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Remembering Paul Robeson: The leader we need now



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., 806-771-1015
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue Q
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post #08 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, Mrs. Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Melet Alumni Center
- Dunbar-Anahathai Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center-party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstration.
- 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 Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

Along the Color Line

by Dr. Manning Marable

There is a crisis of leadership in American public life today. President George W. Bush's opinion-poll numbers are at an all-time low, due in large measure to his inept and completely unjustifiable war in Iraq. Congress, dominated by conservative Republicans, is caught in corruption, scandals, and seems totally out of touch with the needs of the American people. The moguls of corporate America receive astronomically high salaries and benefits packages, while millions of Americans are losing their pensions and health care coverage.

Where is the leadership we need that possesses a vision of what American democracy could be, a democracy without war and racism? The place to begin a critical conversation about the "leadership" we so desperately need today, is to reconsider past examples of visionary leadership that opposed war and racism from our nation's history. By "visionary" I mean the ability to transcend the profound racial and class divisions within our society, articulating policies of hope and empowerment for the vast majority of working people.

The most courageous model of civic leadership that the African-American people have produced was that of Paul Robeson. Born in 1898, Robeson was an all-American athlete in college. He received a law degree from Columbia University in 1923. Almost by accident he became involved in the theater and within a few years had become one of the best known actors in the country. His extraordinary singing voice also won him international popularity.

Between the Great Depression until the late 1940s, Robeson was the most celebrated and widely admired African American leader in the United States. He lived and worked largely in Europe in the 1930s, where he had better access to opportunities as an actor and singer. He tirelessly supported trade union activism and campaigned for Third World independence, and in 1938 he traveled to Spain to defend the Spanish Republic in its unsuccessful war against fascism.

Returning to the United States in 1939, Robeson became deeply involved in advocating civil rights and trade union struggles throughout the country, which led the FBI to place him under surveillance. During World War II he used his reputation as a popular public figure and artist to promote interracial cooperation in the conflict against fascism.

With the onset of the international "Cold War" between the United States and the Soviet Union, Robeson courageously understood that international peace was essential to the interests of black and brown people, both within the U.S. as well as for the then-colonized Third World nations of Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. McCarthyite witch

hunts against the U.S. left were also being used to undermine civil rights and the labor movement. Robeson was prepared to sacrifice his career as an artist to lead the struggle for democratic rights and global peace, regardless of the consequences.

In 1944, at the World Peace Conference in Paris, Robeson declared, "It is unthinkable that American Negroes will go to war on behalf of those who have

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National Secretary Walter White, and baseball star Jackie Robinson, issued public statements harshly critical of Robeson. In 1950 Robeson's passport was seized by the U.S. State Department and he was prohibited from traveling abroad. He was banned from appearances on television, radio, and at concert halls.

Subpoenaed by the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1956, Robeson defiantly refused to give names of American communists and challenged the committee members about their racism. In 1958 the Supreme Court finally restored his passport and he immediately went abroad. For several years he performed in Europe and Australia, but the pressures of political harassment took their toll. In 1961 Robeson suffered a physical breakdown, and by the mid-1960s he had largely withdrawn from public life. Robeson died in 1976.

Yet for the Black Freedom Movement of the 1960s and 1970s, Paul Robeson continued to be the living embodiment of their political ideals. By remembering the fearless example of Robeson today, we might restore the democratic vision and political ideals of peace and freedom he lived for in our own time.

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Peoples celebrate 35th year at Mount Olive



Slaton - The Mount Olive First Missionary Baptist Church of Slaton will honor their Pastor and First Lady, Rev. and Mrs. Clifton C. Peoples, on their Thirty-Fifth faithful years of service.

This great celebration will be held April 9, 14 and 16, 2006. The Mount Olive Church Family is proud to have such great leadership with such tenure.

The membership are showing their appreciation for their endurance knowing that "The Best Is Yet To Come!"

Accounts conflict after incident involving Georgia Democrat

WASHINGTON - Rep. Cynthia McKinney and a police officer scuffled Wednesday after the Georgia Democrat entered a House office building unrecognized and refused to stop when asked, according to U.S. Capitol Police.



McKinney

McKinney, a sixth-term congresswoman who represents suburban Atlanta, struck the officer according to one account, a police official said, adding there were conflicting accounts. The official, who was not authorized to speak publicly about the incident, spoke only on condition of anonymity. No charges were filed, police said.

McKinney issued a statement Wednesday night saying she regretted the confrontation. "I know that Capitol Hill

Police are securing our safety, and I appreciate the work that they do. I have demonstrated my support for them in the past and I continue to support them now," she said. Capitol Police spokeswoman Sgt. Kimberly Schneider said only that senior officials have been made aware of the incident and are investigating.

Members of Congress do not have to walk through metal detectors as they enter buildings on the Capitol complex. They wear lapel pins identifying them as members.

McKinney routinely doesn't wear her pin and is recognized by many officers, the police official said, adding that she wasn't wearing it when she entered a House office building early Wednesday.

By one police account, she walked around a metal detector and an officer asked her several times to stop. When she did not, the officer tried to stop her, and she then struck the officer, according to that account.

In her statement, McKinney said most members of Congress expect Capitol police to recognize them. "I was urgently trying to get to an important meeting on time to fulfill my obligations to my constituents. Unfortunately, the police officer did not recognize me as a member of Congress and a confrontation ensued," she said.

"I did not have on my congressional pin but showed the police officer my congressional ID."

McKinney was defeated in 2002 after she implied on a talk radio program that the Bush administration might have had advance notice of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. She won back the seat two years later with 64 percent of the vote.

Republicans circulated an e-mail noting that McKinney's party the same day announced an election-year "affirmation" of their commitment to shoring up the nation's security.

"On a day when the Democrats unveil their national security agenda, it's probably not a good idea to allegedly strike a police officer," said Ron Bonjean, spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Illinois. Hank Johnson, a DeKalb County, Georgia, commissioner who is running against McKinney in this year's Democratic primary, said voters "must hold Ms. McKinney accountable for her continued pattern of irresponsible and reckless behavior."

"For years, it's the people of the Fourth District who have suffered and been shortchanged because of our representative's behavior in Congress," Johnson said. "It's why she is ineffective in Congress."

Southwest Digest gives away tickets for local children to attend Sesame Street Live

Last week, the Southwest Digest sponsored young people to attend the Sesame Street Live shows. When the Southwest Digest gave away tickets to local children, they were able to attend one of this past weekend's shows, "Grover! Ready For Action." The winners of the drawings were: Daniel Lopez, Jeremiah Garcia, Eric Garcia, Devoyes Collins,

Shadricke Taylor, Tyson Tylor, Dawson Tylor, Eric Montalvo, Eden Montalvo, Evelyn Page, Tavonta Williams, Trashena Hope, James Walker, Jr., Jamekia Walker, Mikla Lewis, Shakyla Lewis, and Mashiva Coleman.

These young people were accompanied by adults or chaperones. All in attendance reported a wonderful time.

Mrs. Vivian Peoples named "Star Of The Week"

Congratulations are in store for Mrs. Vivian Peoples. Mrs. Peoples was selected as "Star of the Week" at Wheatley Elementary School during the week of March 27, 2006. Mrs. Peoples has been employed in the Lubbock

Independent School District for more than ten years. She is the Home Liaison for Wheatley Elementary School.

A member of the Wheatley Parent, Teachers Association, she works with the Parenting Classes and is a member of the District PTA board member of LISD. Congratulations to Vivian Peoples for a job well done. We appreciate all of the work you do for our children and community!

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

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Elections coming up!

