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Local News

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June 30

Andy Wilkinson
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July 7

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August 4

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August 11

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Quartet Harmonies

August 18

TBA

Community Meetings

• Lubbock Area Client Council
Second Saturday, 1:00 pm

• Mae Simmons Community Center
• Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday
Night, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G.

• Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd
Saturday 4pm

• Booker T. Washington American
Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday- 7:30

• Forgotten West Riders, First &
Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J.
Patterson Library

• East Lubbock Chapter AARP,
Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae
Simmons Community Center, Oak
and 8th St.

• Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni
3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market
Center

• Dunbar/Manhattan heights
Neighborhood Association Meets
Every Third Thursday 6:00 p.m. 1373
East 24th Street
(outreach center/party house)

• West Texas Native American
Association Pot Luck Suppers on
alienating months prior to meeting,
meetings held on second Saturday of
each month at 7:00 p.m. Educational
presentations and demonstrations.

• Texas Juneteenth Cultural &
Historical Commission Lubbock
Affiliate Meets at T.J. Patterson
Branch Library 3rd Thursday 7 p.m.

• West Texas Native American
Association meets 2nd Saturday
each month at Groves Library, 5520
19th Street, 7:30

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Men meets the 3rd Monday evening
at 7:00 p.m. at the Parkway
Neighborhood Center.

• The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-
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each month at 7:30 p.m. at Parkway
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you would like for an announcement to appear in this
paper, please get it to us in writing by mailing it to:

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or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at
902 East 23rd Street

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Renowned actress Marla Gibbs joins the cast of daytime's *Passions*



Gibbs
Studio City, CA. - Eight-time NAACP Image Award winner Marla Gibbs has joined the cast of *Passions*

in the role of Irma Johnson, "Aunt Irma." Executive Producer Lisa de Cazorre, announced today. *Passions'* Creator and Head Writer James E. Reilly previews "For years TC Russell has believed his wife Eve's lie that all her relatives are dead. Eve's house of cards may be shattered when her vindictive sister Liz finds evidence at least one relative is alive and kicking... and able to tell the tales of Eve's sordid past. Meet Aunt Irma, an irascible old woman who gives 'em hell at her assisted living residence... and goes ballistic at the mention of Eve's name. Knowing Liz, Aunt Irma will soon be on quick trip to meet T.C. Russell."

A Chicago native, it was a job transfer as a United Airlines reservation clerk that led an adult Marla Gibbs and her three children from Detroit to Los Angeles.

Gibbs soon joined PAJLA (Performing Arts Society of Los Angeles) with her daughter, Angela, and studied at the Mafundi Institute and Watts Writers Workshop (both in Watts). Gibbs soon performed in several well-received productions including *Medea*, *Amen Corner* and *The Gingerbread Lady* at the Zodiac Theatre. After a few bit parts, Ms. Gibbs landed the plum role of "Florence" on *The Jeffersons* where she gained international notoriety. After *The Jeffersons* 9th successful season.

Gibbs landed a spin-off series *Checking-In* that was interrupted by a writer's strike and never recovered and she returned to *The Jeffersons*. Soon after, daughter Angela produced the award winning *Christine Houston* play 227 in which Gibbs was cast as the lead by noted director Ed Cambridge. The play was

such a smashing success that Ms. Gibbs purchased the TV rights and along with Norman Lear's Embassy TV, sold and helped produce the series for NBC where it became a five-year hit series, now in syndication.

Gibbs is an eight-time NAACP Image Award winner, four-time Emmy nominee, eight-time Family TV Award winner, Essence Woman of the Year, Frances Williams' Women in Theater West Award winner, Special Black Emmy Nominee honoree, Winner of two CEBA Awards and a host of National and Local Honors. In 2000, Marla received a Best Supporting Actress award from The Southern California Method Fest.

Her other credits include TV's *The Nick Cannon Show*, *Touched by an Angel*, *Arli\$\$*, *Judging Amy*, *The King of Queens*, *Dawson's Creek*,

Martin, *Dream On*, *Xmas Dreams*, *You Can't Take it With You* and several voice-overs for HBO's *Happily Ever After* animated series for children and Disney's 1,001 *Dalmatians*. Her most recent series work is a recurring role on *The Hughleys*, playing the mother of D.L. Hughley and was Arsenio Hall's mother on *Martial Law*. Marla recently completed starring in the feature films *Stanley's Gig* and *The Visit*. Other recent film credits include *The Brothers*, *Foolish*, *Lost and Found*, *Why Do Fools Fall in Love*, *Border to Border* and *Up Against the Wall*. Gibbs recently participated in Eve Ensler's play "The Vagina Monologues" in New York City.

Gibbs' first airdate on *Passions* was Monday, June 14, which is also her birthday!

July issue of *Black Enterprise* reveals top ten cities for African Americans live, work, and play

NEW YORK, PRNewswire - BLACK ENTERPRISE today revealed its 2004 list of the Top Cities for African Americans to Live, Work, and Play. The top picks were culled from more than 4,000 interactive surveys completed on <http://www.blackenterprise.com> and by editorial staff evaluations. Survey respondents placed a high priority on income earnings potential; cost of living, housing prices, and entrepreneurial opportunities! When first published this list in 2001, four of the top 10 cities were in the South. This year seven out of 10 are below the Mason-Dixon Line. Five out of 10 have a black mayor, and all have a black population of at least

25%. Eight of 10 have a cost of living index that is less than the national average. Seven cities have returned in 2004, while Philadelphia, Chicago, and Detroit have fallen off the list. Newcomers are Nashville, Tennessee, Birmingham, Alabama, and Columbus, Ohio.

