnote. When it concerns Cosby's capping, she is no longer outraged with society having turned its back on the poor—as if a black back turner is not as destructive and influential in his denunciations as a white conservative. Instead, Tucker joins Cosby in calling for Afriocrats to police the behavior of the poor. Tucker's endorsement of such elitism is telling, a symptom of the condescension and paternalism that the Afriocracy has historically displayed toward the poor.



It seems that Tucker only opposes assaults on the poor when they originate from white society. She can only detect the heinous disregard for the social conditions that plague the poor when they emerge outside the race. But when the flag of attack waves broadly in black culture, especially under the leadership of an embittered Afriocrat such as Bill Cosby - an attack that is often joined by figures like talk show host Larry Elder or writer Shelby Steele - Tucker can only join the cavalry and ride roughshod over the nuanced and complex positions she otherwise upholds. As Tucker well knows, Cosby's words count even more because he is a celebrated comic whose race-neutral politics have endeared him to a white audience that he has never tested, or turned against, in the way he has the black poor.

Of course, Cosby doesn't stand alone. Katrina's waters washed up hard against the class bigotry of all those black figures such as economists Thomas Sowell, and Walter Williams who chimed in on Bill Cosby's attack on the poor. There are many Afriocrats who actively fought

against the poor, or who simply forgot them. There are even some who, like President George Bush, don't care about poor blacks. Such views prevailed even among some black elites in the Delta. The black upper classes in eastern New Orleans, for example, have educated their children at predominantly black magnet schools such as McDonogh No. 35 Senior High School, Warren Easton Fundamental, and Eleanor McMain Magnet Secondary School, while the masses of poor blacks suffer in substandard schools. When we black folk rail against the moral failings of the poor while overlooking the inequality and deprivation they confront, whether in New Orleans or in Washington, D.C., we only inflame the suffering of the vulnerable without relieving their plight.

There is, too, a curious collocation that sadly persists in our culture. In fact, New Orleans invented the brown paper bag party—usually at a gathering in a home—where anyone darker than the bag attached to the door was denied entrance. The brown bag criterion survives as a metaphor for how the black cultural elite quite literally establishes caste along color lines within black life. On my many trips to New Orleans, whether to lecture at one of its universities or colleges, to preach from one of its pulpits, or to speak at an empowerment seminar during the annual Essence Music Festival, I have observed color politics at work among black folk. The cruel color code has to be defeated by our love for one another.

Of course, it is a marvelous sight to see so many black folk rally around the poor after Katrina. The press noted how Katrina was a "generation-defining catastrophe" that galvanized black generosity and solidarity throughout the nation. Black churches around the country raised millions of dollars for relief effort. Several artists held or participated in fund-raisers. There was the S.O.S. (Saving OurSelves) Relief Telethon broadcast on BET and cosponsored by the National Urban League, the American Red Cross, the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, and Essence Communications, which raised \$10 million. The Jazz at Lincoln Center's "Higher

Ground" relief benefit was spearheaded by New Orleans native and the center's artistic director Wynton Marsalis. There were several fund-raisers hosted by hip-hop artists, including Mississippi native David Banner's Heal the Hood Hurricane Relief Concert. There were also extensive fund-raising efforts made by New Orleans natives Master P and Juvenile, Chicago's Twista, and Brooklyn writer and activist Kevin Powell - joined by Common, Kanye West, Mos Def, and Talib Kweli. Many black professional athletes also visited the Gulf Coast and contributed money and time to relief efforts.

We should be reminded, however, that the black poor are flooded daily by material misery; they are routinely buffeted by harsh racial winds. The obvious absence of the black blessed at times of ongoing difficulty - to defend and protect the poor in principled fashion - underscores the woefully episodic character of black social regard. Lots of well-to-do black folk are doing a lot to help, but too many of us have left the black poor stranded on islands of social isolation and class alienation. Episodes of goodwill and compassion are no replacement for structural change. As Martin Luther King, Jr., said at Riverside Church exactly a year before he was murdered:

"On the one hand we are called to play the good Samaritan on life's roadside; but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."

Charity is no substitute for justice. If we never challenge a social order that allows some to accumulate wealth - even if they decide to help the less fortunate - while others are shortchanged, then even acts of kindness end up supporting unjust arrangements. We must never ignore the injustices that make charity necessary, or the inequalities that make it possible.

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