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Southwest Digest is proud to present the complete text of the speech given by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered at the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963, in the March on Washington D.C. for Civil Rights. As we remember Dr. King, let his legacy of love, truth and nonviolence to move us to do things worth remembering.

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves, who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. And so we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

In a sense we have come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note, insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked "insufficient funds."

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. And so we have come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice.

We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial



justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content with a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for

freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must ever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.

The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the

highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecutions and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends. And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slave owners and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today!

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; one day right down in Alabama little black

boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today!

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I will go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day. And this will be the day, this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring!" And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true.

And so let freedom ring - from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire.

Let freedom ring - from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring - from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.

Let freedom ring - from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.

Let freedom ring - from the curvaceous slopes of California.

But not only that.

Let freedom ring - from Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring - from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.

Let freedom ring - from every hill and molehill of Mississippi, from every mountainside, let freedom ring!

And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last, free at last."

Thank God Almighty, we are free at last.

Chronology: 1929-1968

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life can be seen as an example of someone preparing for future opportunities... Or it can be seen as a life being shaped for those opportunities. Martin lived only thirty-nine years... but his accomplishments belie the brevity of his life. Indeed in retrospect, his life appears to have been accelerated from the start. He started college when he was fifteen years old, graduated with his first degree when he was nineteen. He became an assistant pastor to a major church at nineteen, and earned a second bachelor's degree by the time he was twenty-two. He earned his doctorate when he was twenty-six years old. He wrote four important books, delivered hundreds, if not thousands of speeches. He suffered with kings and world leaders before he was thirty, and made an incredible impact on the world in just thirty-nine years.

Following is a brief chronology of that life:

15 January 1929 - Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta Georgia

1944 (15 years old)
20 September 1944 - He entered Morehouse College when he was fifteen years old. He had intended to become a medical doctor, but through the influence of the college president, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, he decided to study for the ministry.

1948 (19 years old)
25 February 1948 - Martin is ordained and appointed assistant pastor at Ebenezer Baptist

Church in Atlanta.
8 June 1948 - Martin receives his bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Morehouse College.
14 September 1948 - Martin begins his studies at Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania.

1951 (22 years old)
6-8 May 1951 - Martin delivers the valedictory speech as he graduates with a bachelor's degree from Crozer.
13 September 1951 - Martin begins his graduate studies in Systematic Theology at Boston University.

1953 (24 years old)
18 June 1953 - Martin marries Coretta Scott, daughter of Obadiah and Bernice McMurray Scott.

1954 (25 years old)
1 September 1954 - Martin begins his pastorate at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

1955 (26 years old)
5 June 1955 - Martin receives his doctorate in Systematic Theology from Boston University.
17 November 1955 - Yolande Denise King, the King's first child is born.
1 December 1955 - Rosa Parks is arrested in Montgomery Alabama for refusing to give up her seat for a white passenger.
8 December 1955 - At a mass meeting at Holt Street Baptist Church, the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA) is formed. King becomes its president.

1956 (27 years old)
20 January 1956 - At 9:15 p.m., while King speaks at a mass meeting, his home is bombed. His wife and daughter are not injured. Later King addresses an angry crowd that gathers outside the home. He pleads for

nonviolence.
13 November 1956 - The U.S. Supreme Court declares Montgomery and Alabama bus segregation laws unconstitutional.
21 December 1956 - After more than one year of boycott, Montgomery City Lines resumes full service on all routes. Martin is among the first passengers to ride the non-segregated buses.

1957 (28 years old)
In 1957 Martin Luther King Jr. traveled more than 780,000 miles and made more than 237 speeches.

10-11 January 1957 - Black ministers form what became known as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Martin is named first president one month later.
17 May 1957 - Martin delivers his first national address, "Give Us The Ballot," at the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom, held at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.
23 October 1957 - Coretta Scott King gives birth to their second child, Martin III.
17 September 1957 - King's first book *In the Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story*, is published.

1958-1960 (29-31 years old)
1958 - The U.S. Congress passed the first Civil Rights Act since Reconstruction. King's first book, *Stride Toward Freedom*, is published.
20 September 1958 - During a book signing in Harlem, New York, Martin is stabbed by Iroha Warr Curry. A team of doctors successfully remove a seven-inch metal spear from his chest.

1959 - M.L.K. visited India to study Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence. He had a lifelong admiration for Mahatma K. Gandhi, and copied Gandhi's passive resistance techniques for his civil rights movement.

1960
1 February 1960 - Martin becomes assistant pastor to his father at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

1961 (Thirty-two years old)
31 January 1961 - Dexter Scott, King's third child, is born.
21 May 1961 - Freedom Riders seeking to integrate bus terminals in Alabama are assaulted. Martin addresses a mass rally at Montgomery church.
16 October 1961 - Martin meets with President John F. Kennedy and urges him support civil rights issues.
16 December 1961 - Martin Luther King, Jr., Ralph Abernathy and 264 other protesters are arrested during a campaign in Albany, Georgia.

1963 (34 years old)
1963 - *Strength to Love*, King's book of sermons, is published.
28 March 1963 - Bernice Albertine, King's fourth child, is born.
16 April 1963 - Arrested and jailed after demonstrating in defiance of a court order, Martin writes "Letter From Birmingham Jail."
The letter is in response to eight Jewish and Christian clergymen who advised African Americans to wait patiently for justice.
7 May 1963 - Birmingham - A Police Commissioner Eugene "Bull" Connor employs dogs, clubs, high-pressure fire hoses, and cattle prods to disperse four thousand demonstrators in downtown Birmingham. The confrontation was shown world-wide over television.
23 June 1963 - M.L.K. leads 125,000 on a Freedom Walk in Detroit, Michigan.

28 August 1963 - The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, organized by A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin attracts more than two hundred thousand demonstrators to the Lincoln Memorial. This is the event in

which Martin delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech.

15 September 1963 - Just three weeks after the March on Washington, and Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a Dream" speech, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham was bombed. Four girls were killed while attending Sunday school.
18 September 1963 - Martin Luther King, Jr., delivers the eulogy at the funerals of Addie Mae Collins, Carol Denise McNair, and Cynthia Dianne Wesley, three of the four children that were killed during the church bombing on 15 September. Coretta Robinson, the fourth victim, was buried in a separate ceremony.
22 November 1963 - President John F. Kennedy assassinated.

1964 (35 years old)
26 March 1964 - Martin meets Malcolm X in Washington, D.C. for the first time, only nine days after the assassination of Dr. King.
June 1964 - M.L.K.'s book "Why We Can't Wait" published. King visits West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt and Pope Paul VI.
11 June 1964 - King is arrested and jailed for demonstrating in defiance of a white-only ordinance in St. Augustine, Florida.
16 December 1964 - King receives the Nobel Peace Prize at a ceremony in Oslo, Norway.

1965 (36 years old)
President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed into law the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In the words of one historian, "It was the crowning achievement of the Civil Rights movement." A few days later, Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act into law. Martin Luther King, Jr. turns to socio-economic problems.