Atlanta, Georgia, ranks as the No. 1 city for African Americans, driven primarily by entrepreneurial opportunities, earnings potential, and cultural activities. Future job growth is strong at 23%, and Atlanta is home to a high number of black-owned businesses. African Americans make up 61% of Atlanta's population.

Washington, D.C., ranks as the No. 2 city. Sixty percent of African Americans who constitute the city's total population are among the nation's best educated and highest paid. It has the second lowest black unemployment rate, 7.6%, of the top 10, well below the national average of 10.2%.

Dallas, Texas, returns to our best cities list at No. 3, up from No. 8 in 2001. Dallas placed third among the top 10 cities in median household income for black families, future job growth, and black high school graduation rate.

Nashville, Tennessee, is a new entry to the top 10, ranking No. 4, with a low cost of living as the city's

biggest draw. Only Houston and Memphis have lower cost of living indices.

Houston, Texas, ranks No. 5 primarily because of residents' high satisfaction with quality of life. Formerly No. 1, Houston's drop is due to its above average median cost index and its higher unemployment and violent crime rates.

Charlotte, North Carolina, appears again on the top cities list, falling two spots to No. 6. Charlotte earned high marks for cost of living, diversity, and economic growth. The city is a youthful, mobile hub for professionals (the median age is 32.8), and future job growth is fairly strong at 18.7%.

Birmingham, Alabama, new to the list, ranks at No. 7. Birmingham is the least populous city among the top 10 but has a city population that is nearly 75% African American. While race relations are a concern for residents, the city boasts the highest percentage of African American homeowners, 58%, among the top 10.

Rounding out the top 10 are Memphis, Tennessee, ranked at No. 8; Columbus, Ohio, ranked at No. 9; and Baltimore, Maryland, ranked at No. 10.

The July issue of BLACK ENTERPRISE with full profiles of each city is available on newsstands June 29.



Friends gather to support T.J. Patterson's Re-Election

A reception held for T.J. Patterson's re-election for Lubbock City Councilman position, District 2, brings supporters and friends of Patterson together. Runoff elections will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2004.

Census Bureau to Gauge Popularity of Different Fields of Study

Field representatives of the U.S. Census Bureau will visit 45,000 households nationwide beginning in June to answer this question: what is the most popular field of study beyond high school?

The last time this measure was published - for 1996 - the results showed that business was the most popular, as 7.5 million people had bachelor's degrees in this field. The average monthly earnings of employed people age 18 and over with bachelor's degrees in business was \$3,962.

"It is important that those selected for the Survey of Income and Program Participation respond because the results of the survey will enable policy-makers to address a multitude of critical issues," said Alfonso E. Mirabal, director of the Census Bureau's Dallas regional office. "Among these are how many and how frequently people have lapses in their health insurance; the characteristics of people with disabilities; the presence of health-care provisions in child support agreements; and whether more people enter or exit poverty during a given year."

The survey also will track changes in the type of work people perform, their educational level and whether they are actively looking for work. Respondents also may be asked about other topics such as the field of study their post-secondary degree was in, marital history, retirement and pension-plan coverage, child-care arrangements, payments made for adults living in another household or an institution (such as an elderly parent in a nursing home), doctor's visits, the cost of work-related expenses and fertility history. Since the survey is designed to measure change over time, the households that are selected will remain in the survey through 2008.

By law, the Census Bureau keeps all information given by survey respondents and their households confidential. Households selected for the survey will receive a letter from Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon. The field representative who conduct the interviews carry official photo identification cards. Most of the follow-up interviews will be conducted by telephone.

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.

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CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

This column is anxiously awaiting news and announcements from families and churches that is important to the community. If your church, family, or organization has any announcement, please send them to Southwest Digest, C/O The Chatman Hill Corner, P.O. 2553, Lubbock, TX 79408. Remember "News is only news if it can be a resource for others."

New Hope Baptist Church is "The Church where The People Care." Last Sunday serves were again a blessing to all that attended. Serves started with Prayer and Meditation, followed by the Praise Team rendering a few selections. The scripture reading was read by Rev. Cheryl Martin and the Morning Prayer was given by Rev. Charles Wilson.

Pastor Motor delivered the message for the morning, with the title "Whatever Situation You're In, God Blesses the One that Holds On." Scripture text for the message was taken from Genesis 32:24. We ask that God continue to bless all those that were hearers of the word. Please remember to whisper a prayer for the sick and shut-in and those families that may be grieving. Ask God

to has His way in their situation, God's word says: "I tell you whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24."

Please keep in mind the Principles of Prayer (June 2004-Acknowledging Our Need) that appeared in last week's paper. For those who missed such a wonderful principle will be including it again this week. It reads: "Every believer must come to grips with the fact that he is intimately related to the one who reigns as supreme God. When we encounter problems, keep in mind that it is through our problems, that we acknowledge our dependence on God. Throughout the Bible, the Word challenges us to call upon God; believe God; depend on God; trust in God; and have faith in God. It is through this acknowledgment of our need for God that he can prove to the world how powerfully He provides for His people. The greater the need, the greater the testimony of God's grace. Through our problems, God is making available to us blessings for which we have not asked. Scripture tells us, 'Eye have not seen, nor ear

heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.' Acknowledge your need to God today in prayer."