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 Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church has been invited to participate in the Pastor & Wife's Anniversary of the Good Shepherd Family Worship Center, 1122 43th Street, Bishop & Mrs. Robert L. McKenzie. Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr., pastor of Bethel, will deliver the anniversary sermon. Services will get underway at 3:00 p. m.

Let's mark our calendars for the 2nd Annual Community Champion Award Banquet which is set for Friday, June 16, 2006, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall. The recipient of this year's award will be Marc McDougal. Invited speakers include Governor Rick Perry and U. S. Senator John Cornyn.

For ticket information, contact the North & East Lubbock Development Corporation at (806) 747-5937.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Today it is them, and tomorrow it could be one of us. Remember God is able.

Some of those who are ill include: Sister Odessa Long, Sister Bessie Horton, who is a

sister of Brother Charles Jackson in Huntsville, Alabama.

Let us pray a special prayer for members of the Ervin Family: Dottie Chavone Ervin, Sister Joan Y. Ervin and Brother Tyrone L. Ervin. Prayer does make a difference.

Let us not forget our bereaved families who have lost loved ones. Among those include Rev. S. T. Sneed, a retired Pastor of the C. M. E. Church, who passed away last Friday, March 31, 2006. He was also an insurance professional in our community. Services were pending at this report.

The members of the New Hope Baptist Church are getting ready for their 80th Church Anniversary which is set for Sunday afternoon, April 16, 2006, beginning at 3:30 p. m. All are rejoicing over the years of progress at their church.

The doors are always open at New Hope, and your attendance will be appreciative. The proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

If you are unable to attend your church services because of a reason not under your control, then tune on Sunday mornings

over Radio Station KJAK, 92.7 FM, and hear the New Hope Broadcast from 11:00 a. m. until 12:30 p. m.

The Annual Business meeting of the Federation of Churches will be held Friday evening, April 7, 2006, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church beginning at 6:15 p.m. Participants in this meeting will include Pastors, Choir Presidents and Choir Directors. At this meeting, new officers will be elected. Those officers will be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Staff Assistant.

The 52nd Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs was held Sunday afternoon, March 26th, at Greater St. Luke. It was an outstanding celebration.

Rev. J. Ford is host pastor.

If you have information about a program for the upcoming Easter Holidays, let this column hear from you. It is good for people to know of the many things you, your church or your organization is doing to make our community a much better place for all of us. So, let us hear from you.

Mr. & Miss EHS crowned



Mr. EHS - Andre Turner

Andre is the son of Cynthia Turner and Theron Watson. He is involved in the Matador Band and serves as the Bass Drum Section Leader. He is currently the President of NSBE-National Society of Black Engineers. While at Estacado High School, Andre has been a member of the Basketball Team and the National Honors Society. Andre plans to serve our country in the United States Navy after graduation. While in the Navy he plans to attend college.

Miss EHS - Andrea Scott

Miss Andrea Scott is the daughter of Edwin, Jr. and Dora Scott. She is an Athletic Trainer for the competitive athletics teams. During her years at EHS, Andrea has participated in Habitat for Humanity, the athletics program (as a trainer and a manager), and the National Honors Society. She also competed with the Academic Decathlon team.

Andrea plans to attend the University of Texas after graduation and pursue a degree in psychology. Eventually, she would like to transfer to Baylor University or Texas Christian University to obtain a doctorate degree.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Ruberson
Printed fabric

This season's fashion fun is on the new fabulous and prints! From florals to graphics, beautiful prints are what to wear now to make a major fashion statement. In department stores around the world, you'll find exclusive collections of all the key print pieces.

Even must-have dresses to stand out. Florals, stripes, and neutrals, is what to look for when selecting your outfit. Floral sandals are absolutely to die for, keep in mind that floral sandals look best with solids.

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

Final call for SPC Peace Officer Academy

South Plains College is accepting candidates of the 2006 Summer Peace Officer Academy beginning May 3 through August 18 at Levelland. The classes are held Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Applicants must also be admitted to SPC and meet all SPC entrance requirements. Admission to SPC does not ensure admission into the academy. Admission forms are provided after the completion of the entrance exam and background check.

Pre-registration is required by April 21, 2006 along with a non-refundable \$20 application fee for a state and federal background check required through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Office Standards and Education. The registration process may take three to four weeks, therefore early registration is recommended.

The Academy is a 16-week course of study involving 612 hours of academy work and approximately 192 hours of physical fitness activities. For a more detailed list of admission requirements, log on to www.southplainscollege.edu/law or call 806-894-9611, extension 2291.

In Remembrance

Sharon Ann Hall

Funeral services for Sharon Ann Hall were held Wednesday morning, April 5, 2006, at the Faith First Baptist Church with Rev. N. R. A. Garrett, pastor, officiating.

Burial as held at the Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Creative Burial Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Friday, March 31, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born July 25, 1952, in Whiteface to Willie and Marilyn Hall. She resided and worked in Lubbock for 27 years. She had been employed by Lubbock Regional MHMR for 20 years of hard work and dedication. She received a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Lubbock Christian University in 1996.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She leaves to mourn her death: a daughter and son-in-law, Jeremy and Marcia Perry of Lubbock, and her "Holy Clan"; two grandsons, Michael and Sean; and one granddaughter, Jasmine; three brothers: Willie Hall of Lubbock, Billy and Rickey Hall, both of Levelland; three sisters: Brenda Hall, Penny

Hall, and Linda Hall, all of Levelland; a special cousin, Sandra Robinson; and a host of friends and family members.

Clem "C. H." Mitchell

Wichita Falls - (Special) Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, April 4, 2006, for Clem "C.H." Mitchell at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church with Rev. Robert M. Castle, pastor officiating.

Rev. Angus Thompson and Rev. Billy Delaney assisted him.

Brother Alford Hamilton, the Men's Choir of Mount Pleasant, and Lillie Archie did special music. Remarks were given by Howard Wherry of the Mount Pleasant Choir, James Welburn of Wichita Falls Northeast Lions Club, Price Gray of Second Harvest where he was able to care for those less fortunate. He also served his community by working with the Wichita Falls Northeast Lions Club in many roles, one of which was president.

He is survived by his wife, Roversa Mitchell, daughter, Gloria Mitchell, a cousin, Alma Mitchell, a devoted sister-in-law, Opal Evelyn Johnson, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He passed away Thursday, March 30, 2006, with his wife and best friend, Roversa Mitchell at his bedside.

He was born September 18, 1924 to E. D. Mitchell and Virginia

Hutchinson in Wichita Falls. After the death of his mother, he lived with his paternal grandmother and father who raised him until he finished his public education at Booker T. Washington High School. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1940, and married Roversa in 1942 and remained married for 63 years until his death.

In addition to serving his country, he was a loyal employee of Carnation Milk Co. for 27 years. After retirement, the City National Bank where he worked for ten years employed him.

He devoted many hours to his church, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, where he sung in the choir, worked on the usher board, and used the culinary skills he had developed in the U. S. Navy. In his early years, he served as a role model, mentoring and coaching young men in baseball, basketball and football. In his later years, Clem worked passionately with Second Harvest where he was able to care for those less fortunate. He also served his community by working with the Wichita Falls Northeast Lions Club in many roles, one of which was president.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus "Our Children Are Dying And Crying"

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

Isaiah 1:4 - A sinful Nation (America), a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evilness. Children who are perverters. They have forsaken the Lord.

It started in the 60's when the Christians marched for mankind civil rights. They disobeyed the laws of the land. Now the children do it day and night!!!

Romans 8:5-7a - For they that are after the flesh do mind the spirit. For the carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God. For it is not subject to the law of God.

