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NEWS RELEASE

BET Reconsiders "BET on Jazz" Cancellation

Black Entertainment Television is reconsidering its decision to cancel "BET on Jazz," the nation's only cable channel hosting jazz on a daily basis, the NNPA has learned. A decision had not been reached by press time.

BET is reported to be canceling the "BET Tonight With Tavis Smiley" and "BET Teen Summit" in addition to the jazz channel along with layoffs that his nearly a third of its employees earlier this week.

The sudden cancellations today (Thursday) and layoffs are efforts to meet budget goals, and more layoffs are expected, they said.

BET Makes Layoffs, Axes "Teen Summit," "BET Tonight" and "BET On Jazz"

Black Entertainment Television, the first and largest Black Television Network, has laid off nearly a third of its employees this week and has cancelled its award-winning "Teen Summit," "BET Tonight With Tavis Smiley" and the cable "BET On Jazz," sources said.

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Smiley is expected to make comments on the cancellation today on "The Tom Joyner Morning Show," syndicated by ABC Radio Networks.

The move is the first major programming change since Viacom purchased BET last fall.

The programs, which showed sophisticated and conscious-oriented Black people, countered BET's much-criticized image.

"Teen Summit," which began in 1991, allowed young African Americans to openly discuss issues and trends that touched their generation. It came to national attention in the late 1, 990s when First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was a guest. It won several awards, including a NAACP Image Award.

Smiley's show, premiering in 1996 as "BET Talk," was a casual but frank discussion program in a one-on-one format with guests on social issues, entertainment and current events.

"BET on Jazz" is the nation's only cable channel hosting jazz on daily basis.

Minority Business Roundtable Notes Strong Growth Of African American And Hispanic Owned Businesses

The Minority Business RoundTable (MBRT) welcomes the Census Bureau's release of the long-awaited data on Hispanic and African-American owned businesses, but is concerned about the incomplete picture it paints of these businesses.

Founded in 1999, Minority Business RoundTable is a membership organization for the CEOs of the nation's leading African-American, Asian, American, Hispanic American, and Native American businesses. The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies serves as its Secretariat and public policy resource institution.

"The new census data documents the continuing dramatic growth in the number, size, and distribution of Hispanic and African American-owned businesses in the United States and underscores significant increases in minority purchasing power and in opportunities for business development," said Eddie N. Williams, president of the Joint Center. "We must note however, that this data reflects the state of these businesses in 1997 and cannot give a current picture of minority-owned businesses. Many sectors of our economy are measured annually, and even monthly, and the same must be done for minority-owned businesses if we are to get an accurate view of the entire U.S. economy."

MBRT members have annual revenues in excess of 50 million dollars and employ between 80 and 4000 persons each in a wide range of industries, publishing, transportation, telecommunications, manufacturing, energy, construction, and staffing services.

The MBRT board (ten African American CEOs, ten Hispanic American CEOs, six Asian American CEOs, and four Native American CEOs) provides all minority entrepreneurs with a collective voice on economic and social policy issues of concern to them, their customers, and their communities.

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, conducts research and analysis on public policy issues of concern to African Americans and other minorities, promotes their involvement in the governance process, and operates programs that create coalitions within the minority, business, and other diverse communities. For more information, please visit our website, www.jointcenter.org.

Two Dunbar Teachers Receive Accolades



Stacey Acvedo

(Editor Note: This article appeared in the March 30, 2001 issue of the Reporter, a publication of the Lubbock Independent School District.)

Two outstanding teachers of Dunbar Junior High School,

Stacy Acevedo and Doris Beseda, have received accolades for their uniring efforts as educators.

Acevedo, Dunbar's eighth-grade Pre-AP Social Studies teacher, has received the "Teacher of the Year" award from the Staked Plains Council for Social Studies teachers. She will represent this region at the state Social Studies conference to be held in Galveston, Texas later this year.

Ms. Acevedo was a student teacher at Dunbar, and then was hired as a social studies teacher. She has served the campus as cheerleader sponsor and a leader of the eighth-grade academic team. She has supervised three students teachers from Texas Tech University.

She is truly an "adult cheerleader" for Dunbar, sharing positive affirmations about the Panthers wherever she goes. From

making spirit signs for the hallways to preparing TAAS study groups for individual students.

Ms. Acevedo is a dedicated professional. She is a mentor for new teachers to the campus and a demonstration teacher for the History Alive! concepts.

Beseda, a Dunbar computer/technology teacher, will receive recognition as a nominee/finalist for the Founders Award for Outstanding Service to Youth which was presented by the Guadalupe/Parkway Neighborhood Centers at their awards banquet on Thursday, April 12, at the Texas Tech University Center Ballroom. Ms. Beseda began her teaching career at Dunbar three years ago. The Founders Award for Outstanding Service recognizes individuals who quietly go above and beyond the call of duty but never seem to get the recognition

they deserve. The award is an honor of Barbara Sommerville, the founder of the Neighborhood Centers.

Ms. Beseda has shown selfless dedication, enthusiasm, optimism and concern for young people. She volunteers and is assistant supervisor of Dunbar's 21st Century Learning Centers After-School program. She serves as a department chairperson and the campus technology liaison. She hosts Tech Tech student observers, and assists with the National Junior Honor Society Induction Program, and the yearly Recognition Assembly.

She formed an after-school break dance club called "Breakers" to assist youngsters in staying focused on academics, as well as having fun performing break dancing at local events.

Other nominee/finalists for the Founders Award for



Dorris Beseda

Outstanding Service to Youth include: Charlotte Barnett, Robert L. Duncan, Everett "Scoop" Hooper, Aaron McConic, Fred Ortiz, and Vivian L. Wilson.

We Can Have A Level Playing Field, But We MUST Vote May 5, 2001!

We have an opportunity to level the playing field in the May 5, 2001 Special Venue Projects Election, but we must VOTE! It is imperative we vote to help balance the entire City of Lubbock.

This is the first time in the history of Lubbock, and most likely in the United States of America, attention has been given to so-called minority communities which in the past have been overlooked because of various reasons. The most important thing is this effort will enhance the total City of Lubbock by bringing tourists through many tournaments, and even other parts of the city as well as sections of town in the past have been overlooked.

One thing for sure, it will bring out-of-town dollars to Lubbock, plus help change the negative images of certain parts of the city. This venture will be financed by the hotel/motel and car rental tax such as other ventures which have turned out to be good investments, but the opposition may be against this venture which is being financed in this manner. Some may say it appears to be racist. What do you think? You can vote your own convictions on May 5th for the good of the total city collectively by voting YES!

You do not have to wait until May 5th to exercise your

precious vote. You can early vote. On this page is a schedule for early voting and various voting places. Remember, your precious vote can make the difference. Remember, your vote counts, and you will make a difference for a positive change in the City of Lubbock, and most of all, your community.