Excerpts: A Passion for Prayer: Mark 11:22; II Corinthians 2:9; Philippians 4:19; Hebrews 11:6; James 1:2-3

We continue to plan for the Women's Prayer Retreat to be held on August 20th - 21st at "The Ark" in Amherst, Tx. We are also preparing for our Annual Men and Women Day set for September 19, 2004. The theme for this year "A TEAM- On Fire for Jesus" taken from Hebrews 12:28-29.

The Chatman Hill Corner would like to invite each of you to become a part of the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association. Meetings are held every 2nd Thursday of each month, at the lies Elementary Cafeteria. Please join the members of this association, as they continue to strive to keep Chatman Hill a great neighborhood.

Let us leave you with the "Thought for the today"

God knows, He has a plan; He has a way. Do you dare trust Him?

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

THE HISTORY OF CAPRIS

No one seems to know exactly who created capris, but the hip European set started wearing them in the fifties. Audrey Hepburn poured herself into a little black pair in Sabrina... Jackie Kennedy frolicked in them a Hyannis Port and Mary Tyler Moore pined around in them as Mrs. Rob Petrie on the Dick Van Dyke Show.

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Fashion... Just for the fun of it Fashion Tip ... Always wear a smile

On Your Mark... Get Set... Go! Exercise and the Cardiac Patient

Get active and attend "Activity for Cardiac Patients", on Friday, June 25, from 9-10 a.m. in the Arnett Room, at Covenant Medical Center - Lakeside, 4000 24th Street.

As part of Covenant Heart Institute's Your Heart Matters Breakfast Club series, Certified Exercise Specialist, Laura Lowe, will present a variety of ways to maintain a heart healthy lifestyle through diet, exercise and healthy habits.

A light breakfast will be provided. The breakfast club is free and open to the public. For more information, call Lois Bernhardt at (806) 725-0738.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY



WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS

"SWITCHED AT BIRTH"

JOHN 3:3, JESUS SAID, VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

I WAS BORN IN BRYAN, TEXAS, RAISED UP IN CHILDRESS, TEXAS, AT 905 G. NORTH EAST. MOM AND DAD HAD SIX CHILDREN, TWO BOYS AND THREE GIRLS, AND THERE WAS ME!!!

PROVERB 1:7, THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE, BUT FOOLS DESPISE WISDOM AND INSTRUCTION.

WE WAS RAISED IN A LOVING AND STRICT FAMILY, THERE WAS MANY RULES, WE OBEYED THE LAWS OF THE HOME, AND DID MANY CHORES AFTER SCHOOL!!!

PROVERB 22:6, TO TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO, AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.

EVERY SUNDAY WE WAS IN CHURCH, AND WE DIDN'T EVEN MISS SUNDAY SCHOOL, EVEN IN CHURCH THERE WAS A SPANKING, IF YOU DID BROKE THE RULES!!!

PROVLRB 19:18, CHASTEN YOUR SON WHILE THERE IS HOPE, AND LET YOUR SOUL SPARE FOR HIS CRYING.

BUT ONE DAY I GOT GROWN, NOBODY COULD TELL ME ANYTHING, I WAS ON MY OWN, I DIDN'T GO TO CHURCH AND I DIDN'T GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL, I LEFT THAT ALONG!!!

PROVERB 3:5-6, TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND LEAN NOT UNTO YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING, IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR PATHS.

LIKE THE PRODIGAL SON, I WANTED NO RULES, AND I WANTED TO BE FREE.

I RAN WILD IN THE WORLD OF SIN, ENJOYING MY NEW FOUND LIBERTY.

***** BEEN THERE AND DONE THAT *****

JOHN 8:32, JESUS SAID, AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.

AS THE SINS IN MY LIFE GREW, I BECAME UP SET AND IN WAS IN MISERERE, THEN ONE DAY THE HOLY SPIRIT, IT WAS THE ONE WHO SPOKE OUT TO ME.

MATTHEW 11:28-30, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YOU THAT LABOUR(WEARY) AND ARE HEAVY LADEN(OPPRESSED) AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST, TAKE MY YOKE(THE BIBLE) UPON YOU AND LEARN OF ME, FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART, AND YOU SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS, FOR MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.

I WAS WORRING AND FRETTEING ABOUT THE WORLD, THIS AND THAT'S, BUT LET ME TELL YOU PEOPLE, I WAS ON THE WRONG TRACK!!!

GALATIANS 5:1, STAND FAST THEREFORE IN THE LIBRETY WHEREWITH CHRIST HATH MADE US FREE, AND BE NOT ENTANGLED AGAIN WITH THE YOKE(THE WORLD) OF BONDAGE.

***** BORN AGAIN *****

THAT WAS THE DAY I HEARD GOD'S VOICE, AND IT WAS EVER SO SWEEP, HE GAVE ME THE POWDER, TO PUT THAT OLD DEVIL, RIGHT UNDER MY FEET!!!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, THEREFORE IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE: OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY, BE, OLD, ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW.

WORRYING ABOUT THE THINGS OF THE WORLD, HAVE LEFT THEM BEHIND, PEOPLE IF YOU DON'T KNOW JESUS, YOU NEED TO GET TO KNOW THIS FRIEND OF MIND!!!

***** WHAT A FRIEND, WE HAVE IN JESUS *****

I AM JUST A NOBGDY, TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY, ABOUT SOMEBODY WHO CAN SAVE EVERYBODY!!!

GALATIANS 2:20, I AM CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST, NEVERTHELESS I LIVE, YET NO I BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME.