*** Did The Christians Rob God????? ***

The Christians followed after flesh. The man saying "I have a dream," didn't stay with the word of God. Now nightmares are coming from that dream!!!

Galatians 6:7 - Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap.

(The thing about sowing and reaping, you will always get more than you planted, you can take a bucket of corn to the field and plant it. But when you reap it, you will need a pickup truck to bring it in. America has sowed a little of "My Rights" in disobe-

dience and is reaping troubles all over the land!!!)

The children are robbing, killing, an' stealing. Men go to jail. Their lives are ruined, turned upside down. Now they're eating hell!!!

Deuteronomy 28:41 - The Lord said, you shall be sons and daughters, but you shall not enjoy them, for they shall go into captivity.

The word of God said, train up your children in a way they should go. America trains in football, basketball and baseball. The word of God doesn't know!

Luke 6:39 - Jesus said, can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?

The Devil gave out equal rights in the Garden of Eve. But they were wrong. He gives out that my rights lie to every generation whenever it comes along.

(The only equal rights God wants mankind to have is to come from the Cross of Jesus. Bring all your sins and let Him clean them. No race or color is looked upon!!!)

John 3:17 - Jesus said, for God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Out of the "My Rights" program, a six year girl is killed in

America's schools from the showing of a rough killing on TV. I ask who is the fool??

Romans 1:21-27 - Because that when they (Christians) knew of God, they glorified him not as God, neither were they thankful. Cut became vain in their imaginations (dreams), and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves to be wise. They became fools.

*** Yes, The Christians Did Rob God!!! ***

Prayer is in the heart of the children. It never was left out of the schools. The Devil has just brainwashed the Christians, and look who is the fool??

I Samuel 16:7b - The Lord sees not as man sees. For man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

Christians marching and singing on the drug houses. That is not the way to beat the Devil and his work. "We must go the Lord Jesus and pray!!!"

II Chronicles 7:14 - The Lord said, if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith What Country Reflects Your Loyalty: Mexico or the United States?

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States wrote the following in a letter to the American Defense Society in 1919 --

"In the first place we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the man's becoming in very fact an American, and nothing but an American."

There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag, and this excludes the red flag, which symbolizes all wars against liberty and civilization, just as much as it excludes any foreign flag of a nation to which we are hostile... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

Last week, I made the point that marchers were waving flags from the U.S., Mexico, Guatemala and other countries showing their solidarity with illegal immigrants who were in quest for the American dream. I suggested these Mexicans get some guts and take control of their country. They should not let the likes of Fox and his kind make their life a living hell by trying to cross the border into America.

Since that writing, I witness other marches in protest or sanc-

tions to illegal immigrants, holding high the Mexican flag. I also witness some demonstrations, hosting the flag of the Republic of Mexico over the United States flag here in America. These illegal immigrants have another agenda. That is by real numbers take over the part of the United States that they believe belongs to Mexico. This really chapped my hide. Think about it—Americans citizens and illegal immigrants who dare to have parts of a brass monkey to disrespect the flag of Americans on their home soil and plotting to take over the southwestern part of the United States including Lubbock.

Let me be candid! My Black, slave forefathers who were sold by Black West Africans helped build America. My forefathers help paved the way for the present day Americans by force labor through sweat, blood, tears and even the ultimate price: death by cruel taskmasters. History speaks saying my foremothers gave birth to illegitimate children of Anglo-males by force to please their sexual behavior while the husband was told "boy go to the field!" He had to bear the pain for the sake of his children who had no other country to call home.

For more than eleven years when I was the pastor at the St. Joseph African Methodist Episcopal Church in San Antonio, I heard the cries of soldiers who were suffering from wounds inflicted while in Vietnam. Often, these men of valor were not aware of their surrounding because of their physical and psychological wounds. I shared their concerned and love for America and willingness to die for their country. I counsel

with their families and blessed the forefathers sitting at the head of their table knowing that they had given there all for the sake of their country. I have put my arms around them as they quiver from the roar of an overhead aircraft that reminded them of the helicopters bringing in dead American soldiers from the battlefields that had given their lives for the cause of America.

When I stand up to speak God's word on Sunday morning at Smith Temple, I see three branches of the United States Military by men who have served their country through the Air Force, the Army and the Navy. I see men who served their country with honor and dignity and their pledge of allegiance is to the flag of the United States of America, not Mexico.

When Jesus wanted something done, he did not call John his cousin who was a good fisherman and who he told to take care of his mama at the Cross. Father, he called Peter, a large, tall man who did not take any stuff and appointed him steward with authority of the "keys to the kingdom"

By now you should know what the question will be: Is the President of the United States a mama's boy with ruffled pants to Mexico's president, Vicente Fox or is Vicente Fox a Peter to the Executive Branch of the United States on disrespect to the American flag and illegal immigration and the silent take-over of at least five southwestern States in the United States? Is it not a matter of "if" but when the next president of Mexico will give the order to take the Southwestern part of the United States back under Mexican control. To be continued...

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"The Call For Holy Living" - Phil. 4:8 & Lev. 19:3

What we put into our minds determine what comes out in our words and actions. Paul tells us to fill our minds with thoughts that are true, good and right. Do you have problems with impure thoughts and day dreams? Examine what you are putting into your mind through television, replace harmful input with wholesome materials, always read good words and pray. Ask God to help you to focus your mind on what is good and pure. It takes practice, but it can be done, believe me. Paul tells us to live Holy before God and in the sight of all men. The important question today is: "What is The Christian's Involvement?" In this world of sin, crime, violent acts, drug problems, gambling, stealing, robbing, murdering, and others, the Christians are to sanctify, purify, the environment rather

than conforming to this world.

"Step: Toward Holiness"

Gird up the loins of your mind - mental thought is an idea. If Satan can control your idea, he gets both mind and body as well as soul. Your mind, body and soul belong to God. Let this mind be in you as in Christ Jesus. Some of Satan's schemes include rap music, with wrong lyrics, violent crime, X-rated movies, palm reading, drugs, lying, sealing, killing and others. All are general toward mind control. Whoever stands up and lifts up our Lord Jesus Christ. We must put on our armor. Dress for battle! If we do this, we will win!! We will become victorious. God puts a claim on our mind. As it is written in the First Commandments: "Love the Lord, thy God, with all thy mind."

There are minds who sit in the parlor of the Church who gossip and bring all kinds of stuff to Church. Therefore, when we enter into the sanctuary, we are headless and mindless. Gird up the

loins of your mind. Be sober, self control, as soberness is headed toward Holiness. Don't be carried away by every wind and doctrine. Obedient should be the foundation of a Christian. We cannot be disciples unless we do the things he told us to do. We can start by loving our Sisters and Brothers today! We all should obey God rather than man.

Don't forget your strive by Prayers on your way to your Church, and when you get there and find your favorite seat! Be an intercessor for your Pastor and Family, and the total Body of Christ.

Thanks for reading, Saints!

What A Mighty God We Serve!

Our Saturday, April 1, 2006, report will given next week. We appreciate all the prayers sent our way. They are really working.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christine Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosianna Henderson, secretary.

2006 Reflections on Cesar E. Chavez Essay Contest winners announced

The Cesar E. Chavez Commemoration Committee is proud to announce the winners of the 2006 Reflections on Cesar E. Chavez Essay coordinated by the Cesar E. Chavez Commemoration Committee and sponsored in part by American State Bank.

Students were asked to write about the following essay topic: "Describe how the life of Cesar E. Chavez is a model for sacrifice and courage, and explain how his ideals can motivate and inspire you in achieving your goals in education and other aspects of your future."