VOTE as your future depends on it! It really does! It's too late in the game to let Jim do it for you. You must do it yourself, and if you do not vote, you have no reason to complain. VOTE and make a difference, and take as your personal creed if it is to be it is up to me! SO DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! VOTE YES FOR THIS SPECIAL VENUE PROJECTS ELECTION which will be held May 5, 2001.

May 5, 2001 is an important day for all Lubbock citizens. That is the day citizens will vote on three propositions as part of a five year Venue Projects program totaling \$1166 million.

The proposed Venue Projects include amateur baseball and softball facilities north of Dunbar/Historical Lake, a community events area at Llano Estacado Lake and an amateur baseball complex in the vicinity of North Ave. X and Loop 289. These amateur sports facilities will be used by visiting tournament participants as well as our local

youth and adult leagues.

The Lubbock City Council made the final decision on the proposed Venue Projects to be included in the election after receiving input from the 15 members of the Sports and Venue Advisory Committee.

This Election Fact Sheet lists the three propositions on the May 5 ballot and attempts to answer questions about the election posed by Lubbock citizens.

Proposition 1-Championship Softball Complex, \$6,900,000

Proposition 2-Two Little League Four-plexes, \$4,000,000

Proposition 3-Community Events Area, \$750,000

What is a Venue Project?
 In 1997, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 92 (Sports and Community Venues) providing cities with greater authority to finance a wide array of economic development projects such as: an arena, coliseum, stadium, or other type of area or facility that is used for one or more professional or amateur sports events, community events or other sports events, including rodeos, livestock shows, agricultural expositions, promotional events, and other civic or charitable events for which a fee for admission to the events is charged or planned to be charged, or any other economic

development projects authorized by law.

What is the Venue Project financing plan?

Proposed Venue Project revenues are a 2% hotel motel tax and a 5% short-term motor vehicle rental tax. This equates to an increase of \$1.44 for an average hotel room night and \$1.65 for rental of a full size car on a weekend day.

The following amounts are the estimated annual revenue in the year 2001 from each source.

Hotel Occupancy Tax \$690,000

Car Rental Tax \$425,000

If the projects are approved by the voters, revenue bonds will be issued by the City with payment guaranteed by the above venue project revenue streams.

Will my property taxes or sales tax go up?
 The proposed Venue Projects use no sales tax and Chapter 334, Local Government Code prohibits payment of the bonds being guaranteed with funds from the City's ad valorem tax revenue. Therefore, neither property taxes nor sales taxes will increase as a result of these proposed projects.

Where and when will early voting locations be open?
 Early voting in the May 5

Venue Projects election will be held from April 18, 2001 through May 1, 2001. Early voting locations will be as follows:

City Secretary's Office (1625 13th Street)
 April 18-20, 2001 Wed-Fri, 8 AM - 5PM

April 23-27, 2001 Mon-Fri, 8AM - 5PM
 April 30 - May 1, 2001 Mon-Tues 8 AM - 5PM

United Supermarkets: #501(2630 Parkway Drive) #503(112 North University) #505(401 Slide Road) #506(1701 50th Street)

April 18-21, 2001, Wed-Sat 10 AM-7PM
 April 23 - 28, 2001 Mon-Sat 10 AM - 7 PM

April 29, 2001 Sun 1 PM - 6PM
 April 30 - May 1, 2001 Mon-Tues 10 AM - 8 PM

Albertson's Food & Drug (3249 50th Street)
 April 18 - 21, 2001 Wed-Sat 10 AM - 7 PM
 April 23 - 28, 2001 Mon-Sat 10 AM - 7 PM
 April 29, 2001 Sun 1 PM - 6PM
 April 30 - May 1, 2001 Mon-Tues 10AM - 8PM

South Plains Mall (6002 Slide Road)
 April 18 - 21, 2001 Wed-Sat 10 AM - 7 PM
 April 23 - 27, 2001 Mon-Sat 10 AM - 7 PM
 April 28, 2001 Sat 8 AM - 8 PM
 April 29, 2001 Sun 1 PM - 6 PM
 April 30 - May 1, 2001 Mon-Tues 8 PM - 8 PM

American Business and Political Leaders Meet to Promote Commerce Opportunities with Africa



Forum Presented by the World Business Exchange Network, the United States Department of Commerce, the African Development Bank, the African USA Chamber of Commerce and the Center for International Trade Development

LOS ANGELES, CA - A celebration of the growing business and trade opportunities with Africa brought hundreds of top American business leaders and politicians together for the African

Development Bank Conference. The event was presented by the World Business Exchange Network, the United States Department of Commerce, the African Development Bank, the African USA Chamber of Commerce and the Center for International Trade Development.

The rousing forum was also held in cooperation with the US Export Import Bank, the US Trade Development Agency, the US Agency for International Development, the California Finance Office, the World Trade Center Association, AM-Global Trading, the US Small Business Administration and the Global Technology Network Agency for International Development.

On the agenda were discussions about the state of market democracy and infrastructure development, with emphasis on the need for reform; an exploration of the growing business opportunities in Africa as well as the cultural and economic

issues affecting US companies doing business in Africa; business opportunities arising from major projects funded by the African Development Bank; government and private sector resources and assistance programs; and promoting educational technology in African schools.

US Congresswoman Maxine Waters was also on hand to highlight legislative developments designed to support companies exploring opportunities in Africa. She pledged her commitment to helping promote trade opportunities between African and American businesses, and expressed an immediate need to better educate today's African American youths on business and their heritage.

While the primary focus was on today's opportunities, Roosevelt Roby, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the World Business Exchange Network - a leading international trade association on the Internet

that helps members establish their own home-based business as an import/export agent - brought the forum to its feet with an inspirational discussion about nurturing tomorrow's business entrepreneurs. "Our kids are going to inherit the world and need to be educated about how trading among countries benefits everyone," stated Mr. Roby. "Governments invest billions of dollars to promote international trade. I see this as an enormous opportunity to train our kids in a booming industry, break down the digital divide and bring technology, entrepreneurial training and educational resources to underprivileged kids so they receive an equal opportunity for success following graduation."

To facilitate such business and entrepreneurial training, Mr. Roby created the WBE.Net Global Internet Trade Course for Students from data and resources provided by the World Business Exchange Network. Through his non-profit

REIS Foundation, Mr. Roby has implemented the innovative program at high schools within the United States with tremendous praise from political, civic and educational leaders nationwide. At the conference, he pledged to work with both the African government and corporate sponsors to expand the international trade course to high schools and learning institutions in Africa.

If You Spoo Mistakes

In this Publication Please Consider That they are there for a Purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for MISTAKES!!!

Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. We want you to know that our doors are always open for you anytime. So, come and visit our church. You will be glad you did so.

Last Sunday was Youth Sunday, and the young people of the church were in charge of services. It all began with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Young Brother Audrey Brickley presided over Sunday School as superintendent. There were thirty minutes of instruction, and at 10:15 a. m., all marched to the main auditorium singing.