March 16-21, 1965 - After a U.S. District judge upheld the right of demonstrators to conduct an orderly march, Martin and 3,200 people march from Selma to Montgomery in an event that became known as "Bloody Sunday." Marchers

were beaten as they attempted to complete the march.
12 August 1965 - Martin publicly opposes the Vietnam War at a mass rally at the Ninth Annual Convention of SCLC in Birmingham.

1966 (Thirty-seven years old)
23 February 1966 - In Chicago, King meets with Nation of Islam leader, Elijah Muhammad.
7 June 1966 - After James Meredith was shot and wounded near Memphis Tennessee, Martin Luther King, Jr., Floyd McKissick of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and Stanley Carmichael of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) joined James Meredith in his second "March Against Fear" from Memphis to Jackson, Mississippi.

1967 (38 years old)
4 April 1967 - Martin delivers "Beyond Vietnam," a speech in which he demands that the USA take new initiatives to end the war. It was delivered at a gathering of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam at Riverside Church in New York City.
June 1967 - M.L.K.'s book, *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?* is published.

1968 (39 years old)
28 March 1968 - Martin leads a march of six thousand protesters in support of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee. The march descends into violence and looting, and King is struck from the scene.
2 April 1968 - Martin returns to Memphis, determined to lead a peaceful march. This night during a rally five people are killed and his first speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop."
4 April 1968 - Martin is shot and killed while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis Tennessee.
9 April 1968 - Martin Luther King, Jr. is buried in Atlanta Georgia.
January 28, 1986 was the first national celebration of King's birthday as a holiday.

In Remembrance

GEORGE FRANCIS, JR.

Benbrook, Texas - Funeral services for George Francis, Jr. were held Monday morning, January 10, 2005, at Breckman Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas with Dr. Robert A. Peacle officiating.

Burial was held at the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery with full military honors.

He was born November 3, 1937 in Port Arthur, Texas to Modest and George Francis. He served in the U. S. Air Force for 28 years, retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant. He worked for 16 years with FAA in Logistics and Administration before his illness forced him to retire in 2002.

He was an avid sportsman, and played baseball, football and bowled throughout his high school, military and FAA careers. He also had an opportunity to coach Little League Sports in Bitburg Air Base Germany, and Lubbock, Texas while his sons were growing up.

A graduate of Lincoln High School in Port Arthur, Texas in 1956, he received a mid-management certification from City Colleges of Chicago at Bitburg Air Base, Germany. He was presented with the honor of an Envoy membership in Xi Xi Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Fort Worth.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gerie, in 1997, and four brothers and a sister.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Shirli; sons, Gary and wife Sherry, and Graig and wife Beth, all of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Marion Booker; sister-in-law, Betty J. Pierre and former husband Evans, all of Port Arthur, Texas; brother-in-law, Freddie Griffin, Jr. and wife Laverne of Houston, Texas; three grandsons, a granddaughter; a great-granddaughter; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

DONALD RAY HARRIS

A former student of Dunbar High School, Donald Ray Harris, has passed away. He was born November 1, 1951 in Dickens, Texas. He moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1952 with his family.

He worked for Plains Co-Op Oil Mill for 28 years.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta Dean Harris; two



Harris

daughters, Tina Lilly and Cathy Childress, both of Lubbock, Texas; two step-sons, Edward and Justin Dean, both of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers, Arthur, Jr. of Odessa, Texas and Earl of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters, Lois Isaac of Fort Worth, Texas and Renna Harris of Lubbock, Texas; four grandchildren; Demetrick, Demichael, Kelvin and Jordan; and a special son-in-law, Curtis Lilly.

ANNIE MAE JONES

For many years, a lady who loved her community Annie Mae Jones, passed away Saturday, January 1, 2005.

Funeral services for her were held last Saturday afternoon, January 8, 2005, at Agape Temple COGIC with Rev. E. Austin officiating.



Jones

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Ms. Jones was born in Beachley, Texas in 1914. She married Mack Hollie in Houston, Texas. For many years, Ms. Jones worked faithfully in her community, and served on several community action board as a representative of the poor. She served untiringly as director of the Posey Neighborhood Center. She was chairman of the Zone 4 for the United Fund. She was able to establish a teaching center for Texas Tech University's Home Economics Department. This effort provided experiences in multi-ethnic environment.

She was a faithful member of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, and did all she could to help those in need.

She is survived by two daughters, Rose K. Wilson and Mamie L. Young; granddaughter, Dorothy L. Johnson; and great-granddaughter, Angela McDowell. She raised 17 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren; 72 great-great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by a host of other relatives and friends.

OLA MAE PRICE PATTERSON

Funeral services for Ola Mae Price Patterson were held at the New Hope Baptist Church last Saturday morning, January 3, 2005.

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

A resident of St. Louis, Mo., she was born in Brady, Texas. She was born June 19, 1936 to Horace and Alma Price. She was a former resident of Lubbock.

She died Thursday, December 30, 2004, in St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, a sister, and a beloved daughter, Annie Maria McGrew.

She is survived by her husband, Lester Patterson, Sister, Geneva Price; two brothers, Sammy and Joe. Dean Price; four daughters: Nancy Jones, Sharon Christian, Jeanine Williams, and Zenobia Donalson; five sons: Michael, Tiron, Lester, Jr., Calvin and Andre Patterson; 35 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Carrie Lou Ware were held last Saturday, January 8, 2005, at First Progressive Baptist Church.

Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Ware was born in Iowa, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parnell. She attended Bryan Public Schools. In 1945, she married Eizo Ware, Sr. He preceded her in death. She moved to Lubbock in 1948. She was a foster grandparent for five of Texas.

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Mrs. Ware is survived by her sons: Eizo, Jr., Eddie, Dean, Martin L., Harold, Broderick, Kenneth, and Derrick Ware, all of Lubbock, Texas; daughters, Nina Anderson and Benita Byrd, both of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Lillian Mae Workman of Bryan, Texas; and two brothers, Jimmy and Nelson Parnell, both of Bryan, Texas.

She is survived by two daughters, Rose K. Wilson and Mamie L. Young; granddaughter, Dorothy L. Johnson; and great-granddaughter, Angela McDowell. She raised 17 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren; 72 great-great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-great-grandchildren.

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Hope you will support the upcoming events of the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration which will get underway on Friday, January 14, 2005, with an historic banquet recognizing those citizens who came to the Black Community from 1925 until 1950. These are pioneers who did marvelous things for the Black Community of Lubbock. We realize many are passed on, but there are relatives whom we feel may still be living at this time. This banquet will be held at the McCluriff Center at the University Medical Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. For ticket information, call Ms. Joan Y. Ervin, president, at (806) 762-0835.

A new twist will take place on Saturday evening, January 15, 2005, with the presentation of a Boys' Choir, young fellows between the ages of 5 and 18. They will be singing at the New Hope Baptist Church, beginning at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday evening, January 16, 2005, will be a special effort at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, beginning at 5:00 p.m. This program is called "Youth In Action." Let us support our young people.