Winners for the 7th-9th grade are: 1st Place - Kristen McDonald - Alderson Middle School, 2nd Place - Amaris Garcia - OL Slaton Jr. High, 3rd Place - Jordan Saiz - OL Slaton Jr. High

Winners for the 10th - 12th grade are: 1st Place - Spenser Piercy - Lubbock High, 2nd Place - Isabell Maria Martinez - Monterey High, 3rd Place (tie) - Naomi Kaskela and Vicky Smith - Lubbock High.

According to Manda Lopez-Klein she said that all of the entries

received were very well written and thoughtful.

"I believe that looking at history helps students be more thoughtful about how our society has evolved. Justice is something that everyone looks for at some point in their lives and its great for them to see how Chavez's search for fairness set a historical stage to bring forth a voice for justice," said Lopez-Klein.

For additional information, please contact Christy Martinez-Garcia at (806) 797-7233.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were very high in spirit last Sunday morning, April 2, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2006, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:10 a. m. Sister Luella Harris, Superintendent, was at her post of duty. Rev. Canady taught the morning lesson, and Rev. Johnnie Barnes gave a dynamic review. It was another outstanding lesson.

The morning lesson got underway with the morning devotion, which was conducted by Deacon Edward William and Brother Vincent Bailey who were in charge.

The Voices of St. Matthew

Baptist Church sung several selections. Again, they sung out of their hearts and souls. Praise God for them, and all they do in his name.

Rev. Johnnie Barnes delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Facing And Defeating Words." His scripture text was Psalms 10 and Isaiah 26:3. What a wonderful message it was.

The St. Matthew Ushers will sponsor their Annual Program

Sunday afternoon, April 9, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join them in this glorious celebration.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in members. Among those on the sick list include Sister Bernice Hameed. Shall we pray?

Thought For The Week:
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Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:26
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9
How do we obey him?
Here the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3
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Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
By faith shall we be saved - Rom 1:17

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Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes

Celebrate National Poetry Month in April 2006 with the publication of *Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes*.

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One of the central figures in the Harlem Renaissance - the flowering of black culture that took place in the 1920s and 30s, Langston Hughes was not only the leading African-American poet of his generation but is one of the most significant American writers of the 20th century.

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Hughes's poems reflect the language and culture of his people and their struggle for equal rights. His words ring out with power that transcends race and time. Living in pre-Civil Rights America, Hughes faced many obstacles. His works speak out against social injustice.

*Where is the Jim Crow section
On this merry-go-round,
Mister, can't I want to ride?
Down South where I come from
White and colored
Can't sit side by side.*

But he imagines a future in which everyone would share in "sweet freedom's way":

*A world I dream when black or white,
Wherever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free.*

By weaving the musical traditions of jazz, the blues, and African spirituals into his verse, Hughes gives his poems a rhythm all their own. You can almost hear the soulful cries of "Homesick Blues," the blast of sweet silver trumpets in "When Sue Wears Red," and the beat of African

tom-toms in "Drums," demanding you "Remember, remember, remember!"

Among the author's best poems are Hughes's best-known and most loved works: "The Negro Speaks of Rivers"; "Aunt Sue's Stories"; "Danse Africaine"; "Mother and Son"; "My People"; "Words Like Freedom"; "Harlem"; and "I, Too"—his sharp, pointed response to Walt Whitman's earlier "I Hear America Singing."

These rich portrayals of black life in America have been compiled and edited by **Arnold Rampersad** and **David Roessel**, the two leading experts on Langston Hughes's work, who also provide an insightful introduction to the poet's words and world.

About the Editors

Arnold Rampersad is the author of the widely acclaimed two-volume biography *The Life of Langston Hughes* as well as *Days of Grace: A Memoir*, co-authored with Arthur Ashe, and *Jackie Robinson: A Biography*. He has also edited several other books, among them *The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes* (with David Roessel). He is professor of English and senior associate dean at

Stanford University, an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the American Philosophical Society, and a recipient of a MacArthur Foundation fellowship.

David Roessel is the editor or co-editor of several books on American poetry and drama, including *The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes* (with Arnold Rampersad), and *Poems/Hughes*. He is also the author of *In Byron's Shadow: Modern Greece in the English and American Imagination*, winner of the Modern Language Association Prize for Independent Scholars.

Look for the April 2006 launch of the website, www.poetryforyoungpeople.com. Please do not reproduce photographs from this title without prior permission of Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.

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Former Waxahachie Mayor announces candidacy for Ellis Co. Judge

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all must work to make this world worthy of our children."

Beatty was first elected to the Waxahachie City Council in 1995 and was elected Mayor in 1997. He served as mayor for five years, longer than anyone in the history of the city. He led the city through a growth period in which the tax base grew from \$200 million to almost \$2 billion.

Beatty served for 30 years as a professional with The Boy Scouts of America, and also played professional football with the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National

Football League (NFL). He serves on numerous national, state, and local boards and commissions.

He has been active with the Texas Municipal League (TML) and an officer of the Texas Association of Black Elected City Council Members (TABCCM).

He has been an architect for the first time home buyers program. His effort translated into rooflofts which in turn translated into retail and the creation of jobs in Waxahachie.

Beatty has been a driving force behind the development and

completion of major public works projects, which also created jobs, promised tourism, increased public safety, and attracted industries.

During the Beatty Administration, he improved the City of Waxahachie's national financial ranking for fiscal responsibility to an AA Bond Rating, and has worked hard to increase the City's financial rating.

Grant selected by Seattle in 2006 WNBA Draft

Texas Tech point guard Erin Grant was drafted in the third round as the 39th overall selection in the 2006 WNBA Draft today by the Seattle Storm.

Grant was one of four players from the Big 12 Conference drafted.

Grant, who was named All-Big 12 first team, is the Big 12 Conference and Texas Tech all-time leader in career assists with 844. The Arlington, Texas, native started all 29 games in 2005-06 for the Lady Raiders as she averaged 12.0 points and 6.3