High points of the morning lesson were given by Brother Brickley. All he said was very well done.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department — Primary Class received the Offering

Adult Department: Adult Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner. Adult Class No. 2 lost the Offering Banner to Adult Class No. 4.

The morning devotional period was conducted by members of the Youth Department.

The Youth Choir marched in the morning processional hour. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. After selection by the Youth Choir, scripture was read by Sister Janskie Vines. Prayer was given by Brother Brandon Crockett. There was another selection by the Youth Choir. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing, and led by Sister Jessie Jackson.

After another song by the Youth Choir, pastoral observations were given by Past or Moton.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "How Bad Do You Want God?" His scripture text was found in St. Mark 7:24-30. It was a very good message.

After an invitation to discipleship was extended, several came forward for prayer

Our prayers go out to the King Harvey family who was funeralized last Friday at the First Progressive Baptist Church.

Members of the New Hope Baptist Church sent sympathy and prayers to a long time member who moved to California. The Ludd family was faithful members to New Hope Baptist Church. Mr. Ludd and son, R. L., were both Deacons of New Hope. Mrs. Ludd was a hard working member at New Hope. Their mother leaves three children and grandchildren.

Lubbock Independent School District News

Monday, April 9 — Waters Elementary PE department performs a gymnastic program called "Team Work Don't Leave School Without It" Dress rehearsal at 9am-2pm in the gym. The PTA program will be Tuesday at 7am.

Tuesday, April 10 — The presentation will made at Waters Elementary of the gymnastics program.

Wednesday, April 11 — We have a number of faculty participating in arrest for MDA. As for a principal, G.Q. Nell, principal at Evans Jr. High will be arrested at 9 am. The school has arranged a fire drill so the students can witness the event. The National Junior Honor Society is involved and will make this a fund-raiser. The top salesperson gets to be principal for a day. This will be held on the North side of the school. Contact person, Angie Redwine, 766-0722.

Thursday, April 12 — LISD Board of Trustees 7 am. Meeting, Boardroom at central Office. Live-on LISD TV Cable 12. See Agenda which is Available in superintendents Office on Tuesday.

Thursday, April 12 — Coronado Family, and Community Leaders of America Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10am, at the Coronado practice field, located on the east side of the tennis courts. This is for the pre-k handicapped children. Contact person, Rhonda Mayfield, 766-0600.

Thursday, April 12 — Coronado High School sponsors the Justo Lamas Concert. All area Spanish students have been invited. Approximately 700 students from Lubbock ISD, Anton Berger, Slaton, Aspermont, Roosevelt, Amarillo-Randall, Wylie- Abilene will attend. Lamas is a young singer from Argentina who sings Spanish and talks (through an Interpreter) to students about anti-drugs, pro-family. Contact Bess Havens, 766-0640.

Thursday, April 12 — The First annual Kids Voting Basketball game. The event will feature elected officials (Linda DeLeon, David Gutierrez, Kenny Maines, Jean Ann Straton, Marc McDougal, Steve Watt against former Red Raiders) Bubba Jennings, Lance Hughes, Crystall Boles, Jill Schnieder, Krista Kirkland and others in the 7 pm. contest.

Referees for the game will be LISD Board members Karen Slay and Mayor Wind Sitton. The event begins at 6pm, with a hamburger cookout. Cost is \$5 per ticket at the Rip Griffin

Center at LCU. Contact persons, Teri Holmes, 796-7089 or Sandra Hester, 766-1067.

Friday, April 13 — Student and Staff Holiday for Good Friday!



The Clinic Staff at Parkway Community Health Center: Continued Quality Healthcare.



Patti Hood, MD, PhD

(formerly of the Freedom Square Community Health Center) is the new physician at Parkway. Dr. Hood is board-certified in Family Practice.

Joining her are staff members, from left:

Renee Jones, IVN, Becky Estes, IVN, Cynthia Hatcher, Clinic Manager, Ermalinda Bihls, ARRT (Radiology Technician), and Madeline Cervantes, Receptionist.

Parkway Community Health Center

406 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Lubbock, Texas
8 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday

Meeting your Health and Occupational Medicine Needs

If you have been a patient at the Parkway Clinic under the medical care of Dr. Raman Joshi, your medical records will remain at the clinic.

Please call 767-9744 to schedule an appointment.



SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR LUBBOCK, TEXAS AccuWeather.com

Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday
Warm and windy with plenty of sunshine. 80	Clear and cool; breezy overnight. 44	Breezy and pleasant with bright sunshine. 74/44	Sunshine against a deep blue sky; warm. 80/48
RealFeel: 83	RealFeel: 35	RealFeel: 72	RealFeel: 77
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny and warm. 84/50	Warm with brilliant sunshine. 88/56	Sunny and warm. 86/54	Warm with brilliant sunshine. 86/50
RealFeel: 88	RealFeel: 87	RealFeel: 83	RealFeel: 84

The RealFeel Temperature™ is a composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body. The number is the highest for the day and the lowest for the night.

GARDENING FORECAST

Windy and warm with plenty of sunshine the next couple of days. Precipitation will continue to be limited this week because most of the storms will stay to the north.

FISHING REPORT

Gusty winds will cause a light chop on area lakes. Sunshine and warm weather will make for good fishing weather, along with the lack of thundershower activity.

UV INDEX

Highest Thur. 10; Very High
Highest Fri. 10; Very High
Highest Sat. 10; Very High
5-9 High
10+ Very High

1-3 Minimal
4-6 Low
7-9 Moderate
10-12 High
13+ Very High

SUN & MOON DATA

Thur. Fri. Sat.
Sunrise 7:21 a.m. 7:23 a.m. 7:26 a.m.
Sunset 8:16 p.m. 8:17 p.m. 8:17 p.m.
Moonset 12:15 a.m. 1:12 a.m. 2:28 a.m.
Moonset 10:38 a.m. 11:24 a.m. 12:14 p.m.