Everything will come to a close on Monday evening, January 17, 2005, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church where Rev. Hiawitha Calver, pastor of the Rising Star Baptist Church, will bring the closing sermon.

Let's support as many events as we can. This is a worthy effort, and for it to be successful, all of us need to get involved.

When we celebrate the holiday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us really understand why we are doing so. Monday, January 17, 2005, is the official holiday for his birthday.

Thought for Today: "When you are in the place where God wants you to be, you will be healed." Taken from the January 9, 2005 church bulletin of the New Hope Baptist Church.

Let us continue to pray for those in our community who are ill at this time in their lives. Today, these persons are ill, but tomorrow, you could be one of the. Among those who is recuperating is Sister Bobbie Gean Patterson. She is doing nicely at this report. She appreciates all the prayers on her behalf.

There are those families who have lost loved ones in our community. They need your precious prayers as well. God is able.

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit New Hope.

Services begun last Sunday morning, January 9, 2005, at New Hope Baptist Church with

Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team did another marvelous presentation. Minister Wilson read the morning scripture with Minister Martin offering the morning prayer. The New Hope Choir was responsible for the musical selections.

There were three visitors present at New Hope last Sunday morning, and were welcomed by Brother M.C. Brock, Sr. The morning announcements were read by Sister Glenda Mooney.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Johnny Gutierrez, who is a native of Africa. His subject was "It's Not About You. It's About Him. The Heavenly Father." His scripture text was Isaiah 6:6-11. It was a wonderful sermon.

HAPPY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY!

FASHION FUN
by Shirley Roberson

Mad about plaid

For the latest look, here's some great advice in one word... **PLAID!** This perennial fabric harks back to the clan tartans of Scotland. Today's matchy-matchy trend means its almost impossible to overdo.

PICTURE PERFECT Earth tones, plaid blazer with hooded collar, matching plaid tote bag, knee-hi matching plaid boots, pants tucked in boots. Create fashion clout! **HOW GREAT IS THAT?**

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

Give a big welcome to Kamar'ria Skye

Last week, we had this photo of a young beauty from Houston, Texas. We forgot to mention all of her grandparents.

She is Kamar'ria Skye Roberson who is the new two month and three week old daughter of Ulric and Rochell Roberson of Houston. She is also the granddaughter of Linda and Fred Roberson of Tomball, Texas and great-granddaughter of Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Scott, Sr. of Lubbock.

Kamar'ria is hoping each of you will have a Happy New Year!



A Gratitude of Thanks

When it seemed our loss was too great, We looked up and our friends were there With flowers and words, written and spoken, With faces smiling and hearts open. You comforted us, shared our grief. You may have said a prayer, or came to pay a call. You may have rendered a service unseen, near-at hand or from afar. You may not have been there at all, just thought of us today. Whatever you did to console our hearts: By word, by deed, thoughts or touch: We thank you, oh so very much!

God Bless You
The Fancy Richardson Family

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Worship - 10:15am
Evening Worship - 5:00pm

Wednesday:
Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm

God's Plan for Saving Man
All have sinned - Romans 3:23
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:36
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9
How do we obey him?
Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3
Confess - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
Be faithful until death - Rev. 2:10

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Ten Pearson, Owner

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The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The ten trees are 2 White Flowering Dogwoods, 2 Flowering Crabapples, 2 Washington Hawthorns, 2 American Redbuds, and 2 Goldenrain trees.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white and yellow flowers - and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bi-monthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to **TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES**, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2005. Or go online to arborday.org.

Church News



We Thank God for Jesus

Lord, I remember when...

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

2 TIMOTHY 2:14a. THESE THINGS PUT THEM IN REMEMBRANCE, CHARGING THEM BEFORE THE LORD THAT THEY STRIVE NOT ABOUT WORDS TO NO PROFIT. LORD, I REMEMBER WHEN IN THE CHURCH, ONE COULD FIND REST UNTO HIS SOUL, BUT NOW! MAN HAVE MADE IT HIS WORKSHOP, AND HE IS PROSPERING FOR GOLD!!! LUKE 19:46. JESUS SAID, IT IS WRITTEN, MY HOUSE IS THE HOUSE OF PRAYER, BUT YOU HAVE MADE IT A DEN OF THIEVES. I REMEMBER WHEN SIN IN THE CHURCH, IT BROUGHT REPENTANCE AND SHAME, BUT NOW SIN IS ALL OVER THE CHURCH, AND IT DISGRACE TO YOUR HOLY NAME.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:2,6. AND YOU ARE PUFFED UP, AND HAVE NOT RATHER MOURNED, THAT HE THAT HATH DONE THIS DEED MIGHT BE PUT AWAY FROM YOU. YOUR GLORYING IS NOT GOOD. KNOW YOUNOT THAT A LITTLE LEAVEN (SIN) LEAVENETH THE WHOLE LUMP? I REMEMBER WHEN CLOSETS WAS FOR CLOTHES, NOT WHERE SINS CAME FROM, BUT TODAY, PEOPLE GLODY IN THEIR SINS; THEY'RE PROUD OF WHAT THEY HAVE DONE.

MATTHEW 6:6. JESUS SAID, WHEN YOU PRAY ENTER INTO YOUR CLOSET, AND WHEN YOU HAVE

SHUT THE DOOR, PRAY TO YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN SECRET, AND YOUR FATHER WHICH SEES IN SECRET SHALL REWARD YOU OPENLY. LORD, I REMEMBER WHEN SICK, THE DOCTOR WOULD GIVE YOU A SHOT OR A PILL, NOW THE SHOT IS OF COCAINE, AND THE PILL IS FOR BIRTH CONTROL, SINNING FOR A THRILL!!!

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

I REMEMBER WHEN YOU WOULD MARRY FIRST, THEN YOU WOULD LIVE TOGETHER, BUT TODAY, TO FIND AN UNDEFILED BED, IT IS ALMOST NEXT TO NEVER!!!

HEBREWS 13:4. MARRIAGE IS HONOURABLE IN ALL, AND THE BED UNDEFILED: BUT WHOREMONGERS AND ADULTERERS GOD WILL JUDGE.

I REMEMBER WHEN YOU RESPECTED YOUR ELDERS: IT WAS TAUGHT BY THE PARENT, BUT SOME FOOL SAYS: YOU DON'T GET IT TILL YOU HAVE EARNED IT!!!

PSALM 40:4. BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT MAKES THE LORD HIS TRUST, AND RESPECT NOT THE PROUD, NOR SUCH AS TURN ASIDE TO LIES.

LORD, I REMEMBER WHEN ADULTERY WAS CALLED A SIN, AND NOT

AN AFFAIR, BUT TO GET ALONG W/TE THE WORLD, AND TO CALL IT SIN, DON'T YOU DARE!!!