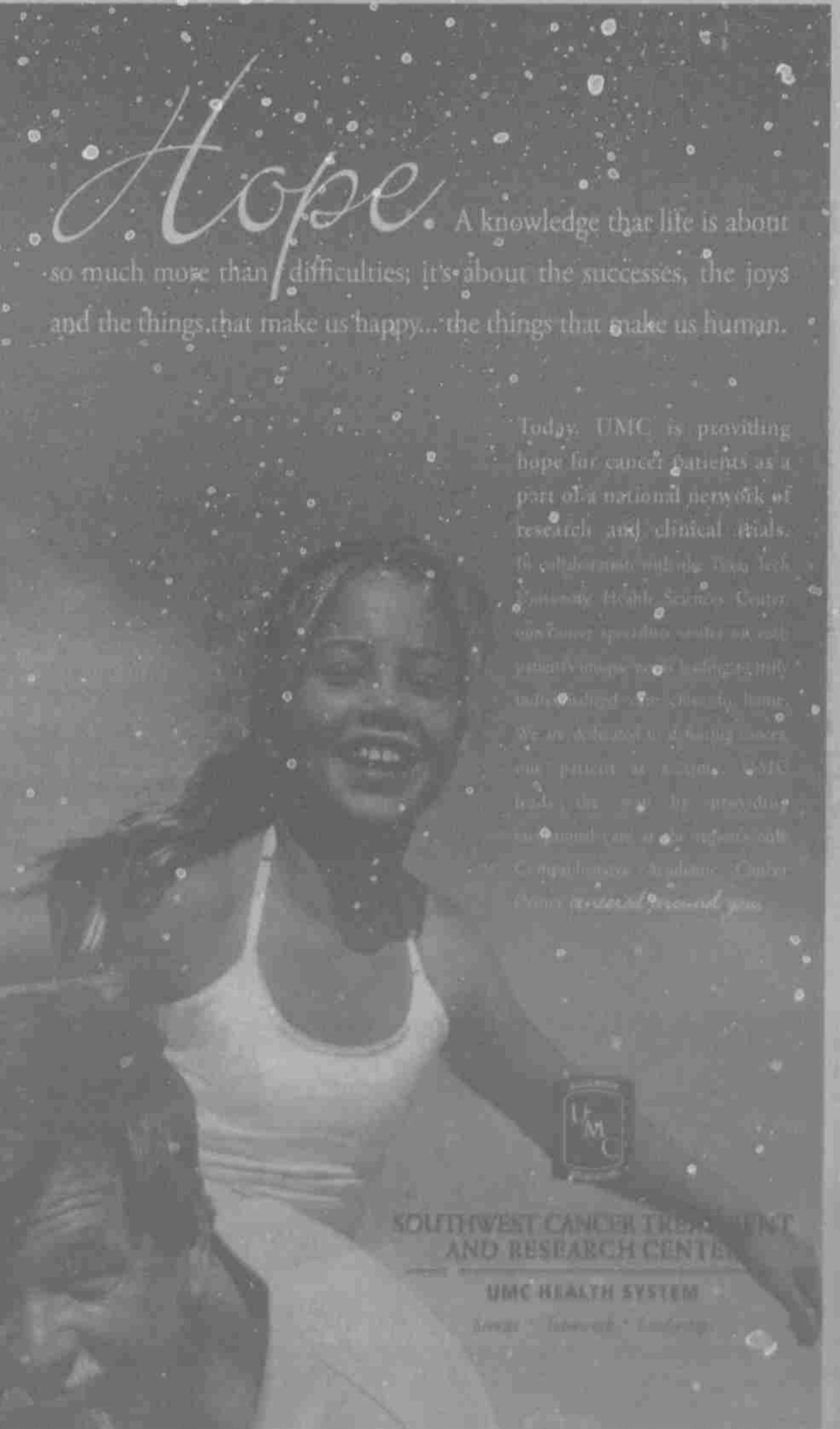
assists per game. Grant dished out double-digit assists five times this season and 22 times in her career.

Grant finished her career at Texas Tech with 1,108 points, 844 assists, 473 rebounds and 158 steals. Her 1,108 points ranks tied for 19th on Tech's career scoring list.

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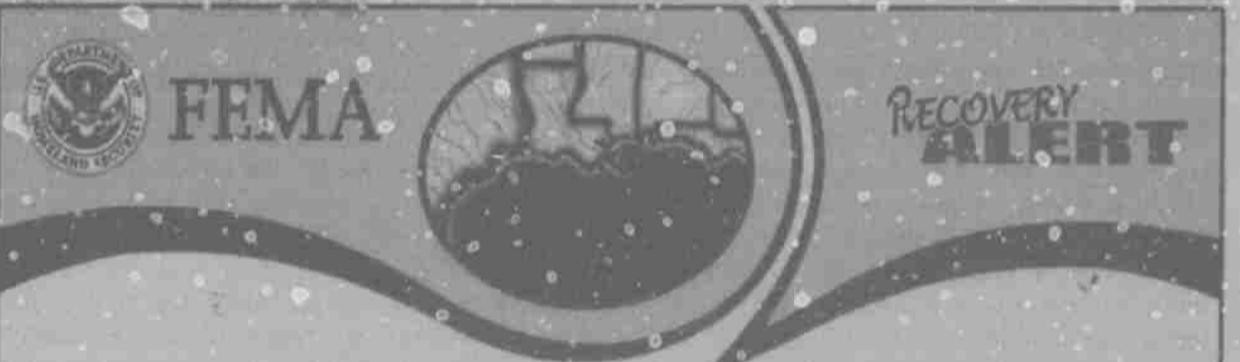
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Why So Many Blacks Fear Illegal Immigrants - Pt. 2

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

A few months before the 2004 presidential election, Project 21, a Washington D.C. based group of black conservative businessmen and professionals, called George Bush on the carpet for his conflicted immigration reform proposals. The group railed that if Congress enacted Bush's reform proposals it would flood the country with border of illegal immigrants, speed the deterioration in public education, further bulge the prisons, and undercut American worker's wages. But Project 21's biggest fear was that illegal immigration would have dire impact on black workers. It claimed that illegal immigrants depress wages, elbow blacks out of low and unskilled farm and manufacturing jobs, and snatch vital services from the black poor.

This is the worn argument of

conservatives, and fringe anti-immigrant groups such as the Minuteman Project. Other studies show that illegal immigrants pay more taxes, spend more consumer dollars on goods and services, and receive less in benefits from government agencies than any other group. Project 21's leap on the illegal immigration bandwagon is predictable. They are following the lead of their ultra-conservative GOP boosters that have pounded on Bush to take ever harsher steps to shut down the border.

But the illegal immigration debate is not a manufactured ploy by conservatives to exploit black fears over illegal immigrants. In the days immediately following the Katrina debacle, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, a centrist Democrat, touched off a mild flap with his shoot-from-the-lip quip to local business leaders that he was appalled at his thought that Mexican workers seeking to fill reconstruction jobs would overrun New Orleans. The crack was silly, impolitic and crude, but civil rights leaders were mostly mute on it and

him. That's no surprise either. During the past two decades, the illegal immigration debate has stirred doubts, hesitation, and even conflicting positions by black liberals and Democrats. In the 1980s, the Congressional Black Caucus staunchly opposed the 1984 immigration reform bill. The bill called for tougher sanctions against employers that hired illegal immigrants and for tighter enforcement controls at the border, and an English language requirement to attain legalization. But it was an easy call then for the Caucus. Those were the Reagan years, and black Democrats and civil rights leaders waged relentless war against Reagan's domestic policies. In 1985, and 1990, the Caucus opposed other reform measures that were pretty much a carbon copy of the earlier proposal.

The CBC took its cue from the Hispanic Caucus and continued to oppose tougher punitive measure immigration. But the sharp jump in the number of illegal immigrants, new polls that showed that a significant

number of blacks opposed increased immigration, bi-lingual education, and drivers licenses for illegal immigrants, and the rumbles from their constituents that illegal immigrants were grabbing jobs from blacks especially in retail and construction industries, made some black Democrats pause. While they and the NAACP and the Urban League still strongly oppose the "hate, nativist, borderline racist calls by fringe immigration groups to deport all illegal immigrants, they cautiously demand measures to better control immigration. In 2003, the SCLC, Rainbow Push and other civil rights groups backed the freedom ride bus campaign to lobby Congress for amnesty for illegal immigrants and stronger labor protections. The NAACP and Urban League, though, took no official position on the Freedom Ride.