BY BILLY "BI" MORRISON, HIS FOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST, JESUS, ALWAYS

News at Bethel AME Church

Preparations for the Convocation 2004 are now underway. Convocation 2004 will convene July 27 thru 30, 2004 at the Adams Mark Hotel, 400 North Olive Street, Dallas, Texas. The 10th Episcopal District Department of Christian Education will sponsor Convocation 2004.

The 83rd Church Anniversary of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, is set for August 8, 2004.

Several visitors attended church services last Sunday morning, June 20, 2004. Among them were Ms. Helen Smith of Glendale, Arizona

and Ms. Alean Washington of Phoenix, Arizona. Both are members of the Fountain of Life Church. Also visiting were Ms. Wanda Perry of Houston, Texas and a member of Zion Temple COGIC, and Ms. Gloria J. Russell of Abilene, Texas who is a member of New Light Baptist Church.

Rev. Danny Poe, pastor, and two church members will be departing for the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, Indiana in the near future. Church members, Brother E. J. Donaldson and Brother Charles Collins, will be serving as delegates as will be Pastor Poe. There are 63 candidates vying for eight positions as bishops.

from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

In Wethersfield, Connecticut the First United Church of Christ voted on June 5, 2004 to break away from its denomination. The church was a part of the 1.3 million-member United Churches of Christ and its largest Church in New England.

The leaders of the Wethersfield Church had cited differences over homosexuality as well as others issues. The leaders of the church believe the liberal denomination stance on ordaining open gay clergy in 1972 did not fit their conservative belief that Scripture bans gay sex. The pastor of the Church said he saw "no hope" that he and other pastors could effect change.

Do you know who "One Way Toomey" is? Well, Dave McNeely, whose column is distributed by the Austin American Statesman says

folk have given Former state Rep. Mike Toomey, R-Houston this name because he thinks his way is the only way to do things." McNeely says some "think he is the brain in the governors office, and others "think he is running the show." Toomey is said by McNeely to be the man who never talk to Governor Perry in 2001 when Perry vetoed a patient protection bill which infuriated doctors who supported the bill. He just talked to the staff.

According to McNeely, Toomey helped engineer the Republican takeover of the Texas House of Representatives in the 2002 election—the subject of a grand jury investigation into use of corporate money—including hiring a private investigator to do opposition research on some Democratic

House candidates. And since he is now Perr's chief of staff the rumor is "He does everything from turning on the lights in the governor's office in the morning to turning them out at night."

Maybe this matter can be resolved if Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn becomes Governor of Texas.

My seventy plus years-old next door neighbor, a good old conservative Democrat, an early Texas Tech graduate, a friend of Rep. Pete Laney, the "National 2003 Senior Citizen Domino Champion" gave this writer of opposing political views an editorial from the Dallas Morning News entitled "Respecting Fundamentals." He was in disbelief of what his eyes beheld.

The picture in the article

showed a toddler striking a punching bag bearing the caricature of President Bush at a Dallas political rally by the Mothers Opposing Bush on Sunday, June 6, 2004.

The editorial made the point that the punching bag stunt oversteps partisan bounds. The editorial stated "Time was in this country when all children were taught to respect Americans' institution, including the presidency ... Whether you are a liberal or a conservative, a Kerry fan or a Bush backer, teach your children to respect the men and women who seek and hold public office. Let them acquire the habits of partisanship when they're old enough to understand politics. Let them acquire the habits of patriotism while they're still innocent."

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Today, we are talking about universal debts. This week, there is a song which says, "They will know we are Christians by our Love."

This is a very true statement, because Love is the mark of a Christian. As a matter of fact, it is the will of God for all of his children to be debt free. In the covenant, a promise made to Abraham says, "And thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow." God commands us to owe no man nothing. He enlightens us of a perpetual debt that we owe. That is, universal debt of Love, a debt which we are indebted to each other were required by God to make constant full (annointed) Installments on this universal debt of Love, there is power in Love.

It was so powerful that it held Jesus upon the Cross, he had the power to come down off of that Old Rugged Cross, but Love would not let go. Love was powerful to redeem us from the curse of the Law and translate us into the blessings of God.

It's still powerful today as it was then, today Love is powerful enough to serve and destroy yokes and bondages. The birth of forgiveness, and the mending of damaged fel-

lowship and relationship are conceived by nothing more than or less than the seed of Love. Love is the power which heals a broken heart, and reestablishes a shomble home. Love is that supernatural power which works in favor of all people. Love worketh no ill. Love is righteous, Love fulfills the law of God. Prayer, faith, hope and love, using these we can make it.

Are you working some stuff against your neighbor???? You can't get away with such things. Let's just love people, all people, did you hug your Father on Sunday - or send him a card or tell him you love him?? Or your mother or your children's, when was the last time you told them you love them??? If you give love you will receive the same. Fathers love your children. Every day is Father's day, so happy Father's "Day".

For all people who are hurting, read II Chro 7:14, Mark 11:22-26

Keep those prayers going for your neighbors, churches, schools, boys on the street, the unsaved.

May God bless you, in our prayer.

D. Hood, President
Christine Burlason, Vice President
Elnara Jones, Teacher

New Light Baptist Church Dedication

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

This letter is to let you know that New Light Baptist Church will hold the dedication of its new sanctuary on Sunday, June 27, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. The new building is located at 3013 Idalou Road in Lubbock. We would appreciate your coming and sharing with us this glorious occasion. For the Lord has blessed us. God has chosen this place as his sanctuary; so please come and help us celebrate this glorious occasion in the Lord.