JOHN 15:19. JESUS SAID, IF YOU WERE OF THE WORLD, THE WORLD WOULD LOVE HIS OWN, BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU OUT OF THE WORLD, THEREFORE THE WORLD HATE YOU.

I REMEMBER WHEN YOU STOLE FROM SOMEONE, YOU WAS CALLED NOTHING BUT A CROOK, BUT NOT ITS CALLED WHITE COLLAR CRIME, BECAUSE OF HOW ONE LOOKS.

JOHN 10:10. JESUS SAID, THE THIEF COME NOT, BUT FOR TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY; I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY (RICHLY).

LORD, I REMEMBER GRASS WAS MOWED, COKE A DRINK, AND POT WE DID COOKED IN, AIDS WAS HELPFERS IN THE PRINCIPLE'S OFFICE, THE CHANGES, AND THE SHAPE, WE'RE IN!!!

MATTHEW 23:37b. JESUS SAID, HOW OFTEN WOULD I GATHERED YOUR CHILDREN TOGETHER, EVEN AS A HEN GEATHERS HER CHICKENS UNDER HER WINGS, AND YOU WOULD NOT!



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The division of races and ethnic groups

Part 1

Black men are sent to prison for using drugs far more than the rate of white men. When will black males wake up and "rattle the coffee" to speak? When will they learn they cannot beat the criminal justice system? When will black males come to realize that "prison is a legitimate criminal sanction" for participating in activities that are against the rules of society? When will black males learn that their freedom has far more restrictions than their white or Hispanic counterparts among conservatives? The American Civil Liberties Union reported on its Freedom Network the following several years ago:

Today, 1 in 4 black men aged 20 to 29 are in prison. Parole, probation, or imprisonment account for 1 in 3.

According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) 13% of all monthly drug uses in America are black. (That's about the same as the percentage of the population that's black) But 35% of those arrested for drug

possession are black; 58% of those convicted of drug possession are black; and 74% of those imprisoned for drug possession are black.

There is a hundred-fold disparity between sentences for conviction of possession of crack cocaine [a drug used primarily by blacks and Latinos] and powder cocaine (a drug used primarily by whites), despite the fact there is no pharmacological difference in the effects of the drugs on the body. Crack prosecution is 96% black or Latino. The prosecution of high-level dealers amounts to less than 5% of this.

Drug possession, without violence or third-party deaths, is almost always prosecuted as a felony. Two-thirds of those prosecuted are black or Hispanic. By contrast, drunk driving is an offense that resulted in 22,000 deaths last year, almost all of which were treated by fines and as misdemeanors. Mostly whites commit it.

46 out of 50 states have "felony disenfranchisement laws," which take away the voting rights of anyone serving time for a felony.

Because of unequal prosecution of blacks involved in drug offences, the greater part of this burden falls on blacks. The statistics in 2004 may vary somewhat, however the wheels of justice turn slow. The ACLU is right when it says "We have come a long way since slavery and Jim Crow ruled the South, but deeply entrenched discrimination, subjugation, racism, and racial violence are still with us and continue to effect every person of color in every state, North and South.

The prayers of most black leaders, parents, etc. is that young black males will realize that one slip-up in this white male conservative driven society will cost them their freedom forever. A drug conviction is a felony and a felony conviction means you become a slave to the "criminal justice system."

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

The St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, had very good services last Sunday morning, January 9, 2005. Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor. Services began with Sunday School at 10:15 a. m. with Superintendent Luella Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught by Minister Nina Davis. The review was done by Pastor Canady.

What a most inspiring lesson it was. The morning worship begun with devotions at 11:15 a.m. Devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir was at their post of duty singing God's praises. What a beautiful job they did. The morning message was

delivered by Pastor Canady. His scripture text was II King 19:32-35. His subject was "God Will Take Care Of His Own." What a wonderful time we had. Each member was truly blessed. Thought of the Week: "Mind what you say, or you might say whatever comes to mind. Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are aware of the importance of good leadership. As we develop programs for our organizations, we must realize the importance of good leadership. We must keep in mind in choosing His leadership, Jesus selected a group that would learn and be inspired by Him and would possess the courage and devotion to build the church after He left them.

All of His team members, but one, were Galileans. These men would be rather rough hewn, like Jesus Himself, and not urban like those who were raised in or near the metropolis of Jerusalem. It is noteworthy that the only one of the 12 who was not a Galilean was Judas, the "Betrayer," who was a Judean.

They were called "unlearned" not because they were illiterate. All Jewish males were given basic education either at home or in synagogue schools. By "unlearned" it was meant that they had not been trained in law by the Jerusalem schools of Khigler learning. In spite of their lack of formal higher learning, the disciples were men of bright intelligence and deep insight who were able to understand subtle concepts about God and His plan of Salvation as taught by Jesus.

What's rather interesting, their enemies referred to them as

"unlearned" men, but we now know that they possessed a higher intelligence, one that, in combination with their religious ingenuity and faith, enabled them to "turn the world upside down."

Here are some of Jesus' disciples: Simon Peter. He was strong, outspoken, and brash. He was a leadership type who made mistakes but who was chosen to lead the church in its early stages.

James and John: Brothers who were nicknamed "Sons of Thunder" by Jesus. They, along with Peter, constituted the "Big Three" who were closest to Jesus and with Him in His big and important times. James was killed for preach in the Gospel by Herod Agrippa. John was a leader of the apostles in the early days of the church.

Andrew: He was Peter's brother and indeed brought Peter to Jesus. He is also the one who located the boy who furnished the loaves and fishes with which Jesus performed His miracle.

Thomas, "The Twin": He is often referred to as "Doubting Thomas." His negative image is undeserved. He was a man of courage and loyalty who even had the courage to doubt the resurrection of Jesus until he was absolutely certain. And there was Levi (Matthew): He was a tax collector who decided to follow Jesus without any hesita-

tion.

Simon, the Zealot: He was a member of a group that practiced violent revolution to overthrow Roman rule. A rather surprising choice, Simon was chosen because, while Jesus did not endorse violence as a remedy for social ills, He did share the patoric craving for freedom from Roman oppression.

Then, there was Judas: A Judean with a devious nature who betrayed Jesus for money.

Just think, these were some of the men who followed Jesus. What is your concept of Leadership?

Let us continue to pray for those in our community who are on the sick and shut-in list. Your precious prayers are always appreciated.

Of course, there are those who have lost loved ones. Don't forget those families as well.

Also, when you are driving to and from work or even running errands in the community, don't forget your drive by prayers as you pass your church, school or various businesses in the community.

Saints, thanks for reading this column each week. With your prayers and concern, we will continue to do God's will in 2005.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Bursleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

Sponsor tables available for Zeta Phi Beta banquet

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is a nonprofit organization that is implementing, volunteering and providing services for the Lubbock community. It will host a banquet entitled "Women Who Make Things Happen" on January 22, 2005, at the McInturff Conference Center at 6:30 p.m.