MOON PHASES

Last New First Full
Apr 15 Apr 23 Apr 30 May 7

REGIONAL CITIES

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City	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W
Abilene, TX	82/54	s	82/54	s	84/58	s	85/52	s	85/52	s	89/54	s	89/52	s
Albuquerque, NM	64/36	pc	70/42	s	74/44	s	78/46	s	80/46	s	78/48	pc	76/42	pc
Aliso, CA	83/48	s	76/57	s	78/61	s	81/54	pc	84/57	pc	82/48	pc	80/54	pc
Amarillo, TX	72/42	s	70/42	s	74/44	s	74/42	s	78/54	s	82/48	s	82/48	s
Austin, TX	84/64	s	84/64	s	85/64	s	85/64	s	85/64	s	85/70	s	87/70	s
Branson, MO	76/53	pc	68/46	c	73/48	s	70/52	c	73/56	sh	84/57	c	81/55	pc
Clarks, NM	72/38	pc	72/40	s	78/43	s	81/40	s	82/43	s	82/43	s	82/43	s
Dallas, TX	80/62	pc	80/56	pc	80/58	s	82/62	pc	82/66	pc	86/66	s	86/66	pc
Denver, CO	54/32	pc	60/34	pc	66/36	pc	69/38	pc	69/38	pc	69/38	pc	69/38	pc
El Paso, TX	72/44	s	76/44	s	80/48	s	84/54	s	86/52	s	88/46	s	88/46	s
El Paso, NM	81/44	s	78/44	s	82/41	s	83/41	s	83/41	s	83/41	s	83/41	s
Houston, TX	82/66	pc	82/68	c	84/70	c	84/72	c	86/72	c	86/70	s	84/68	c
Kansas City, MO	69/44	pc	60/42	c	66/44	pc	69/46	pc	72/48	pc	74/51	c	74/48	pc
Lake Texoma, TX	83/58	s	79/48	s	81/57	s	81/60	pc	81/65	pc	84/64	s	84/64	s
Lubbock, TX	86/70	s	86/62	s	86/72	s	86/72	s	86/72	s	86/72	s	86/72	s
Lubbock, TX	80/44	s	74/44	s	80/48	s	84/50	s	88/56	s	88/54	s	86/50	s
Midland, TX	83/48	s	80/48	s	85/54	s	88/52	s	88/52	s	88/52	s	88/52	s
Oklahoma City, OK	76/52	pc	84/46	c	73/51	s	72/55	pc	78/60	c	82/69	pc	82/57	s
Phoenix, AZ	74/52	s	84/58	s	86/62	s	86/62	s	86/62	s	86/62	s	86/62	s
Roseville, NM	78/39	pc	78/39	s	78/44	s	84/44	s	80/51	s	87/45	s	87/45	s
Ruidoso, NM	60/34	pc	60/38	s	60/42	s	60/42	s	60/42	s	60/42	s	60/42	s
San Antonio, TX	86/56	pc	86/64	s	84/64	s	86/64	pc	84/66	s	86/68	s	86/68	pc
Shreveport, LA	82/60	l	80/54	s	80/54	s	80/54	s	80/54	s	80/54	s	80/54	s
Tulsa, OK	76/50	s	69/49	c	75/51	s	74/55	pc	75/61	c	83/60	pc	83/58	s
Waco, TX	84/64	pc	83/50	s	83/50	s	83/50	s	83/50	s	83/50	s	83/50	s
Wichita, KS	67/44	s	60/41	pc	66/46	pc	70/61	s	72/56	pc	81/55	pc	78/50	s
Wichita Falls, TX	79/54	s	79/54	s	79/54	s	79/54	s	79/54	s	79/54	s	79/54	s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, f-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice.

The Lubbock Arts Alliance, Inc presents

2001 Lubbock Arts Festival

Visual Arts, Performing Arts & Children's Arts

April 20-22, 2001 at the South Plains Fairgrounds

Friday, April 20: Preview Night, 6-9pm
Saturday, April 21: 10am-7pm
Sunday, April 22: 12pm-6pm

Featuring:

- The Maines Brothers Band: 5pm Saturday, 3pm Sunday
- Terri Hendrix: 4pm Saturday, 2pm Sunday
- The Texas Boys Choir: 3pm Saturday - 1:15pm Sunday

Sponsored by:

- TEXAS Commission on the Arts
- United
- Covenant Health System
- PNS

This project is supported by the Texas Commission on the Arts, with funding from the State of Texas and the National Endowment for the Arts, and made possible, in part, by a grant from the Lubbock City Council as recommended by the Lubbock Arts Alliance, Inc.

For more information call 806-744-2787

OBITUARIES

Mother Pollie M. Thomas



Funeral services were held for Mother Pollie M. Thomas on Saturday morning, March 24, 2001, at the Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ with

Mother Thomas was reared and educated in Robinson County, Texas. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior at an early age.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to Billy "B.J." Morrison, II, in 1937. Out of this union seven children were born, Mamie Joice Brown, Lonzy Lee Morrison, Billy "B.J." Morrison III, Barbara (Dean) Cooper, Josepha (Jay) Morrison, Dessie May Anderson, Lula Beatrice Morrison.

Mother Thomas moved to Lubbock, TX in 1951. She united with Lyon & Chapel Baptist Church under Rev. O.D. Hollins with her children. Later she united with Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ, where she worked faithfully as Mother of the Church, Sunday School Superintendent and Bible Band Teacher until her health began to fail.

Mother Thomas was involved in various community and social services in the city. She would loan out money knowing it was not coming back.

Mother Thomas married Rev. James Thomas on August 23, 1986. He went to be with the Lord on January 11, 2001.

Mother Pollie Morrison-Thomas departed this life on Monday, March 19, 2001. She leaves to cherish her memories her three sons Lonzy Morrison of Amarillo, TX, Billy "B.J." Morrison, III, of Lubbock, TX and Jay Morrison of Dallas, TX, four daughters Mattie Brown, -barbara Dean Cooper, Dessie Mae Anderson and Lula Beatrice Morrison all of Denver, CO; one brother, D.L. Bailey of Houston, TX, two sisters, Alta Mae Brown of Houston, TX and Willie Mae Hamilton of Dallas, TX; twenty-six grand children, forty-two great grand children and two great-great grand children; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Elder Henry Johnson, pastor, officiating. Rev. Jay "J.R." Morrison served as Conductor.

Active pallbearers were Kyrin Morrison, Bryant McKinzie, Jay Morrison, II, Derrelle Maxey, Vincent Morrison, and Jeremy Morrison.

Honorary pallbearers were Johnny Jaushlin, R. L. Whitfield, D. L. Bailey, R. E. Tate, Jeremiah Yates, Robert Ray, Jeff Bailey, and Edward Roberts.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

It is said that when life begins, it is like an open book with many blank pages. Each day as we live, our deeds are recorded page by page until we close our eyes in death and await that great getting up morning.

The pages of this book began for Mother Pollie when she was born in Bryant, Texas, on February 2U, 1920, to the parentage of Dewiff Bailey and Pollie Harvey.

Mother Thomas was the granddaughter of Paul Harvey, the 1st Black Deputy Sheriff in the early 1800's, in Robinson County.

Mother Thomas loved to cook, sew, visit the sick and work in kindergarten. If you didn't get her Lye Soap and Cracking Bread recipe; it is a loss!!!"

Helen Riggins King Harvey



S L A - TON, TEXAS — Funeral services were held for Helen Riggins on Wednesday afternoon, April 4, 2001,



Funeral services were held Friday, April 6, 2001, for King Harvey at First Progressive Baptist Church with

at Triumph Baptist Church with H. L. Brawley officiating.

Burial was held in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock, Texas.

Mrs. Riggins passed away on Friday, March 30, 2001.