We will see you there if it is in anyway possible.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. James Cavanaugh

St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church begun last Sunday morning, June 20, 2004, at 10:00 a. m.

The Sunday School lesson was taught by Deacon Willie Canady of Waco, Texas and was reviewed by Rev. Edward Canady, pastor.

The morning worship services begun at 11:30 a. m. The Youth Department was in charge of the devotions.

The Youth Department provided the morning selections and did a great job. We're all very proud of them. May each of them keep serving the Lord as it will pay off after while.

The morning message was delivered by Minister Nina Davis. Her text was taken from Revelations 7:17. Her subject was "A Fathers Care."

The Pastor and Wife Appreciation Services closed on Sunday afternoon, June 20, 2004, with the Rev. W. R. Boltony Jr, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Abernathy, Texas delivering the sermon. What a wonderful message it was.

In Remembrance...

Gilbert Sanders

A graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday May 25, 2004, in River View Cemetery for Gilbert Sanders, who died May 18 at age 85.

Mr. Sanders was born Nov. 13, 1918, in Rogers, Texas. He moved in 1944 to Portland and worked in the shipyards during World War II. He was a foundry worker for Rich Manufacturing for more than 40 years. In 1940, he married Margaret Jordan; she died in 1975.

Survivors include his son, Wallace A.; sisters, Emma Mae Rowe, Lillie Smith, Myrtle Wright and Lottie Childers; brother, S.L. Sanders; four grandchildren; seven grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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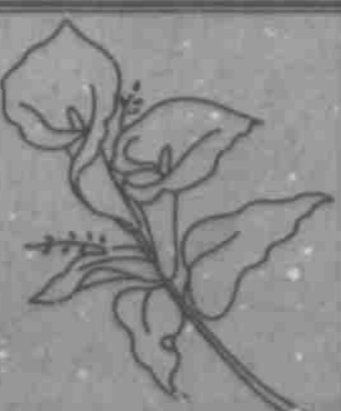


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Republican effort to gain black vote is futile without party changes



By Brian Gilmore

The Republican Party is courting African-American support. But waging blacks with one hand while slapping them with the other is not an effective strategy. The party says it wants to increase its share of the black vote in the next election to 25 percent. Ed Gillespie, chairman of the Republican National Committee, stated recently that this push is a "top, top priority". One wonders how Gillespie and his party expect to achieve such a lofty goal when his party has such an abysmal record on many fundamental African-American issues. For one thing, many Republicans have made it clear

over and over that the party opposes affirmative action. The Bush administration opposed it in the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that upheld affirmative action at the University of Michigan law school. Secondly, Republicans have fallen short on the issue of racial profiling, particularly since the Bush administration took office. Attorney General John Ashcroft, during his March 2001 confirmation hearings, vowed to produce a legislative product to combat racial profiling, but nothing has come close to being passed into law since Ashcroft's statement. Thirdly, Republicans have failed the black community on economic issues. As unemployment rose across the nation, African-Americans were disproportionately affected. In June 2003, the unemployment rate for African-Americans surged to 11.8 percent, a full percentage point higher than the previous month - one of the biggest jumps in the last two decades. Today that rate is still languishing at 10.2 percent while the overall U.S. rate is at 5.9 percent. Since March 2001, the economy has lost 2.4 million jobs. The manufacturing sector, the one most responsible for the rise in the black middle class, has been

hardest hit. Since March 2001, 300,000 factory jobs held by blacks, or 15 percent, have disappeared, according to The New York Times. President Bush's chief response has been to provide the wealthiest Americans with huge tax breaks. This has done little to lower the black unemployment rate. And finally, Republican efforts to gain more of the black vote will likely come face to face with the bitterness in black America left over from the 2000 elections. Many African-Americans have not forgotten the controversy in Florida that propelled Bush into office. The Republican Party's neglect of, if not outright hostility toward, many important African-American issues cannot be easily forgotten. If the party wants black support, it would do best by improving its record on African-American issues and reaching out to blacks in non-election years, as well. Brian Gilmore is a lawyer and poet with two collections of poetry, including "Jungle Nights and Soda Fountain Rags: Poem for Duke Ellington" (Karibu Books, 2000). He can be reached at pmproj@progressive.org.

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Arthur Ashe Tennis Center featuring 11 clay and hard courts. WHEN: Labor Day Weekend September 2-6, 2004. WHERE: The Doral Golf Resort and Spa, 4400 N. W. 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33178. Registration information may be found at <http://www.blackenterprise.com>, or by calling 1-800-209-7229.

New officers to join Texas Tech University police force

LUBBOCK - Three new officers will join the Texas Tech University Police Department Friday, June 11. Lubbock native John Barber Gary Bone of El Paso and Ron Digby of Littlefield will graduate from the Police Law Enforcement Academy in Austin and immediately start serving the Texas Tech community. Barber Bones and Digby successfully completed five months of comprehensive training. Aside from criminal and traffic law enforcement they also learned investigative technique's defensive tactics, lifesaving

measures and emergency driving. The officers met more than the minimum requirement to become a peace officer. Maj. Richard Foster, Texas Tech Police Department assistant chief said being a campus police officer and serving the Tech community will place greater demands on them than if they were serving a city police department. "I think you will find that we are very service oriented in addition to enforcing laws," Foster said. "We are very proud of these young men and feel their graduation recognizes quite

an accomplishment." The three new officers will enter a 16-week field training program in which they will be partnered with a senior officer to help them apply their knowledge and skills. At the end of the program, their senior officers will evaluate them and will then be on their own. "After being away for five months, I'm sure they are anxious to begin what we hope is a long, satisfying career in law enforcement serving the people at Texas Tech," Foster said.