The organization has chosen to honor seven superb women among many who have dedicated and contributed countless hours to help make a difference in the City of Lubbock. The honorees are Dr. Linda Brice, Mrs. Josie Castaneda, Mrs. Carolyn Thompson-Conwright, Mrs. Linda Deleon, Mrs. Lou D. Diekemper, Mrs. Wanda Wesson and Miss Linda Woods.

Proceeds from this event will partially benefit the Lubbock Stork's Nest, which is a cooperative national project in conjunction with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and the March of Dimes. The Stork's Nest provides incentives to help pregnant women learn about infant and prenatal care. A portion of the funding will also be used for scholarships and community projects.

Zeta is asking you to support these seven strong women of our

community who have made a huge impact on the lives of others and the City of Lubbock.

Your organization may purchase a table for eight at the cost of \$250.00. A congratulatory page will also be available to those who wish to send "congratulation" as an advertisement in our program.

A fourth of a page is \$25.00; a half page is \$50.00; and a full page is \$100.00. Please include your company logo for publicity purposes.

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- Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening YPWW - 6:00 pm
- Tuesday Young Adult Study - 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- Thursday Praise Team & Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm

Bus ministry available. For college students, a meal will be provided.

May the God of hope fill you with a joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. -Romans 15:13

Community Announcements

Early Settlers will be recognized Friday night

Many of us who live in Lubbock and benefiting from many of our assets is because of those Early Lubbock Settlers who came here between January, 1925 and January 1950. Because of this, they will be recognized Friday night, January 14, 2005, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Council, Inc.'s Trailblazer Banquet at the McInturf Center at the University Medical Center. The banquet will begin at 6:30 p. m.

If you have any questions concerning the banquet, call either Joan Y. Ervin, president, 763-0853 or L. V. Andrews, vice president, 765-5001.

"We want to recognize those families who came to Lubbock in those days. According to our information, there was a Black family who is believed to have come to Lubbock in 1909 when it became an incorporated city, but asked to leave," said Ms. Ervin.

Minister Patterson will preach at Community Baptist Church Sunday



Patterson

A former resident of Lubbock and graduate of Estacado High School, Rev. Zaireus Patterson will be preaching during the

morning worship services of Community Baptist Church, 220 MLK Blvd.

Minister Patterson serves as a youth minister of the Friendship Baptist Church in Yorba Linda, California where his pastor is Rev. Dr. James D. Carrington. He graduated from Texas A&M University in December 2002 with a major in Distribution Engineering. He is also employed



Mr. & Mrs. Hibbler

by TTI, a company he began with in January, 2003.

Manahan & Hibbler Wedding

Stephanie Manahan and Justin Hibbler were married Sunday, January 2, 2005, in Lubbock. The ceremony was held at Courts of Praise Church with Reverend Alfred Washington presiding.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Stevie Manahan of Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hibbler of Amarillo, Texas are parents of the groom.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ervin of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. John Poindexter of Hereford, Texas.

Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Quigley of Lubbock.

Honor attendants were Chelsea Manahan, sister of the bride, and E. J. Uvae.

Justin serves our country in the U. S. Marine Corps, and is currently stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He will deploy to Iraq in March for approximately 14 months.

Stephanie is a senior at Texas Tech University. She will graduate in May with the Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with emphasis on English. At present time, she is employed at Covenant Medical Center.

Upon Justin's return from his tour of duty, the couple will reside in San Diego, California.

A special word of thanks goes out to the Alfred Washington family for all they did for the family.

New Light Senior Choir presents Songs of Praise

The New Light Baptist Church Senior Choir will sponsor a program entitled "Songs of Praise" on Sunday afternoon, January 16, 2005, beginning at 3:00 p. m. Several Lubbock choirs will appear on program.

The public is invited to attend this program. "Won't you come and join us on Sunday afternoon?" asked Pastor James Cavanaugh.

New Light Baptist Church is located at 3013 Idalou Road.

Vietnam Center launches teacher resource website

LUBBOCK - The Texas Tech University Vietnam Center has created a Web site for primary school to college educators and students who teach and take classes on the Vietnam War.

"The materials are designed to accommodate a range of teaching and learning situations from a single 50-minute lecture that is part of a general United States history class to a semester or quarter-long course focusing exclusively on the Vietnam War," said Steve Maxner, associate director of the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech.

Maxner said the Web site will provide a place where teachers can share commonly used resources such as course outlines, lecture notes, lesson plans and class assignments. The site also hosts discussion groups so that participants can share teaching experiences and provide direct links to images, documents, maps, interviews, film and audio recordings and more.

"We invite everyone to be active participants in the development of this site so that it meets the many demands involved in teaching this controversial and exciting topic to students of all

ages," said Maxner. "We want this to be the best resource on the Internet for teaching the history of the Vietnam War."

Since the day it was created in 1989, the Texas Tech University Vietnam Center Archive has become one of the largest repositories of its kind outside of the U.S. government. The center

offers a virtual archive containing more than 2 million pages of searchable materials online, including documents, photographs, slides, negatives, audio and video recordings, artifacts and oral histories.

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Nationwide study reveals untapped power of African-American community newspapers

Preliminary results from the first nationwide readership study of the top 110 African American newspapers (covers the powerful role African American newspapers play in their ethnic community, announced Gemstone Communications, Inc. and its newspaper ad sales division Ethnic Print Media Group (EPMG).

The unprecedented proprietary readership study of African American newspapers shows: 66% of readers cite their African American newspaper as their

Primary or Only source for local news and community event information*
 Only 12% subscribe to a daily newspaper*
 72% frequently purchase products or services as seen in their local African American newspaper*
 "Our new proprietary research shows the power of our newspapers in reach, relevance and importance in the African American community," said Ethnic Print Media Group/Gemstone Communications Vice President Trevor Hansen. "For marketers and agencies looking for the

such points to effectively reach the African American market, our newspapers provide the forum and editorial environment for strong brand messaging."
 The groundbreaking, large-scale circulation audit and readership study will be completed next month. The readership study will include interviews with more than 15,000 readers of 110 African American community newspapers across the United States. Demographic and qualitative readership data will include such topics as: travel plans, future purchases of cars, furniture and electronics, as well as insurance, health and financial interests.

"As a passionate business owner involved in the African American advertising and media industry, my company has invested over \$100,000 in the auditing and proprietary readership studies of African American newspapers over the last 8 months," said Hansen. "The aim is the media mix - while general market newspapers receive

consistent national and regional ad spend, they do not deliver the African American readership. Reprinters delivering the news on a weekly basis to their African American community, Ethnic Print Media Group is working to provide our agency partners and clients the foundation for choosing the power of African American newspapers as an integral part of the media mix. We can't wait to share the final study results with our advertising partners, to help them make

informed media buying decisions." The independent research is being conducted by Circulation Verification Council (CVC). The study is commissioned by Ethnic Print Media Group, a niche newspaper representation firm which offers turn-key advertising access to more than 250 African American community newspapers nationwide.
 *Source: Preliminary data from Ethnic Print Media Group's nationwide audit/readership study of African American newspaper markets

Discovering Diversity: 5 activities to help you teach your child about race relations

Lake Elsinore, CA - During the 1990's, the combined population of African Americans, Native Americans, Asians, Pacific Islanders, and Hispanics/Latinos grew at 13 times the rate of the non-Hispanic white population. As our nation grows increasingly diverse, there has never been a more important time for you to help your kids learn to live together respectfully.