A year before the freedom ride, the NAACP Hector Flores, the president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, to be a featured speaker at its convention. Flores and the NAACP merely skirted the issue

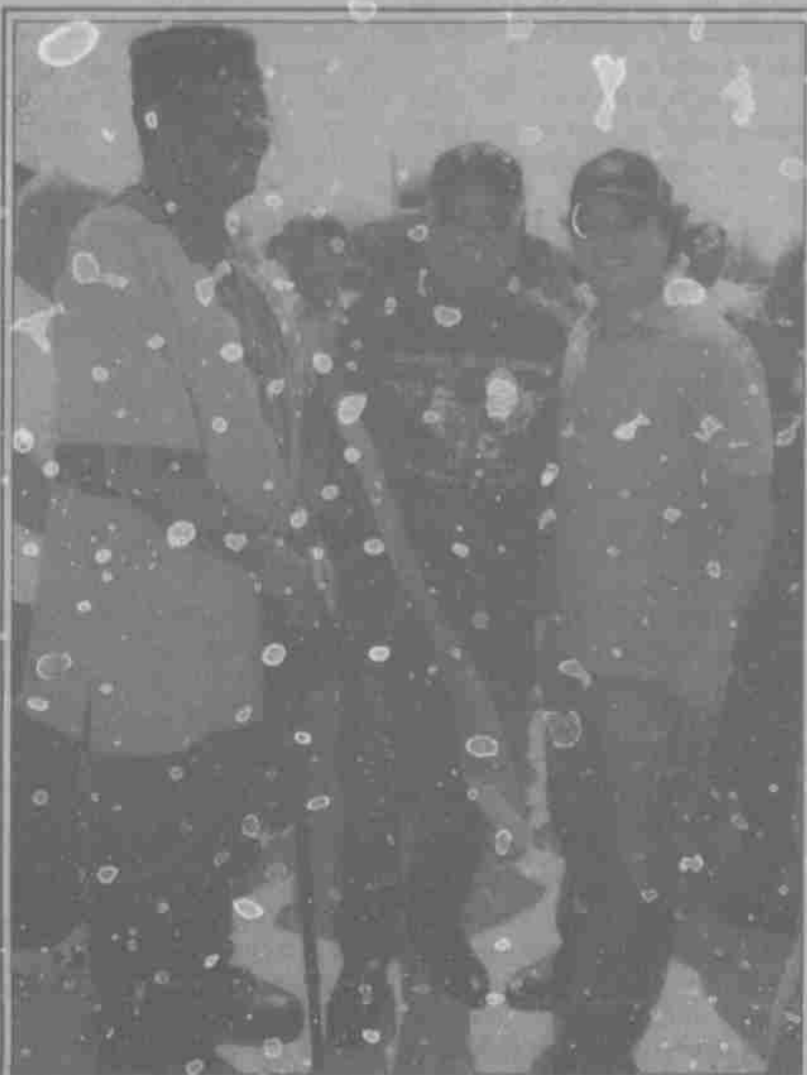
of immigration. It was only one of several policy initiatives that included affirmative action, tougher hate crimes legislation, health care, elimination of racial profiling, voting rights, and greater public education funding that the two groups agreed to work more closely together on. The NAACP did not say what or how it would work with LULAC on immigration reform, nor did it spell out its own position on the issue.

This is not a total retreat by some civil rights leaders and black Democrats on immigrant rights. In 2004, the majority of Congressional Black Caucus members backed an amnesty measure that was for more liberal and generous in granting amnesty than the one offered by the Bush administration. But some civil rights leaders still warned that illegal

immigration threatened black job gains in some parts of the country, and that some blacks had begun to parrot the same racially charged arguments of groups such as the Minuteman Project.

The illegal immigration controversy is not going away. Civil rights leaders and black Democrats must and should not pander to the anti-immigrant hysteria that has gripped many Americans, and that includes many blacks. They must continue to call for a fair, equitable immigration reform measure that both safeguard the rights and labor protections of undocumented workers and the job security of black workers. That's a tall order, but it's one they must fill.

Earl Ofari Hutchinson is a columnist for Black News.com, an author and political analyst.



CHATTING BEFORE BIG PARADE!

Speaking before the 7th Annual Cesar E. Chavez People's March and Celebration Saturday afternoon, April 1, 2006, are (left to right) T. J. Patterson, Richard E. Chavez and Brian Albier. Mr. Chavez is the brother of Cesar E. Chavez, who was dedicated to non-violence. He founded and led the first successful farm workers union in American history and was a principal figure in the Chicano Civil Rights Movement. He died in 1993. His birthday is March 31, and has been designated a state holiday in Texas. (Photo Courtesy of John Cervantez.)

Upcoming Library Events

Monday Night Shivers at the Godeke Branch Library
The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, presents "Monday Night Shivers" at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10. Kids are invited to come dressed in their graveyard best (prize for the best costume!) and enjoy refreshments and a scary movie (rated PG). Please call the library at 792-6566 for more information.

Lubbock Reads Book Discussion at the Godeke Branch Library
"Salvation on Sand Mountain" by Dennis Covington, will be discussed at the Godeke Branch

Library, 6601 Quaker, on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. as part of Lubbock Reads 2006. The author will be in attendance to talk about the book and answer questions relating to his experiences in the unusual world of a snake handling church. Lubbock Reads promotes literacy and bringing the community together by reading the same book and discussing it. Copies of the book available for checkout at all locations of the Lubbock Public Library and the Texas Tech University Library and is sponsored by the Friends of the Lubbock Public Library. For more information, please call Jane Clausen at 775-2824.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

ALWAYS GOOD TO GO BACK HOME! THIS N THAT, who was reared in Wichita falls had an opportunity to go back home this week Tuesday to attend a funeral of a family member, CLEM "C.H." MITCHELL, who devoted many years to helping young people and working for those in need as well as a dedicated church member but the point here is to be able TO GO BACK HOME from whence one has grown up. THIS N THAT grew up in Wichita Falls and was able to stop and look at the land which was enjoyed by this person for more than twenty years or more. While there, it was easy to recall the good days as well as the bad days. It's just good to go back from whence you come. So if you get an opportunity to go back to the area you grew up, why not do so it really does one good to be able to do so. It really reminds us from whence we come and makes one take a true focus on what's really important. Although our family was not wealthy in gold and silver it reminded this writer of the love shown and given to that little boy who one time ran barefooted over the land, and always had a decent meal to eat and a comfortable bed to lay ones head. Oh yes, why not do as THIS N THAT did just go back

from whence you grew up. What an awesome experience HILLARY HUTCHINSON was in attendance to the funeral. VERY GOOD PARADE WAS SATURDAY! THIS N THAT was in attendance of the 7TH ANNUAL CESAR E. CHAVEZ PEOPLE'S MARCH & CELEBRATION on Saturday afternoon, April 1, 2006. It was the largest celebration held in West Texas in honor of the late CESAR E. CHAVEZ. His brother RICHARD E. CHAVEZ was honored guest for the four-day celebration. A special CONGRATS to the local chairperson of the event, CHRISTY MARTINEZ, for a job well done. There's no doubt about it, it was a very good celebration and THIS N THAT was glad to be present and participate. PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "THE DIFFICULTIES OF LIFE are to make us BETTER NOT BITTER!" GARRISON INSTITUTE ON AGING SET! THIS N THAT is very impressed with the many programs by the GARRISON INSTITUTE ON AGING. Upcoming will be an educational program for the public to learn more about INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AND AGING HEALTH topics, which should

be of interest to Senior Citizens. The special seminar will take place April 26, 2006 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Health Sciences Center Academic Classroom Building, with Men's Health B-nhaad Mittenmeyer M.D. interim Dean, TTUHSC School of Medicine. If you are interested and have questions call 743-7521. WHAT ABOUT A DEBUTANTE BALL AGAIN? THIS N THAT is hoping the Eta Delta Chapter of ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. will consider bringing their DEBUTANTE BALL which allows young ladies to have an opportunity to be presented to the Lubbock community. This is a very good program and many young ladies will be helped THIS N THAT is hoping this will become a reality this coming December. IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED, YOU'D BETTER GET IT DONE! THIS N THAT is still reminding those of you who are not REGISTERED TO VOTE you need to do so because there will be a very important CITY ELECTION, which will be held MAY 13th! THIS N THAT is hoping those who will do so VOTING is very important for all of us.