Thirty-fifth annual Cage Family Reunion set for Lubbock, June 25

The Cage Family Reunion of Lubbock will be celebrating their 35th Annual Cage Reunion. This event will be held June 25, 26 and 27, 2004 at the Parkway Neighborhood Center, 402 MLK Blvd. Family members will be attending from several Texas cities as the following: Austin, Arlington, Dallas, Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, Waco, Mesquite,

Pflugerville, Hutto, Taylor, Duncanville, and Odessa. Also, family members and friends will be visiting from the states of California, Colorado, Florida, Ohio, and North Carolina. The Annual Cage Church Services will be held Saturday evening June 26th, at the Community Baptist Church, where Rev. Larry Brooks is pastor. Guest speaker for the evening will

be Reverend Frank Cage, Sr., pastor of the New Light Ebenezer Baptist Church of Austin, Texas, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend this worship service. Rev. Cage will also be speaking on Sunday morning June 27th, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church 2207 Southeast Drive, at the 11:00 a.m. morning services.

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Stenholm reflects on his memories of Ronald Reagan

This week, Charlie Stenholm reflects on his memories of Ronald Reagan, the 40th President of the United States.

Well, this week has been a memorable week in Washington, D.C., with the passing of our 40th President Ronald Reagan, the ceremonies in our United States Capitol, the funeral service in our Nation's Cathedral and then the ultimate burial of our President in California.

And it was a week with a lot of fond memories for me because I was in my second term when President Reagan was elected. I couldn't help but remember on Wednesday night, as I was standing in the middle of the Capitol Rotunda watching the casket come in the West Door, that it was January of 1981 when I sat on the West Front of the Capitol and observed the swearing-in of the 40th President. So a lot of memories for me, especially of the first term of President Reagan, are pleasant.

At that time, in 1981, we Democrats controlled the House of Representatives by 51 votes. In order for the President and his Administration to accomplish any of their goals, they had to have Democratic support, and I was the coordinator of the Conservative Democratic Forum at that time.

We soon became known as the "Boll Weevil." We met many times with President Reagan, and I had the privilege, several times, of meeting one-on-one with the President, and then many times I was in meetings with fellow Democrats and Republicans as we worked to put together a legislative agenda that could pass the House, the Senate and get to the President to accomplish the goals that he had been elected to accomplish. And most of those goals were the same goals that the people of the 17th District had elected me for, too.

There were some differences, obviously, but one of the great attributes of President Reagan, regardless of whether you agreed with him all of the time, some of the time or none of the time, is that

most everyone recognized that he had one of the qualities of leadership and that is finding what it takes to get 218 votes to pass a bill in the House, at a time when the Democrats had a 51-vote advantage.

Compromise was not a four-letter word in President Reagan's vocabulary and obviously in order to get those 218 votes, compromise was necessary. And he did this in much the same way as Speaker Tip O'Neill, the liberal Speaker of the House from Massachusetts. President Reagan and Speaker O'Neill never lost their personal respect for each other. Did they ever have differences of opinion? You bet they did! But they were able to disagree without being disagreeable. And that was something that made Ronald Reagan a special sort of leader.

President Reagan recognized what needed to be done, and he had excellent people working for him. The White House liaison—those people who come to Capitol Hill to represent the President to the Congress—they were second to none under him. I have served with five Presidents, and his people really stand out as top-notch.

I can't help but remember my old Republican colleague from Texas, Tom Loeffler, now retired and back in private life. Tom was elected to the House at the same time I was, and we were in our second terms when Reagan was inaugurated. Quite logically, since

there were several Texas Democrats in the House at the same time - Sam Hall, Ralph Hall, Jack Hightower, Marvin Leath, Phil Gramm, Kent Hance and I - we were all part of the conservative Boll Weevils. Tom Loeffler was the logical Republican member of the House to work with us, and we enjoyed working together with him.

Here are a couple of other little things to remember about President Reagan. Many of you may remember Ashley Bailey, the little 11-month-old girl from near Abilene in the 17th District who needed a liver transplant. She was dying because the liver she had been born with was not functioning, and she was in the University of Minnesota hospital in Minneapolis.

In those days, organ donation and organ transplants were not near as common as today, and so her family contacted me for help; and we made the President aware of her plight. He used his radio address on July 23rd, 1983, to appeal to the nation and let everyone know of the situation.

Unfortunately, we didn't get a liver in time to save Ashley, but from that dramatic appeal, hundreds if not thousands of young and old people have now lived because of the organ transplant program that came about soon thereafter. And the National Organ Donation Awareness Week that we now have every April, that came about as a result of the President's

appeal to the nation on behalf of little Ashley. That's one of my fondest memories of my time here in Congress and one of my fondest memories of President Reagan.

This week, as our nation has said farewell to our 40th President, our prayers have gone out to Nancy Reagan, a vision of strength. None

of us can fully appreciate what a wife or a husband goes through over ten years, watching a spouse slowly wasting away to Alzheimer's disease.

I hope one of the legacies that this country leaves to Mrs. Reagan is that the Congress and the President will dedicate our best

efforts to finding a cure for Alzheimer's. One of the better legacies for all of the world, and particularly the United States to remember President Reagan by, is that upon his death, others might live. And so, our prayers go out to Nancy and the Reagan family.