An award-winning poet and playwright, Gordon originally wrote *Martin and the Mountaintop* for the Black History Celebration at a local high school. Complete with a chronology of King's life, Gordon's book offers a valuable resource for teaching your children or students about the history of race relations in America. Here Gordon offers five activities that can help you expand your kid's cultural horizons:

1. **Attend multicultural events.** Scan the newspaper and community calendars for festivals, plays or art exhibits that highlight a culture other than your own.
 2. **Tune in.** Watch television shows and movies with your children which spotlight other races and cultures.

3. **"Visit" a new place.** One day a month, cook a dish from a different country or geographical region. Make a craft from that nation or area, create a poster about it and, if possible, listen to music from that area.
 4. **Mark the spot.** Visit important landmarks in your area associated with the struggle for human and civil rights such as museums, public libraries and historical sites.
 5. **Talk it up.** Engage your children and students in conversations about cultural differences. Be sure to talk to them in a positive, nonjudgmental manner.

Children's Literature at the university level. He has been writing for more than 30 years.
Questions for your children:
 • Who are some other outstanding multicultural role models?
 • Why is Martin Luther King so famous?
 • Who is Mahatma Gandhi?

• How many other cultures are in your school?
 • Besides English, what languages do you know?
 • Do you have friends outside of your race and if so, do you see the differences in your cultures?
 • What can you do to help your family and friends learn more about other cultures?

"Racial division is still with us," says Richard Gordon, author of *Martin and the Mountaintop: An Illustrated Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* However, we can do our part to improve relations by raising our children to celebrate and value diversity and to be proud of themselves and their family traditions."

Teaching your children about diversity at an early age will help them develop healthy attitudes," says Gordon. "More importantly, it will also enable them to benefit from the rich world of cultures around them."
 Want to do more? Get the FREE report, "7 Ways You Can Improve Race Relations in Your Community" at www.CmarkPress.com

About Richard Gordon: Richard Gordon is an award-winning playwright and poet. His poetry has been published in *Essence Magazine* and, in addition to *Martin and the Mountaintop*, he has written numerous plays and a book of poetry called *Orange Sherbet and Hot Chocolate*. With a degree from Cal State Fullerton University, Gordon previously taught Oral Interpretation for

Kings beat San Angelo 5-2 and take back division and conference crowns before CHL All-Star break

SAN ANGELO, TX - With a 5-2 win on Sunday night against the San Angelo Saints, the Kings break their two-game scoreless streak and take back the Southern Conference crown with 36 points in 30 games.

The Lubbock Cotton Kings and Saints started the period tentatively and it was the Kings who got things started. After several breaks on Saints netminder Scott Reid by Anders Strome, defenseman Darren Shakotko was able to skate down the left wing and will the puck by Reid. Bruno Lemire took the puck on the left side of the ice and fed Shakotko after Saints forward Nathan Rosychuk sent the puck into the slot on a failed wrap-around chance. The Kings led 1-0 after the first period despite being out-shot 15-8.

Shawn Conschatter got his first start since the home game against Odessa on Dec. 30 and stopped all 15 shots he faced. The Kings dominated the first 15 minutes of the second out-shooting the Saints 16-0 and scoring twice. Matt Turek took the puck at the point at the left point and quickly shot the puck on Reid. Reid made the initial save, but a whack from Justin Keller and the eventual goal scorer, Paul Fioroni proved too much for the Saints defense and

two assists for the night. Anders Strome scored two goals, and defenseman Darren Shakotko got both a goal and an assist. The Kings were without defenseman Derick Martin who did not make the trip to San Angelo. Matt Turek joined Jason Beatty, Stacey Bauman, Mike Turner and Darren Shakotko on the Kings blue line in the third period. Emery Olason also saw four shifts in the third after not playing during the first two periods.

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Strome in the left circle who put the puck between Reid's pads. David Silverstone scored the only goal of the second for the Saints with a great move around Conschatter. The Kings out-shot the Saints 17-8 in the second and scored two of the three goals to take a 3-1 lead into the third. Coming into the contest, the Kings were 9-1-1 when leading after two periods.

This week, the CHL is on it's mid-season break, taking time out for the All-Star Game in Laredo, Texas. The players not travelling to in the All-Star Game will remain in Lubbock and practice for their upcoming games this weekend. Team captains, Paul Fioroni and Matt Turek will lead the team while Coach Chris Dashney is in Laredo coaching the Southern Conference team.

In the Skills Competition on Tuesday, January 11, Anders Strome was rewarded for most accurate shot, shooting four targets in only six shots. Strome and the other competitors were given a time limit to hit the targets.

The Saints started the scoring in the third with a rebound goal by Bret Dececco. The lead had gone from 3-0 to 3-2 and the Kings responded with two goals in the third. Strome scored his second of the game after a taking a feed on the left side of the ice and quickly switching to his forehand to roof the puck over the glove of Reid. Justin Keller ended the scoring effort with a breakaway goal squeezing the puck between Reid's legs on the backhand to give the Kings a 5-2 lead. Keller ended up with three points on the night with one goal and two assists. The Kings were barely out-shot 35-34 and were led by Conschatter who stopped 33 of 35 shots and had one assist, and Justin Keller (1-2=3), Matt Turek notched

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Lubbock: The Buddy Holly Center invites you to participate in the annual Craft's Etc. exhibition by being part of a few workshops that will be offered in conjunction to the exhibition. Don't miss the opportunity to make ornamental hemp jewelry with art educator Kristi Holman on Saturday February 5th, 2005 from 1:00-3:00 pm. This "Natural Bling" Hemp Jewelry Making Class is for ages 8 and older and the cost is \$10 per person.

Join us on Saturday February 19th, 2005 from 1:00-3:00 pm for a Sterling Silver Ring Stamping Workshop. This is a great opportunity to learn the art of jewelry making from nationally recognized artist Robly Glover. Participants will create their own sterling silver ring using a stamping technique. No prior jewelry making experience necessary. For ages 12 and older, cost is \$12 per person.

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION! THIS N THAT is hoping as many as can will join in on the ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION beginning on Friday evening, January 14, 2005 with an historic banquet recognizing those 1 million who came to the BLACK COMMUNITY between January, 1925 and January, 1950. Of course, this includes those who were born during that time in Lubbock. This banquet will be held at the McInturf Center at the University Medical Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Ms. Joan Y. Ervin at (806) 762-0853. On Saturday evening, January 15, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church, a new effort - THE BOYS' CHOIR - will make a special presentation at 7:00 p.m. These are young fellows between 5 & 18 YEARS OF AGE. This is a good gesture and it should bring some positive results. On Sunday evening, January 16, 2005, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, the annual YOUTH IN ACTION will be held. These young people will portray the LIFE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Closing out the efforts this year will be the closing sermon at the

1905s Chapel Baptist Church when it will be delivered by the pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church, Rev. Hiawatha Culver, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Let us SUPPORT the splendid efforts of the DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE, which is under the leadership of Ms. Joan Y. Ervin.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "HOW do we show LOVE to the people we say we LOVE?"