Think About It!

What A Difference Greed Makes

by Eddie P. Richardson

In a recent conversation with some friends, we began to talk about the situation surrounding us. Guess what? Greed, for example General Motors, Inc., the largest company in the world with its many problems. Guess what? Greed, greed has changed the face of not only the work place, but politics and other facets of life. When the Unions first started, it was the best thing that could happen to disenfranchise workers such as Blacks, women and other affected class so called minorities on getting a fair shake on hiring, promotions and other job advantages. Then along came greed and now corruption among the Union leadership. Now America is pricing itself out of business at the expense of the American consumer. Because of this, it appears as though the American car industry

is caving in to the foreign auto industry with lower prices and better quality products. Look at the Delta Airlines situation which could result to a strike and could send Delta into a bankruptcy or out of business. What a difference greed makes. Civil rights, especially law enforcement when white enforcement, could and would whip and beat Blacks at will. Now law enforcement has problems with criminals, because the pendulum swung too far the other way with such things as with children and schools on discipline. Now it is hard to discipline children because the original help went too far the other way. Now back to greed: The greed and power is still here. Texas Congressman Tom DeLay, with

his redistricting ploy, caused Texas much seniority in the House of Representatives and a West Texan who was true friend with a proven record especially with farmers and Midland gained a freshman Congressmen because of selfish partisan politics. But look at what happened to Jim down the road with disgrace and has been charged with alleged money laundering, power broking and bad ethics as well as illegal fundraising and disbursement. What a difference greed makes twenty years as "The Hammer", a driving force on the beltway is hammered! Closing Thought: "What you do speak so loud, I can't hear a word you say along with I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day!"

Letter to the Editor

On behalf of the 2006 Cesar E. Chavez Commemoration Committee, I would like to thank you for your part in helping to make this year's Cesar E. Chavez celebration a success. Almost 2,000 people participated in the 7th annual Cesar E. Chavez People's March and Celebration, held this Saturday. The event is held annually and attracted people from all backgrounds. This year many trailblazers, children,

college students, and community organizations took pride marching in honor of Chavez, the charismatic leader and founder of the United Farm Workers of America (UFW). Richard E. Chavez, a co-founding member of the UFW and brother of Cesar E. Chavez was pleased with the community's hospitality and the participation by your paper. He was thrilled to see the youth making an effort to sustain the legacy of this American hero through

their participation in essay and poster contests, as well as the countless invitations he received from many schools. Again, the Cesar E. Chavez Commemoration Committee thanks you and appreciates your continuous support. Christy Martinez-Garcia, Chair "¡Si Se Puede!" ("It can be done!")

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

What the world needs more of, and tons of it, at that, is love. I do not recall who wrote that song, 'What the World Needs Now Is Love, Sweet Love,' but they had a real handle on life in this world.

'Love Is A Mary Splendored Thing' and I am not just referring to romantic love. When we love each other as brothers, children of God, we can see life in a completely different light. When we walk in another's shoes an unseen dimension comes into view. When we treat others as we wish to be treated and have this thought in mind each time we take action on things which affect our lives, we may have a change of mind and heart on many occasions. Even impulsive people will have heart and mind changes if they can see themselves in the place of others with whom they have transactions.

No matter which religion one confesses or possesses, love for humankind allover the world, is the key to peace in this world. There are some mean people and nations in this world, but if they can witness the love of mankind, their numbers will shrink. We may never have peace allover the world at the same time, but we certainly can work on having peace in our little corner, most of the time. It does not take a rocket scientist or a professional psychiatrist to understand that everything acts better with a little love, because love does make the world go around. Some snakes understand and appreciate love. Then there are some which do not, but if we love those who let us love them, we will have more friends and less enemies. It is time for us, each individual, to get 'in cinque' and show more love in this world, and work toward world peace.

Florida attorney lends aircraft to basketball team



Willie E. Gary, Attorney and Chairman of the Black Family Channel, poses for photo with the Shaw University girl's basketball team on board his private 737 aircraft prior to flying to Hot Springs, Arkansas for the NCAA championship game.

Stuart, FL - Willie E. Gary, prominent attorney and chairman of the Black Family Channel, recently loaned his custom designed 737 aircraft, appropriately named the "Wings of Justice," to the Shaw University girl's basketball team to transport them to the NCAA National Championship game in Hot Springs, Arkansas. This is the second time Gary has loaned his private jet to the Shaw Bears, four-time CIAA champions. Gary welcomed the Shaw University girl's basketball team and coaching staff aboard the Wings of Justice in Raleigh, North

Carolina, with open arms. As they entered the aircraft, the faces of Gary's special guests lit up with excitement. Most could only imagine what it would be like to travel in style on board a luxurious private jet. Gary believed the special treatment would inspire these young girls to "dream big dreams." This was the first of two flights the Wings of Justice made to transport the Shaw University girl's basketball team, coaching staff, cheerleaders and band to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the NCAA Division II Elite Eight competition. "Inspiring young people has

always been important to me. I want these girls to dream big and realize they can do anything," said Gary. "Welcoming them aboard the Wings of Justice is my way of showing the team that I believe in them, their classmates believe in them, and the Shaw University family believes in them," continued Gary. Gary, who is best known in legal circles as "The Giant Killer," is noted for taking on some of America's most powerful companies—winning billions of dollars in verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients. Gary is also the Chairman of the Black Family Channel, America's only minority owned and operated, 24-hour cable network. Known for his philanthropic endeavors, he and his wife, Dr. Gloria Gary, founded The Gary Foundation, which provides college scholarships to at-risk students who wish to attend college. The Gary's have donated millions of dollars to help Historically Black Colleges and Universities - including \$10 million to his alma mater Shaw University in Raleigh North Carolina.

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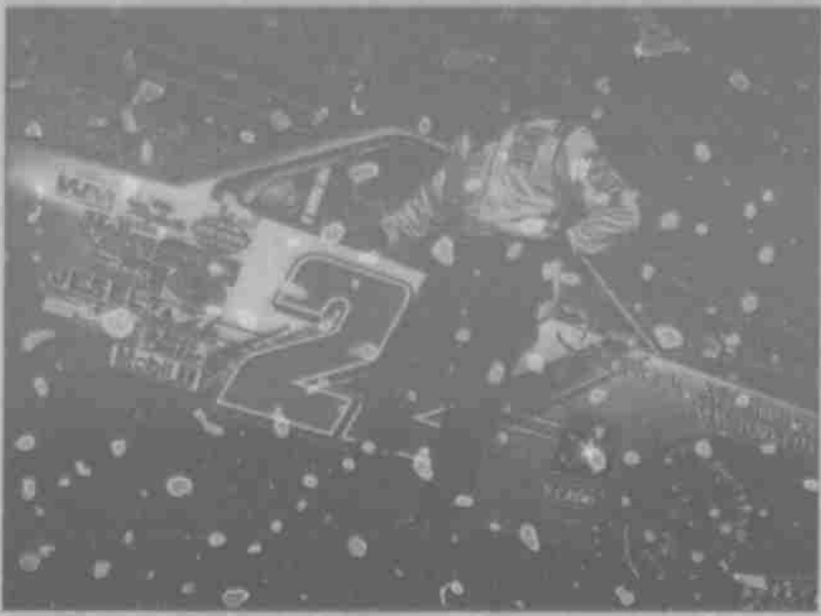
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Bill Lester becomes first Black NASCAR Cup qualifier in 20 years

HAMPTON, GA - Bill Lester stole the show from pole-winner Casey Kahne on Friday night at Atlanta Motor

Speedway, earning a spot in the Golden Corral 500 to become the first black driver to qualify for a race in NASCAR's top series in nearly 20 years.