She was born September 16, 1909, in Water Valley, Mo. She married Brady

Riggins. He preceded her in death. She moved to Slaton in 1965 from El Paso, Texas. She was a Baptist and a member Triumph Baptist Church, and sang in the Senior Choir. She was president of the Senior Missionary Society for many years.

She is survived by a son, James Howard of Slaton, Texas; a daughter, Mildred Henderson of Houka, Miss.; two brothers, Lennis Somely of Chicago, Ill. and Mason Somely of Memphis, Tenn.; three sister-s: sisters; Ella V. White of Cleveland, Ohio, Annie Mae Gooch of Jackson, Miss, and Teresa Wright of Albuquerque, N. Minnie grand-children, 20 great grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren, -

Rev. Homer Avery, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Mr. Harvey died Friday, March 30, 2001.

He was born June 30, 1928, in Caldwell, Texas, and moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1940. He married Lucille Collins on June 2, 1987, in Lubbock. He retired from Economy Mills after 38 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucille Harvey; a son, Kevin Collins of Dallas, Texas; two daughters, Lisa Curry of Dallas, Texas and Karen Collins of Lubbock, Texas; three step-daughters: Barbara Baca of Albuquerque, N. M., Jan McClain of Snyder, Texas and Gail Turner of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, R. C. "Sonny" Jackson of Harlingen, Texas; eight grandchildren, and seven great-grand children.

Unemployment Rate Down, Job Growth Continues

Austin— The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced today that Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped to 3.7 percent in February. The unemployment rate in Texas has remained under 4 percent for three consecutive months for the first time since 1974.

"The unemployment rate in Texas has dropped eight-tenths of a percentage point in the last year and has been lower than the national rate for three months in a row," said TWC Chair Diane Rath.

Nonagricultural employment grew by 33,200 jobs during the month.

"The Construction industry added 5,200 jobs in February," said Commissioner representing Labor T.P. O'Mahoney. "That's the largest

monthly gains in the last 11 months."

"The Retail Trade industry grew by 8,800 jobs in February, which was the third largest monthly increase in the last two years," said Commissioner Representing Employment Ron Lehman.

The lowest unemployment rate among the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA's) in February was 1.4 percent in Bryan-College Station. Austin-San Marcos was next at 2.2 percent, followed by 2.3 percent in Lubbock, 2.5 in San Angelo and 2.7 percent in Amarillo.

The highest unemployment rate was 12.7 percent in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, followed by 7.7 percent in Brownsville-Harlingen, 7.4 percent in El Paso, 6.8 percent in Laredo and 6.6 percent in Beaumont-Port Arthur.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Monday, April 16</p> <p>Oral Cancer Screening 9:00 AM - 4 PM Covenant Health System Community Services Office 4122 22nd Place 725-6579 Financial Assistance Available</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 17</p> <p>Clinical Breast Exams and Breast Cancer Screening 4 - 7 PM University Medical Center Dimensions 801 Knoxville Avenue 743-4377 Financial Assistance Available</p> <p>Clinical Breast Exam 5 - 7 PM Joe Arrington Cancer Center Enter from 4102 24th Street 725-7977 No Cost to Attend - Please call for an appointment</p> <p>Breast Cancer Screening 10 AM - 7 PM Covenant Health System Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center Parking Lot 32nd & Avenue D 725-6579 Financial Assistance Available</p> <p>Breast Cancer Screening 5 - 7 PM Arrington Comprehensive Breast Center Enter from 4102 24th Street 725-7906 \$65</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 18</p> <p>Education - "Why Are Cancer Screenings Important to You?" Noon Southwest Cancer Center Maggie Trejo Center 3200 Amherst 743-1800 No Cost to Attend</p> <p>Breast Cancer Screening 9 AM - 4 PM Covenant Health System Covenant Family Healthcare Center Parking Lot 302 N. University 725-6579 Financial Assistance Available</p>	<p>Thursday, April 19</p> <p>Men: Prostate Screening Women: Pelvic Exam 4 - 7 PM Southwest Cancer Center Chctman Clinic 2301 Cedar Avenue 743-1800 No Cost to Attend</p> <p>Breast Cancer Screening (Clinical Breast Exams Available Also) 9 AM - 4 PM Covenant Health System Community Health Center of Lubbock Parking Lot 1302 Broadway 725-6579 Financial Assistance Available</p>	<p>Friday, April 20</p> <p>Education - "Why Are Cancer Screenings Important to You?" Noon Southwest Cancer Center Mae Simmons Center 23rd and Oak 743-1800 No Cost to Attend</p> <p>Clinical Breast Exams & Pap Smears 9 AM - 4 PM TTUHSC Wellness Clinic 37th and Avenue A 747-2102 Financial Assistance Available</p> <p>Breast Cancer Screening 9 AM - 4 PM Covenant Health System TTUHSC Wellness Clinic Parking Lot 37th and Avenue A 725-6579 Financial Assistance Available</p>

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PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "COMMUNITIES need to spend more MONEY in the PLAY PENS and less MONEY on STATE PENS!"

LET'S BUILD OUR OWN PIZZA BUSINESSES! THIS N THAT has been noticing the recent news about local PIZZA STORES who will not deliver their product to EAST LUBBOCK and have refused to say why If this is the case then we should BUILD OUR OWN by using our OWN MONEY and doing it together We've got too much TALENT in our for us to worry about not having A PIZZA STORE in East Lubbock WHY SHOULD WE CONTINUE to give those FREE PUBLICITY because they won't deliver their product to our area of the city Enough is enough and if they don't want to do so then let's construct our own PIZZA STORE! Do you understand In other words let's get up and put something together for ourselves

NEEDS TO COME DOWN! THIS N THAT agrees with some CONCERN CITIZENS who wants the OLD BURNED DOWN HOUSE located at East 23rd Street and Elm Avenue to be LEVELED DOWN since it has been standing after a fire last Labor Day weekend Not only the BURNED HOUSE but the BURNT VEHICLE which is still on the property At one time this was the property of the late BEN SMITH REPORTS reveal that young children who attend ELLA R. ILES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL have begun to play in this area which is VERY UNSAFE! THIS N THAT recommends to the CITY OF LUBBOCK to move quickly on this unsafe property and level it to the ground!

STILL WARNING THOSE ALLEGED DRUG DEALERS! THIS N THAT wants those of you who are apparently involved with ALLEGED DRUG DEALING to STOP before it's too late THIS N THAT reminds you that we don't want you in the community doing what you do We will not tolerate it and we will continue to advise who you are So cease what you are doing because it is wrong and don't you forget it!

DON'T FORGET THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER! THIS N THAT advises you to not forget why we celebrate the EASTER HOLIDAY as it is the RESURRECTION SEASON So keep that in mind as you celebrate this weekend

CONGRATS TO OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST! THIS N THAT wants to say CONGRATS to the members and friends of the OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST for a successful "BREAK THROUGH" program last weekend It takes this kind of an of an OUTREACH to change our neighborhoods May you continue to do what you have done.