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MADE IT KNOWN! THIS N THAT heard the late civil rights leader, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. make this statement over THE TONIGHT SHOW two months before he was killed. He told the public I AM NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE QUANTITY OF MY LIFE, BUT MY LIFE'S QUALITY!"

SOMEONE KNOWS SOMETHING! THIS N THAT believes someone in the Lubbock community has some valuable information as to who was responsible for the stabbing death of MARY DAVIS, the lady who sold candy to little children from her residence at 2616 Globe Avenue last January, 2004. THIS N THAT really believes someone knows something! Even

a son of Ms. Davis has asked questions about his mother's murder. He has sent some very interesting information to the SOUTHWEST DIGEST. Hopefully this murder will be solved real soon!

MRS. ANNIE MAE JONES WILL BE MISSED! THIS N THAT, as well as many other Lubbock citizens, will miss a lady who worked hard for Lubbock. She is ANNIE MAE JONES who worked very hard for the citizens of Lubbock years back. She placed emphasis on the POSEY NEIGHBORHOOD where she ran the Posey Neighborhood Center. She made sure those citizens who lived in the Posey area received their equitable share of Lubbock resources. No doubt about it, ANNIE MAE JONES will be missed. At age 90 years, she passed away Saturday January 1, 2005.

KIDS ARE STILL WAITING! THIS N THAT is still advising those who will go by the Lubbock Public Schools and let our kids know we are on their side and we support what they are doing. These young people will be glad to see us. So, if you have an opportunity, then go by. School will be out in a few months, so let's be about the business of visiting our kids at school. Even having lunch would be great.



Think About It! If it is to work, it has to be us, by us!

by Eddie P. Richardson

For our long denied market places in East Lubbock, to become self sustaining, they (market places) should be, must be, have to be a part of us. The leadership must come from within, by us, for us, for all of this to really happen.

Too long as a people, we have sat around moaning, groaning, and complaining about what they, them and the U.S. Government is not doing. We must understand no one is going to take anyone by the hand and lead us to the promise land. If we can't get hip like Moses and walk the water, you had better find the next best way.

It is almost sickening to hear so much complaining about what someone else is doing when all kinds of illegal and unlawful activities in one's own backyard is asking the question: "What are the police doing?" Hell, get on the telephone and call, call and call them. Even encourage your neighbors to call. All of those calls are recorded which gives the police more reason to act. Police are not magicians or mind readers. If you do not act, this shows the community does not care. You figure that out!

There is one thing which puzzles this writer. You see, it appears to this writer the new city councilmembers from District I & II are not openingly supporting the North & East Lubbock Development Plan. Hope this is not the case. It is most depressing when it appears as though

money from this area are going away. We would have thought the Gateway Funds would have been a catalyst for the Slaton Highway Flyby. This would open the way for easy access to the Lubbock International Airport. Even the road way funds to help near the new Williams Chicken on Idalou Road appear to have gone elsewhere. These funds, according to this writer's opinion, were already in place, but they apparently disappeared overnight. Hope we are not moving backwards after all these years. We need to keep moving forward!

The North & East Lubbock Development Plan is the best thing to happen in Lubbock for years. This plan will level the playing field for the depressed and denied neighborhoods. For fair minded people, this should be the Number One priority on their agendas. This will help take people off the welfare rolls and put them on the tax rolls, plus it will help enhance the total city and bring the depressed areas up. At least, help all areas look like they are related to the rest of the City of Lubbock.

As far as the North & East Lubbock Development Plan project, concerned citizens are asked to please show support by pushing the Mayor and City Council to keep hope alive by supporting this endeavor. Mayor Marc McDougal initiated this plan, but he needs help and community support. He needs to

know the Lubbock community wants the upgrading and updating of these depressed neighborhoods. Support always gives people hope who undertakes such efforts. The reason this writer is so concerned, he has more than 40 years, praying for this way, along with others. Some have passed on, but now it is time to keep it going. This writer suggests you write letters, and talk it up. If we lose this round, we will be at back 60 years. Also, continue to encourage John Hall, Gary Lawrence and this fine board of directors. As the late Malcolm X said: "This must be done by any means necessary."

Thought of the Week: "If it is to be, it is up to me." Part II Next Week.

In Cinque by Renetta Howard



Some of us are still celebrating the festive holiday season and we find ourselves in yet another quandary about Social Security and Medicare funds. And, we wonder why, when we get a five dollar raise on our Social Security check for the new year, we find that our Medicare fees have been increased five dollars, consequently our cost of living raise went to pay for the rising cost of our medical care.

President Bush feels and has felt ever since he has been President, that young Americans should be able to divert some of their Social Security taxes to private accounts. Taxes are currently put in the General Fund and are used for everything from the paper clips in the oval office to the expensive Hummers used in Iraq.

Privatizing Social Security

taxes would mean less money in the General Funds. That is understandable, but what is not understandable is why the trustees of the Social Security Board has not seen to it that the Social Security monies and Medicare monies are not put in a separate fund for those purposes. It would help if the monies used for other things are repaid, but that does not happen either. The Social Security deficit is caused by other departments of the government using Social Security and Medicare monies.

It should be common knowledge now to all Americans that the taxes paid by the workers of America for Social Security and Medicare are used whenever and wherever the federal government sees fit to use it. It appears that we are lucky that there is anything available for what it was intended.

We work hard, pay income, Social Security and Medicare taxes and quite often we have to jump through hoops to begin receiving the benefits which we

think we are entitled. If you become disabled during your employment years, you must not be able to do anything in order to be eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. It is easier to become a recipient of SSI or Supplemental Security Income, which is also administered by the Social Security Administration. Many people who have never been employed, are recipients of SSI, having never contributed anything to the funds. They are protected under the 'equal protection of the law' amendment and have the same rights as any other American citizen.

It is time for our President and any other government official to stop trying to put the fear of the future in our hearts and get busy trying to do the right thing when it comes to the government benefits in which we have a stake. It is time for us to get 'in cinque' and let our Congressmen know what and how we feel about the administration of Social Security and Medicare benefits.

Marcus Dixon: A small example of a greater problem

by Lisa Fritsch

"Marcus Dixon had it all." Marcus Dixon is being punished because he is a black man who slept with a white girl. "Georgia is a still a racist place for a black man."

Marcus Dixon was also weak. A high school student in Rome, Georgia, Marcus Dixon recently fell from a being an honor roll student and a football star with a bright future, with plans to attend Vanderbilt University, to being convicted of aggravated child molestation (a charge carrying a mandatory ten-year jail sentence.)