Driving a Dodge fielded by Bill Davis Racing and facing enormous pressure, Lester put up

more than an hour to see if he would make it into the 43-car field for Sunday's race. "I'm just glad I was able to realize my dream and get this opportunity," said Lester, who qualified 19th overall. The top 35 cars from last sea-

son's owners points are guaranteed starting spots at every race, leaving only eight places to the other entries like the 45-year-old Lester, trying to make a Cup race for the first time.

"It's overwhelming," said Lester, who raced later Friday night in the track race. "This is the culmination of a very long dream that I've had to race at the top level of motor sports. I'm hoping to think that this is the beginning, that it will open a few more eyes and get the attention of corporate America." "This is quite a feat at my age, but I hope I'm still on the rise," added Lester, the first black man to qualify for a Cup race since Willy T. Ribbs competed in three events in 1986.

Kahne's lap of 192.553 mph was enough to edge Ryan Newman's 192.540 and end the latter's run of Atlanta poles at six.

Rounding out the top five were Jeff Burton, Bobby Labonte and rookie J.J. Yeley. Series points leader Jimmie Johnson will start 14th.

India.Arie to release first new album in four years

NEW YORK /PRNewswire/ — One of music's most honest and inspirational singer-songwriters, 12-time Grammy nominated India.Arie will release her new album, *Testimony: Vol. 1, Life & Relationships*, on June 27. Her third studio album and her first since 2002's acclaimed *Voyage To India*, which reached #6 on the Billboard Top Albums chart, the new disc was produced by long-time collaborators Shannon Sanders and Mark Batson (Seal, Beyonce), among others. The album's first single, "I Am Not My Hair," premiered on Yahoo.com last week, and has been embraced by other major video outlets including BET and N.T.V.

India.Arie emerged onto the music scene in 2001 with her platinum plus debut *Acoustic Soul*. A masterful meditation on self-acceptance and womanhood, she was dubbed the new "neo-soulstress" by no less than *Newsweek Magazine*, praising her as "one of the freshest talents to come out of 2001," the emotive singer went on to be nominated for seven Grammys for her debut album, and subsequently has won a host of awards including 2 Grammys, 3 NAACP Awards, as well as being recognized by BET, *Billboard Magazine*, *MTV*, *VH1* and *Essence Magazine*, among others.

2002's *Voyage To India* cemented her rep as a seminal singer/songwriter, netting her 4 Grammy nominations and two statues. With more than six million albums sold, she most

recently was nominated for her 12th Grammy in the Best Pop Collaboration With Vocals category for her collaboration with Stevie Wonder on the title song of his most recent album, *A Time To Love*.

India.Arie is also a U.S. ambassador for UNICEF and universally recognized as a tireless champion of social and humanitarian causes around the world. She recently returned from a trip to South Africa where she observed and assisted humanitarian efforts taking place in the epicenter of the global AIDS crisis.

UIL students advance to Regionals

Three Estacado High School students placed in the top three at the UIL District Academic Meet;



McGee

therefore, they will advance to regional competition on April 22 in San Angelo. Brittany Davis, Shanna McGee, and Nicole Mitchell will represent EHS.

Davis placed third in Journalism Editorial Writing. This senior transferred to Estacado in October from Boyer City, Louisiana. She plans on going into the Air Force after high school and eventually going to Tuskegee University to study Veterinary Science. She is in the Veterinary program and on the yearbook staff at EHS.

She said UIL academic competition was something new for her and added, "District was fun. If I can make it to State, it'd be great!"

McGee placed second in Science at District. In the Science contest, there are 20 questions each in three sections, biology, chemistry and physics. One can medal in all three portions, but one only advances in the overall competition of Science. McGee placed first in the biology section.

"I'm excited. I didn't think I'd be able to. I dream of going into Science as a career so this will only help," she said.

McGee's goal is to have a career in forensic science, and she wants to go to college at Stanford University. Last year, she placed but did not advance in biology and in Journalism Feature writing at the district UIL contest.

"I hope more teams and people join Estacado's UIL program. Estacado is becoming a bigger

and better school. We have a lot of undiscovered talent," McGee said.

Other UIL events include: computer applications, number sense, prose and poetry reading, ready writing, current events, calculator, social studies, feature writing, news writing, and headline writing. Some schools have informative and persuasive speaking and debate teams.

Mitchell placed third in Spelling and Vocabulary. The Spelling and Vocabulary team placed second, but only the first place team advances.

Mitchell is a junior who is considering going to UCLA after high school, and she wants to major in medicine to be an obstetrician. Currently, she is on the Academic Decathlon team that just competed at State, and she is in Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) who is going to State. Mitchell is also a member of the EHS Softball team.

"I feel very proud of our team and fortunate to represent Estacado. I'm hopeful we'll win and go all the way," she said.

The second place spelling team was made up of Justin Bedford, Linda Acosta and Mitchell.

Two other students placed at the district meet, but will not advance to Regionals since only the first three places advance. Acosta placed 5th in Spelling and Vocabulary, and Valentin Baca placed 5th in Calculator Applications.

Those competing in this district include: Big Spring, Frenship, Andrews, Plainview, Lakeview and Estacado. Three students from each school can compete in each event meaning there are usually 15 competitors in each event in district competition.

This week's theme: Baseball

- ACROSS
- Male deer
 - Red meat
 - Runs Batted In
 - Exemplary
 - Panache
 - Some think he started Roman fire
 - "Madame Butterfly", e.g.
 - RBO Speedwagon, e.g.
 - In the middle of
 - The Fall Classic
 - Baseball is its national pastime
 - Etcetera
 - Inundated
 - Gustatory sensation
 - "... three!"
 - Base on balls
 - Highest adult male singing voice
 - A bud in botany
 - Russia to U.S. in WWII
 - Tarzan's swing
 - Element with atomic number 10
 - Deficient in moisture
 - Opposite of good
 - One of deadly sins
 - World Wide Web
 - Done to a turkey
 - Indicate by signs
 - Conjunction of contrast
 - Type of hairs in mammal's coat
 - "The Yankee Clipper"
 - Worn under uniform to protect when sliding
 - Flatbread
 - Domesticated animal related to camel
 - Round basket
 - A small island
 - Group together, pl.
 - Strange and spooky
 - Committee on Earth and Environmental Sciences
 - Exhibit
- DOWN
- ... away on ship
 - Printed mistake
 - Imitator
 - She was interrupted in 1999 movie
 - Violin-like instrument with

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- three swings
 - Axillary
 - Hindu princess
 - Make lovable
 - DNA transmitter
 - Bewilderment
 - March 17th celebrants
 - Pepsi or Coke
 - Military trainee
 - Take a base
 - Gulp
 - Dandelion or sunflower single-seeded fruit
 - "A ___ of Two Cities"
 - Jack of all trades
 - Lightly tossing
 - Five horizontal lines in music
 - First woman to play pro baseball or author Morrison
 - Madame Tussaud's medium
 - Right to take another's property
 - Change of address
 - Is it ___ wonder?
 - Musical recordings
 - ...-Napoca, Roman
 - Wry
 - in the least L.I.
 - Not asleep
 - Common hops
 - Domed recess, especially east end of church
 - Comfort
 - Yogi Berra's son or NASCAR's 's legendary #3
 - Gorge
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