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- Deadline for entry is 2 p.m. Fr. Day, June 25. Entries received after June 25 will not be accepted. Entries can be mailed to MAKE KIDS COUNT SCHOLARSHIP GIVEAWAY, PO Box 491, Lubbock 79408, or dropped off at The A-J Information Center.
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DONT FORGET TO VOTE FOR T.J. THIS N THAT ... is reminding you ... who have not voted in the upcoming ... RUN-OFF ELECTION ... for City Councilman District 2 ... to cast your vote for ... T.J. PATTERSON who wants another term to complete the infrastructure on an ... ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN ... which will move ... NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK ... into a new era... So ... if you haven't voted ... at this time ... do go to the ... POLLS ... on Saturday, June 26, 2004 ... and cast your precious vote for ... T.J. PATTERSON! Your vote ... will be most appreciated...

COULD BE LARGEST JUNETEENTH CROWD! THIS N THAT ... was elated over the large turnout of citizens to witness the parade and park activities in Mae Simmons

Park last Saturday in the 25th Annual Juneteenth Celebration... This large crowd appeared to be hinting ... that this kind of activity ... is wanted by who live in Lubbock and the surrounding South Plains of Texas ... Could it be there needs to be some kind of a ... SUMMEK FEST ... in Mae Simmons Park ... during the summer months... Could it be something ... working with the Juneteenth Emancipation Committee ... including a cross sections of local citizens ... and bringing multi-culture into the area... In Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas ... there is so much talent... So ... why not explore the possibility of using this park more...

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THE BEGINNING ... doesn't mean a thing ... it's the ... THAT REALLY COUNTS ... and this goes with ... BUILDING NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK!"

VERY GOOD JOB, JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE! THIS N THAT ... wants to take this opportunity ... and thank the ... LUBBOCK JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE ... for another year of ... GOOD WORK... There were some positive programs from this year's effort ... and ... now it's time to get busy for next year... Wouldn't it be an outstanding feat to involve more of our ... ANGLO BROTHERS AND SISTERS? THIS N THAT ... brings up the point ... because Lubbock is nearly ... 30 miles in area ... and when something

takes place in one area of this growing area ... other areas have no knowledge of the positive programs ... as the recent ... JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION... Also ... a salute to ... EDDIE P. RICHARDSON, a Commissioner on the Historical Commission ... and Juneteenth Commission ... and HILLARY HUTCHINSON ... president of the Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration Committee ... for positive leadership this year...

KEEP MISS JUNETEENTH PAGEANT GOING! THIS N THAT ... is hoping the recent effort of the ... "MISS JUNETEENTH PAGEANT" ... will continue ... as there are many young ladies who will benefit from such an effort... This year there were ... 12 young ladies who did compete ... and they were all ... WINNERS! ... THIS N THAT ... hopes this event will continue next year ... making it the ... "THIRD ANNUAL JUNETEENTH PAGEANT" DIRT IS FLYING! THIS N THAT ... has been noticing the ... tractors and dirt ... moving on the land where new construction will take place on the ... Green-Fair Manor properties... It appears ... there will be some positive affordable housing for our citizens... More info on this project in the near future ... On the other hand ... will not be long before our boys and girls will have some new baseball diamonds ... which will be located on East 19th Street ... not far from the Thunderbird Addition...



Juneteenth Celebration Truly a Success in Freedom Celebrating!!

by Eddie P. Richardson

The week long freedom celebration was a great positive celebration. We want to thank all who helped to make it a success. We want to start with the committee workers who strived very hard to pull off the over all event.

There were the organizations, starting with Christ Temple Church who hosted the Opening Religious Services with the theme "The Black Church and Juneteenth". Then the Fellowship Reception put on by the reception committee of Juneteenth, was a very good program, entertaining and informative, refreshments and a small bit of entertainment. It also included our new North/East Lubbock Development Executive Director, John Hall as speaker.

Then the Texas Tech Night with booths of various information, a re-enactment of the Major General Jordan Granger's presentation of General Order, which went into action thirty (30) months earlier, and a short play, which was

written by Jamie Rodriguez. Refreshments were served, as well as, fellowship. Then there was the Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant, with 12 beautiful young ladies. The scores were very close, but someone had to emerge as the winner, and that was beautiful Kendra Jones.

Then the long time presentation of the Man and Woman of the Year. This is an annual event sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. This years event was great. It was informative and educational, and featured Assistant City Manager Quincey White as speaker. The reception for the evening was provided by the African American, Hispanic and Lubbock Chambers of Commerce.

The highlighted event for Saturday was the Juneteenth Parade. There were many participants, including a congressman and our very own City Councilman T.J. Patterson. On the park following the was live entertainment, DJ's, paddle boat rides (in the lake by the City of Lubbock), a dunking booth, train ride, information and food vendors. Programs at Mae Simmons Community

Center and the Senior Citizens Center were a big hit. There was health screening and information for all, and it was a huge success over all.

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A special thank you to Brothers Furniture for the donation of the Lounge/Recliner Chair. The winner of the chair was Maxine McCormick. Thanks again Brothers Furniture, who has been a participant for the last three years for celebration.

In Cinque



by Renetta W. Howard

The media is full of articles and stories about the abuse of the prisoners in Iraq. The news we have heard is gruesome and inhumane. The world is shocked. This country has lost some grace in the face of the many accusations and one young man has been court-martialed because he took pictures of some of the atrocities, when he should have been helping to stop the abuse.