It all revolved around an incident of sexual indiscretion. Dixon was eighteen when it happened. Kristie Brown was only 15. He said it was consensual sex. She charged rape. The jury declared it consensual sex, but was forced to deliver the stiff sentence because she was three months shy of being 16. That made it a case of aggravated child molestation.

I saw Dixon's story on "Oprah Winfrey" and immediately grieved for the loss of his youth, life and a promising future. One loss I was not able to grieve for, however, was his innocence. Many think the real reason he is serving ten years is because he is a black man who had sex with a white

woman in the South. Others claim it's a misreading of the statute by the prosecution. I say it's about the consequence of the character and actions of our young people.

While I do believe it's a shame this young man was robbed of his future for simply having sex, I think we are ignoring the more pertinent issue. Sex among teens has become way too casual. Sex is being mistaken by youth as a sport, not a commitment or an act to be shared with a person they truly care about.

These days, teens see nothing wrong with having sex with someone they aren't even courting. More than this, teens view oral sex as safer sex, both emotionally and physically. I know many will say that teaching abstinence is an archaic principle that doesn't work. If not abstinence, then, can't we at least teach our children that "hit and runs" are immoral and lack the virtue that sex is meant to have?

I believe, Dixon's situation may have played out differently if he'd had some type of relationship with Brown before and after this incident. But permissive attitudes may have given Dixon the idea that he could enter into a sexual relationship with Brown after just a flirtatious conversation. Had he courted her, it might have ended in a consensual relationship, saving him

the stigma of both the rape and child molestation charges.

It's never okay for a man to have relations with a woman if he has no intention of future contact. For any man to believe it is all right to use a woman's body as instrumentally for his pleasure and discard that woman like a candy wrapper is a problem in our society from high-school kids like Dixon to grown and married men like Kobe Bryant.

Of utmost concern to me is also the fact that our young people are not respecting themselves or each other. Without the benefit of healthy morals, Dixon's troubles were simply lying in wait - there to emerge sooner rather than later. When we make choices toward a weaker path, it is not the people in our lives that cause terrible things to happen to us. Our own character usually catches up with us.

To ignore that Marcus Dixon had a hand in the cards being dealt to him is to refuse to look at the entire picture. It is my thought that, even if the statute that put him behind bars did not exist, he still had a lesson to learn. Perhaps not ten years of learning, but a lesson nevertheless.

Lisa Fritsch is a member of the National Advisory Council of the African-American leadership network Project 21.

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Fioroni unveils 24 Foundation Jerseys to be auctioned off for Green



Cotton Kings veteran player, Paul Fioroni, displays this year's special jersey for his 24 Foundation. Fioroni established the organization in order to raise funds for community members who are in need. This year, Fioroni is dedicating all of his energy to Jeremy Green, a Levelland football player who was paralyzed during practice in late summer. Fioroni has also designated a special area of the coliseum where ticket sales go to raise money for Green. The jerseys will be auctioned off on Saturday, January 15 after a game against the Odessa Jackalopes.

LUBBOCK, TX — Lubbock Cotton Kings forward and player-assistant, Paul Fioroni, has unveiled the 24 Foundation jerseys to be worn this upcoming weekend and auctioned after the Odessa contest on Saturday night. All proceeds will go to the foundation that was set up to assist Jeremy Green, a paralyzed Levelland football player who was injured in the later summer of 2004 during practice.

"I really want us to raise \$25,000 for Jeremy," said Fioroni. "I am confident that the South Plains will be very involved and I think we may even surpass this goal. Several local businesses in Levelland combined to sponsor the jerseys and that means all the money raised from the auction this Saturday will go right into the fund. I am excited about our efforts so far, and appreciate the support from Levelland."

The jerseys were sponsored fully by the Levelland Area Chamber of Commerce, Fack & Mail, Paul Musselwhite Trucking Co., Jay Boudreaux Insurance, Allied Oilfield Machine and Pump, Sounds of the Heart - Cactus Drive Church of Christ, Area Wide Medical, College Avenue Animal Clinic, Farmers Insurance Group, Smith South Plains - Levelland, Rich and Wanda Lawless at Tri-Care Medical, American Express Financial Advisors, Kerry and Mary Siders, Amazing Space, AIM Bank, Les Wilks and Eagle Rubber & Supply. Thanks so much for

your donations!

Fans are invited to attend the game and if they request a blue level seat in section 218, \$2 from every ticket will be donated to the 24 Foundation by the Lubbock Cotton Kings. 24 Foundation hats and shirts are being sold by Advanced Graphix at every home game this season with a portion of the proceeds going to the foundation. Fioroni also has plans for a casino night in the spring to end the fundraising with a bang.

Fioroni (Fur-OWN-ee), 6-3, 230-pounds was the first forward signed by Kings Head Coach Chris Dashney for the 2004-05 season. He was also the first veteran spot filled by the team. A native of Calgary, Alberta, Fioroni joined the Cotton Kings for the last nine games of the 2000-01 season before the team advanced to the Cup Finals against the eventual champs, the Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs.

Fioroni, 28, led the Cotton Kings scoring charge last season

with 14 goals and 54 points. Fioroni also had 153 penalty minutes and was one of two players who skated in all 64 games with the Kings last season.

Fioroni enters his eighth year as a pro and has 74 goals and 232 points in 413 games. Fioroni has three seasons with over 200 penalty minutes but has become more of a point-producer in recent years. In the last two years with the Kings, Fioroni has 34 goals compared to the five previous seasons where he had 40 combined. With over 260 games played as a professional, Fioroni is considered a veteran by the Central Hockey League and fills one of the four possible vet spots on the Kings roster. Fioroni is the first player signed this year by the Cotton Kings and the first returning player from last year's team.

Fioroni was a runner-up last season to Don Parsons as the CHL's Man of the Year. Fioroni is actively involved in both the



Jeremy Green of Levelland was injured in late summer of 2004 during football practice at Levelland High School.

Cotton King's "Stick With Reading" program and with Hockey Ministries International, and combined with teammate Dave MacIntyre to form the "Mac-a-Roni" Fund to benefit Brett Wallrath's family, who was fatally injured by an impaired driver.

24 Foundation

Saturday Night special 24 Foundation jerseys will be auctioned off after the game against Odessa. Generous supporters also donated a handmade Cotton Kings quilt and a miniature Cotton Kings semi-truck, to be placed in a silent auction to help Jeremy Green and the 24 Foundation. In addition, throughout the season, a portion of the proceeds from tickets purchased for seats in section 218 will benefit the 24 Foundation and Jeremy Green's treatment.

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\$20 per ticket

Saturday, January 15th
MLK Boys Choir will perform at New Hope Baptist Church at 6:30 pm
Rev. Billy R. Moton, Pastor

Sunday, January 16th
Youth In Action will present a tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr at the Civic Center at 5:00 pm

Monday, January 17th
MLK City-wide Celebration - 7:00 pm
Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, W.D. Davis, Pastor (host)
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