We Must Work Collectively for the Good of ALL of US!!

By Eddie P. Richardson

There is a move going on to separate East Lubbock from the rest of the City of Lubbock. This should be re-evaluated! The cost would be much too high and detrimental.

There is no doubt and secret that this area has been denied, and has not kept up over the years with other parts of the city. Really, a lot of the problem is, we in some cases didn't do for ourselves by working, trading and supporting ourselves. But, that's history. Things are changing now. Just look around. There is blame for everyone, but let's look at the future and not in the past.

The main issue is if the petitions are signed, and the area is designed, then where will the boundaries be? With the present

city services withdrawn, who in this group can pay for police service, fire protection street maintenance, water and other necessary city services.

The overriding issue is even if the petition are signed and determined to be legitimate, it will have to be approved at another level of government. Would it be possible for a bill to be introduced in state legislature by an elected state official. Even if it gets to that posture, it will never get out of committee and will be brought to the floor and you can bet your bottom dollar it will fail.

Think about this: the Native Americans were separated and guess what happened to them. They were placed in concentration camps which called a

reservation. Finally, after around 30 years of trying to sell the East Lubbock area to bankers, investors, and others to look at the area, and of hard work. We now have these people plus land planners looking and beginning to action the area. There is no way we will stand by and let people with ego trips and personal axes to destroy what is on track and set into motion.

Why not take a look at the recent published brochure entitled "Rediscovering East Lubbock," which was done by Market Lubbock and the City of Lubbock. If you really look at it, you will see that East Lubbock has a lot of good things in the area, and there are many other good things coming.



This Way for Black Empowerment—By Dr. Lenora Fulani Census Undercount: Independent and Non-aligned Voters

With the unveiling of the new census Americans are getting a closer look at who we are, and who we are becoming, as a country. Prominently featured in the early analysis of the census report is our changing racial composition since this was the first time the census offered a range of choices in the category of race. Our country, long-called the melting pot, now has reams of statistical data to spell that out in great detail.

Evidence that America is diversifying politically also continues to mount. A report by the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate showed the total number of people registering as independent has increased 800 percent in the past three decades. Gallup news service reported last year that, despite the continued strength of the two-party system in U.S. elections, more people today consider themselves politically independent than identify with either the Republican or Democratic Parties. "This finding is not new," they reported, "but has been apparent in Gallup's national election surveys for most of the

1990's." responses to an effort I recently helped to launch to unify the independent political movement leads to similar conclusions as well.

Several weeks ago I, along with a group of activists, began a national campaign called The Independent Appeal — a nationally coordinated grassroots petition drive which aims to collect a million signatures and unify the independent political movement in the process.

The Independent Appeal states that America has tens of millions of independents who are connected by a mistrust of politicians and parties, the desire to reform our political process and opposition to the corrupting influence of special interests in government and elections. It reads, "This movement has taken different forms over the years: 20 million votes for Ross Perot; Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura's election, John McCain's huge popularity in the presidential primaries, Ralph Nader's 2.7 million votes in the last election; popular support for term limits, campaign finance reform and non-partisan debates." The independent movement is out here growing, the

Appeal says, but waiting to be led.

It then goes on to state that there must be a coming together of independents across the ideological spectrum — from the center, left and right — and urges the movement's most prominent leaders — Jesse Ventura, Ralph Nader and Ross Perot — to cross their respective ideological divides, connect with each other and unify the broader movement which has popularized their varied efforts by calling for and leading a Million Independents March on Washington.

The initiators of the drive represent a cross-section of the independent movement and include: a high-ranking member of the Ventura administration, a former executive level leader of the reform party, the chairman or the Natural Law Party, and chairs of the leading state-based independent parties and community-based political reform organizations.

The Million Independent March concept was inspired in part by the Million Man March in 1996, which drew attention to and mobilized another under-recognized and under-empowered constituency — African American men. Wayne Griffin, the Chairman of the United Citizens Party of South Carolina, and I are strongly calling on the Black community to support our years of work in building this movement and to take its place in the foundation of its future. It is an opportunity for the Black community to assert itself inside of independent politics.

Several thousand signed-on in the initial days of the petitions release. CSPAN viewers were introduced to the drive several weeks later via the broadcast of a Black History month speech I gave at Columbia University. We immediately received another 400 calls and emails at my office the next day.

Discussions of election reform have become fashionable these days with everyone, from state legislators to former residents, forming commissions to study and make recommendations to improve voting procedures. Congress is consumed with debate on the McCain/Feingold legislation to reform campaign finance laws. Within this dialogue, much of which is posturing by one political party over another, there is an important debate growing about the two-party system and political parties themselves. The new American majority — the independent — must be seen, heard and heeded in this debate. Contact my office to sign the Independent Appeal by calling me at 1-800-288-3201 or by visiting my website at www.cup.org.

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City of Lubbock News

In celebration of Earth Day and the Keep Lubbock Beautiful City-wide-clean up campaign, the City of Lubbock Solid Waste Department and the County of Lubbock will host Large Item Buy Back Programs on the first 3 Saturdays in April. These buybacks are held in an effort to clean up the streets

es, large furniture items and appliances illegally dumped in the alleyways, vacant lots are county roads. To date the city has bought back 80,776 items. This amount is over 7 million pounds of illegally dumped materials that have been taken to the landfill for proper disposal or recycling.

are not eligible. City and County residents will be paid \$2.00 for each large item that they bring to the landfill for proper disposal. The City and County reserve the right to limit the number of items accepted each day.

Buy Back dates, hours and location are as follows:
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 Saturday, April 14th 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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 For additional information from commercial establishments call 775-2482.