If we go back a few months and rethink what has taken place, we begin to wonder who should be court-martialed. Invading Iraq was abusive in the first place. Innocent people lost their lives needlessly from every country which took part in the exercise of no fruition. As of this moment no weapons of mass destruction have surfaced yet. The only indication that there ever was any weapons of mass destruction, was traces of left over relics which had been destroyed in the attack on Iraq during the "Desert Storm."

No part of the 9/11 fiasco has been blamed on Saddam Hussein, yet his family has been destroyed by death and flight, while he is imprisoned, awaiting someone else's justice. Osama Ben Laden is yet to be found. The oil; the oil hoped for but yet to come, has increased in price,

sending the cost of gasoline to new highs each day. The gas tank that you used to fill up for \$25.00 will cost you about \$55.00 today and that is a low price.

For most cars, a tank of gas will last about a week. This means that traveling to work five days a week will cost you somewhere in the neighborhood of \$250.00 per month for gasoline alone. That just about eats up a salary earning minimum wage or even \$6.00 per hour for a 40 hour work week. As a matter of fact, one whole week has to be allotted to the cost of gasoline as a work expense, after deducting income taxes, insurances, social security and any other employment deductions.

After all of the deductions are

taken, a single person earning \$6.00 per hour will have about \$600.00 left to live on during the month if he has to purchase gasoline to get to his place of employment. A person with several dependents may realize a little more take home pay because of the tax breaks associated with large families.

Abuse is abuse whether is done to the prisoners of Iraq or the citizens of the United States of America. The war is here in our front yard. We are fighting "To eat or not to eat;" "To drive or not to drive;" "To purchase medicine or to eat;" these are the questions and we need to "get in cinque" and come to some awakening, rude or otherwise, that something has to be done to stop the war in Iraq.

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Texas Tech Rawls Golf Course tees up for celebrity tournament

LUBBOCK - The Texas Tech University Jerry S. Rawls Golf Course will host a celebrity golf tournament July 29 and 31. The course was named one of the 10 best new golf courses in the nation by Golf Magazine.

"We are looking forward to this tournament because it will be filled with senior golf pros, hall of fame athletes, and Texas Tech celebrities," said Jack North, managing director of the Rawls Golf Course.

Celebrities attending include Mac Davis, Darrell Royal, Tommy Brookshire, John David Crow, Donny Andersen, Spike Dykes, Curtis Jordan, Dan Irons, Bobby Joe Conrad, Cotton Davidson, Thomas Howard, Bake Turner, John Fitzgerald and many more.

The course, which opened in

August 2002, is designed by Tom Doak. It started as a dry, flat cotton field and Doak's crew moved 1.3 million cubic yards of earth to create an oasis that much more closely recalls Scottish golf courses than the semi-arid south plains of Texas, said North.

At its lowest point with a 4.5 acre man-made lake in its center, the course drops 38 feet below ground level. The course is named for Texas Tech alumnus Jerry Rawls, who donated \$8.6 million for the project. One of the elements that provides an out-of-the-city feeling is the 15-foot tall berms that surround the course, said North. The berms were built with all the earth that was moved to create a 7,207 yard, par 72 course of wide and long fairways, fast greens and sand traps that can reach a depth of 21 feet.

The course also features a 53-acre driving range. The greens are California-style bent greens, something unique to the Southwest, and the fairways are planted with Tif Sport Bermuda grass, the newest hybrid Bermuda available.

The course also is serving as a laboratory for Texas Tech's turf grass program in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, to give students hands-on experience in turf grass management. "Having a golf course associated with a top-flight university offers so many experiences to students who play competitively and to those who are learning how to manage turf and golf courses," said North.

The cost to watch the tournament is \$5. For more information, please call (806) 742-4653.

Shallowater Receives National Grant For School Safety Project

Shallowater High School has been notified that it is one of 25 schools in the nation to receive a \$2,000 Project Ignition grant funded by State Farm and the National Youth Leadership Council.

Shallowater's project sponsor Cindy Couch, says the grant will be used to produce and publicize promotions aimed at a variety of safety issues ranging from school bus riders to teen drivers.

A spokesman for State Farm and the Leadership Council says Project Ignition "is going to attract nationwide attention and most importantly, it will help you empower your students to change their communities for the better".

Juneteenth history dramatization presented

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech University and the South Plains Closing the Gaps Coalition celebrated Juneteenth with a history dramatization, June 16, in the Estacado High School cafeteria.

"Juneteenth commemorates freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. This time is for reflection and assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future," said David R. Smith, M.D., chancellor of Texas Tech University. "By attending the Juneteenth Celebrations, Texas Tech students, faculty and staff are sending a strong message of unity with the community."

Alwyn Barr, Ph.D., professor of history, and the Texas Tech Department of History, presented a dramatization of the history of Juneteenth. Sheryl Santos, Ph.D., dean of the Texas Tech College of Education and chair of the South Plains Closing the Gaps Coalition acted as the mistress of ceremonies.

"It is a poignant reminder for all Texans that freedom and democracy

cost many lives before, during and even after the Civil War. The end of slavery was a milestone in American history and should be celebrated by freedom-loving people from all races, ethnicities and walks of life," said Santos.

A display of the community center summer program Juneteenth Art Contest winners, an appearance by the Juneteenth Pageant contestants and an interactive education fair featuring departments from Texas Tech and partners of the South Plains Closing the Gaps Coalition were present.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery. From its Galveston origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day is widely recognized across the United States.

"This was a great way to provide a foundation of understanding for what Juneteenth is about," said Janie Landin Ramirez, director of Raiders Rojas at Texas Tech University.



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