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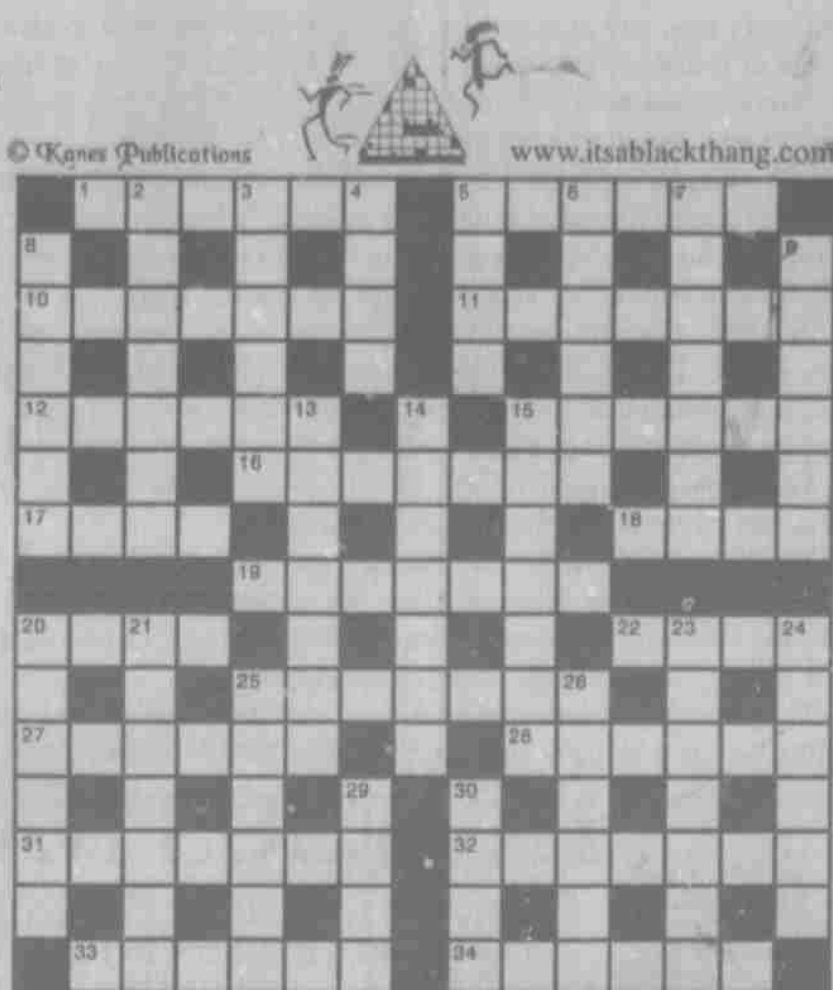
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Across

1. Butch ____ (Tiger Wood's coach)
5. He directed the 2000 HBO series, *The Corner*
10. African country bordered by Libya on east & Morocco on the west
11. Muhammad Ali was stripped of his title and boxing license when he refused to fight in this war
12. Movie from 1996 about a young girl's morbid fascination with death
15. Patti ____ (sang professionally since she was three years old; she recorded the 1969 hit *Family Tree*)
16. Kids cartoon featuring the characters, Cynthia, Tommy, Angelica, and Chuckie
17. Tom Hanks' hit movie, *Saving Private ____*
18. Process used to straighten coarse hair and curl fine hair
19. *Three The ____* (1974 movie starring Fred Williamson, Jim Brown, and Jim Kelly)
20. Won the Super Bowl in 1999
22. Everette ____ (jazz saxophonist)
25. Sean ____ (NBA player that received a kidney transplant from his brother)
27. ____ Dutch (jump rope game)
28. King ____ and the Knights of the Round Table
31. NFL team with the pirate logo
32. Sally ____ (Thomas Jefferson's slave mistress, with whom he fathered several children; which was confirmed by DNA analysis)
33. Jerome ____ (former NBA Portland Trailblazer)
34. Venus and Serena dominate this sport

Down

2. Tiger Woods gave a record breaking performance at the 1997 Masters Golf Tournament, played in this city
3. Some feel that O.J. got away with it
4. Oversees college sports
5. Rita ____ (she won a Pulitzer Prize in 1985 for her book of poetry, *Thomas and Beulah*)
6. *Get On ____* (Spike Lee was disappointed when Blacks did not flock to see this film)
7. ____ Coleman, (revolutionary alto sax player who changed the face of jazz improvisations)
8. He played J.J. on the classic 1970's sitcom, *Good Times*
9. Rapper "The Real Slim Shady"
13. Jean Baptist Point ____ (was one of the first settlers of Chicago)
14. Cut the 1985 hit, *Rock Me Tonight*
15. MLK Jr's birthplace
20. Ruff ____ (successful rap group)
21. ____ Green, (he won the gold in the 100m sprint at the 2000 Olympics)
23. Former region of W. Africa which is now central Ghana
24. Robert ____ (played center for Boston Celtics during Bird era)
25. President Clinton appointed her as the first Black woman Surgeon General
26. U.S. President that issued Executive Order 9981 which desegregated the U.S. Armed Forces in 1948
29. He defeated Jimmy Connors at Wimbledon in 1975
30. *Eyes Wide ____* (Tom Cruise and wife Nicole got mixed reviews for this sexy drama)



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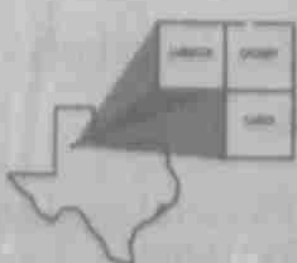
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"And suddenly there came a rushing wind of the spirit, and filled them church, and all began to move as if fire was upon them."

A complete report of the meeting will be forthcoming in next week's

Read the scriptures again and again: Acts 1:8; Matthew 10:1-8; II Chronicles

All who attended (the meeting) received. This is to them. Go forward in power.

Until next week, keep those drive by prayers going for all men, and especially our sick members all over.

Remember, it's not about us, but Jesus and what He did on that Cross which made it all happen. Easter is not about the rabbit and pretty clothes. But it's about the blood that Jesus shed for all mankind.

Thought of the Week: "We're not knocking the rabbit, but he's out of place. Stay focus on the Cross." We'll fall down, but we get up! Think about it!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; and Sister Christene Burleson, vice president.

Contest Seeks Spiritual Poems From Lubbock-area Poets

Great news for poets. The Texas Poetry Alliance is offering a \$1,000.00 grand prize in their annual spiritual poetry contest open to the public. There is no entry fee and everyone is invited to submit a poem.

"Our goal is to encourage new talent," says Poetry Director Larrie Green. "In a world where poetry is the Cinderella of the Arts, we are helping poets to find their glass slipper. Spiritual poems, which may be written on any subject and using any style, tend to inspire the reader, thus our desire for entries of a spiritual nature."

To enter, send one poem 20 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 3412 -A Moonlight Ave, El Paso, Texas 79904. Or enter on-line at www.freecontest.com.

The deadline for entering is April 10. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. The editors reserve the right to publish the winning poems.

20TH ANNIVERSARY SET FOR CITY WIDE USHERS APRIL 14TH

It's time once again for the City Wide Ushers to come together for their Twentieth Anniversary. Special services will be held at the Community Baptist Church, 220 Martin Luther King Blvd, on Saturday evening, April 14, 2001, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

A special guest speaker will be present. Members of the City Wide Ushers have just returned from a State Workshop held in Abilene, Texas. Among those present included the President of the State Ushers. At the workshop, we did signs and drills with him. So come and bring another Usher with you. If you are an Usher, please come. You are welcome.

Rev. Larry Brooks is host pastor of the Community Baptist Church. Brother Robert Cork is president; and Sister Minnie Darthard is reporter.

Come! join us as we sing for joy to the Lord; help us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.



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from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

On Being Fair



Upton Sinclair was born on September 20, 1878, in Baltimore, Maryland. His family had once belonged to the Southern aristocracy, but at Sinclair's birth they lived in less opulent circumstances. Sinclair graduated from high school at an early age, and enrolled in the City College of New York at the age of fourteen. At the age of fifteen, he began writing to support himself and help pay his college expenses. During his college years, Sinclair encountered Socialist philosophy, and became an avid supporter of the political movement. It is said; the influence of Socialist thought is evident in Sinclair's writing throughout his life. Sinclair graduated from college and enrolled in Columbia University as a graduate student in 1897.

In 1906, Sinclair traveled to Chicago to do research on a sixth novel. The five previous works had not generated much money. He wanted to write a story about the poverty and misery of wage earners living in slums surrounding Chicago meatpacking factories. The goal of his novel was to build a case for Socialism by detailing the ills of capitalism.

The book published, "The Jungle" was a masterpiece-on the subject of unfairness. The setting is the packing plants connected to the Chicago stockyards around 1900. Sinclair's main character is an immigrant whose first name is Jurgis.

This immigrant and his relatives (with his bride-to-be) are optimistic for making it in America. They combine their saving

and earnings in order to purchase a house near the stockyards. Unknown to them, the owners keep repainting the same house after foreclosing on immigrants families. The newcomers are never properly informed about required home insurance and other added fees in the fine print. All of the family has to work at dirt wages to try to make ends meet.

In the packing plants, the immigrants are met with overwhelming injustices that force them to their eventual defeat. They witness rates being round right into the sausage along with other meat that should have been rejected. Sinclair's book was so powerful that its sales actually altered the meat eating habits of many Americans for a long time. What finally gets to the reader is page after page of example of gross unfairness in the way people are treated, as well as the realization that people have been treated this way for years without noticed by the rest of society.

Sometimes unfairness goes on right before the eyes of the majority race in America, but they are blind to it. We cannot help but believe that the One who "love righteousness, and hated iniquity" would not have the people who He allows to direct the destiny (in a sense) of others to not be attuned to what is fair.

God demands that we deal justly with others. Fairness is a constant theme throughout the Bible. It is a characteristic of God, and it should be a characteristic of those who believe in Him.



IN JESUS NAME "LOVE AND SALVATION!!"

JOHN 3:17. JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM(JESUS) MIGHT BE SAVED.

I HAD MANY GREAT SIN'S; AND SPOKE SO MANY UN-GODLY WORDS, BUT IT WAS JESUS' MOUTH THEY SLAPPED; AND NEVER WAS GUILTY EVER HEARD.

I PETER 2:21b,22. CHRIST(JESUS) ALSO SUFFERED FOR US, LEAVING US AN EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS: WHO DID NO SIN, NEITHER WAS GUILTY FOUND IN HIS MOUTH.

I WAS LOST IN SIN; I LUST FOR WOMAN; DESIRING TO HAVE THEIR FLUSH; BUT IT WAS JESUS' EYES THEY SPIT IN: BECAUSE MINE WAS FULL OF LUST!!!

MARK 15:19, THEY SMOTE HIM ON THE HEAD WITH A REED, AND DID SPIT UPON HIM, AND BOWING THEIR KNEES WORSHIPPING HIM(JESUS).

IT WAS MY BACK:THAT LAID WITH OTHER WOMAN; I COMMITTED ADULTERIES; BUT IT WAS JESUS' BACK THEY BEAT; TILL IT LOOKED LIKE MINCE MEAT.

***** IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU AND ME!!!!**
(JESUS' SCOURGING WAS A ROMAN PUNISHMENT; IT CONSISTED OF A HANDLE WITH ABOUT A DOZEN LEATHER CARDS WITH JAGGED PIECES OF BONE OR METAL AT EACH END TO MAKE THE BLOW MORE PAINFUL. THE VICTIM WAS TIED TO A POST, AND BLOWS WERE APPLIED TO THE BACK AND LOINS AND SOMETIMES TO THE FACE AND BOWELS. THE FLESH WAS CUT BY EACH BLOW, SO HIDEOUS WAS THE PUNISHMENT THAT THE VICTIM OFTEN FAINTED AND SOME DIED UNDER IT.)

IT WAS YOURS AND MY MIND: WE THOUGH

OF FILTHY AND UN-GODLY THINGS, BUT IT WAS JESUS' HEAD THEY CROWNED WITH THURNS; AND IT BROUGHT PAIN.

***** HIS GRACE AND-MERCY!!!!*****

JOHN 19:2, THE SOLDIERS PLATTED A CROWN OF THORNS, AND PUT IT ON HIS HEAD, AND THEY PUT ON HIM A PURPLE ROBE.

IT WAS YOUR AND MY HANDS: WE STOLE THINGS; WE WAS A THIEF, BUT IT WAS JESUS' HANDS, THAT THEY NAILED TO THE TREE.

IT WAS YOURS AND MY FEET, DANCED FILLY DANCES; AND KNEW IT SHOULD NOT BE, BUT IT WAS JESUS' FEET; THAT THEY NAILED TO THE CROSS ON CALVARY.

LUKE 24:39, JESUS SAID, BEHOLD(LOOK) MY HANDS AND MY FEET, THAT IT IS I MYSELF: HANDLE ME, AND SEE; FOR A SPIRIT HATH NOT FLESH AND BONES, AS YE SEE ME HAVE.

IT WAS YOURS AND MY SIDE: WE WALKED BESIDE THE UN-GODLY MAN, BUT IT WAS HIS SIDE THEY PIERCED; AND OUT HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD RAN.

JOHN 19:34, ONE OF THE SOLDIERS WITH A SPEAR PIERCED HIS SIDE. AND FORTHWITH CAME THERE OUT BLOOD AND WATER.

CHRISTIANS SAY: CIVIL RIGHTS WAS NEEDED FOR ALL MAN; AND THAT LIE; IT HAS BECOME KNOWN: THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE LAND!!!

(YOU SEE EVERYONE NEEDS SAVING; AND EVERYONE CAN COME TO JESUS, HE IS THE ONLY WAY TO SALVATION. AND THAT IS WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS!!!!)

ROMANS 6:23, FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH; BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

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by Eddie P. Richardson

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We have run the Mayor of Lubbock. Now we will be in a series featuring each Department Head. We have follow the sequence with District 1, and continuing through District 6.

The city council, along with the mayor, conducts business, performs ceremonial duties, listens to boards and commissions' reports, and acts on the information presented to them. The city council also hires the city manager, city attorney, and city secretary as required by the Lubbock City Charter.

Managing Director of Water Utilities Terry Ellerbrook



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Terry Ellerbrook has served as Director of Water Utilities since December 1994 holding the position as Interim Director since February 1994.

His responsibilities include overseeing Water Engineering, Water Production/Treatment, Water Reclamation, Land Application, Metering Customer Service and Pipeline Maintenance.

Mr. Ellerbrook has been with the City of Lubbock since 1982- at which time he served as Water Treatment Plant Supervisor and served as Assistant Director of Water Utilities since 1990. He has also worked for the City of Amarillo as Water Plant Operations Supervisor.

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