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Community Meetings

As a service to the community of Lubbock, Southwest Digest is glad to publish this list of what is happening to help complete the unfinished community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Mae Simmons Community Center
 - Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
 - Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
 - Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
 - Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Fatterson Library
 - East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
 - Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
 - Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
 - West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
 - Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm
 - West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
 - West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
 - The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing. You can mail it to:
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Santa Claus arriving in Lubbock

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus Coming To Town! Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving at Santa Land in Mackenzie Park to listen to the wishes of area children on Friday, December 10, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. in Mackenzie Park Children from Lubbock and surrounding communities are invited to help Lubbock City Council members greet the Clauses and officially open Santa Land. Entertainment is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Cactus Kids from Don Caldwell Productions/Studio. The Opening Ceremony will start at 6:00 p.m.

The City of Lubbock has hosted Santa Land for the past 48 years, and as always, admission for both young and old is free.

Santa Land is open from December 10 through December 23 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. nightly. Parents are encouraged to bring their children early as on busy nights the line to visit with Santa is stopped at 7:30 p.m. in order to allow Santa to feed his reindeer at 10:00 p.m. The entrance for Santa Land is from the East Broadway entrance into Mackenzie Park just east of Avenue A and the South Plains Fairgrounds.

More than 30,000 visitors attended Santa Land last year to see the festive holiday village with its 60-foot

lighted Christmas tree, animated displays, traditional holiday scenes, and Santa and Mrs. Claus greeting their visitors. Live entertainment will keep guests in the holiday spirit each night and Santa Land commemorative mugs will again be for sale in the refreshment stand. For those who need a snack, hot chocolate, hot dogs and other treats will be available. Keepsake photos of children visiting with Santa Claus can be purchased for \$5.00 each; however parents are welcome to bring their own cameras.

The City of Lubbock and the Parks

and Recreation Department are grateful to its corporate sponsors for their help in underwriting the costs for Santa Land and for bringing this annual event to the children of Lubbock. This year's sponsors include: Next Media, K.I.L.L., Mix 90 Rock 101, Beat 104.9, CellularOne Cox Communications, AAA Firewood, Lubbock Power and Light American State Bank, Abercrombie Lumber, Sutherlands, ICI Paints, Felix Moore Paint Kelly Moore Paint, Timber We'll Take It, Hancock Fabrics, Albertson's, Wal-Mart, Hastings, Solid Waste Services, Bear Lake Farming, Holland Gardens, Hobby Lobby, Gristy's Cleaners and the 666 Ranch.

Rev. Dr. Lydia Jackson Waters to be featured speaker at Mt. Vernon U.M.C.

On Sunday, December 12 at 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church will celebrate "Advent Homcoming". Rev. Dr. Lydia Jackson-Waters, a native of Lubbock and Pastor of Crossroads Nija Panda United Methodist Church in Compton, California for the past 17 years, will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Waters attended Perkins School of Theology in Dallas and received her Master's of Divinity degree from



Claremont School of Theology in California. She, also received the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Southern California School of Ministry in Los Angeles, CA and is a much sought-after speaker.

During her tenure as Pastor of the Crossroads congregation, the congregation's membership increased from fifty to more than six-hundred members. An Advent/Pre-Christmas Dinner will be served in the church's fellowship hall following the morning's worship service.

During the 3:00 P.M. worship service, Rev. Waters, along with representatives of her church's music staff, will be featured with musical selections and the spoken word. The entire city of Lubbock is invited to come and support one of our native daughters of our community. Please come worship with us on next Sunday and be blessed.

Mrs. Edna R. Walker is Chairperson of the event.

Food for Fines

The Lubbock Public Library will be accepting canned food in place of late fees from December 6 through December 12. One can of food will be accepted for each dollar owed. Food may be turned in at any of the four library locations, and will be given to the South Plains Food Bank. Pay your library fines and make a difference this holiday season.

For more information, please call 7/5-2834.

Abernathy Chick-Fil-A team member earns leadership scholarship

Chick-Fil-A commits more than \$1.1 million this year to restaurant employees' education

ABERNATHY, Texas (December 1, 2004) - Abernathy resident Josh Peterson is benefiting from Chick-fil-A's 31-year dedication to helping restaurant employees further their education by receiving one of the chain's \$1,000 Leadership Scholarships for excellence in the areas of work, education, community and personal development.

Peterson becomes the seventh scholarship employee at the free-standing Chick-fil-A restaurant at South Plains Crossing, which is operated by M'leah Clepper. Peterson is studying commercial music at South Plains College.

"Chick-fil-A's corporate purpose is to have a positive impact on all those we come in contact with," said Clepper. "This applies not only to our customers but also to our restaurant team members such as Josh. We strive to encourage growth and success in all areas of their life."

This year, Chick-fil-A has expanded its commitment to the Leadership Scholarship program by 10 percent - raising the yearly scholarship amount to \$1.1 million which will result in an overall total of nearly \$20 million by yearend. To date, 2,488 Chick-fil-A restaurant team members in Texas have earned nearly \$2.5 million in Chick-fil-A Leadership Scholarships.

In 1955 Truett Cathy, founder and chairman of Chick-fil-A Inc., placed a collection jar at his original Dwarf Grill restaurant to raise funds for one of his earliest employees who planned to attend Atlanta's Morris Brown College. Cathy personally

made up the difference in lacking funds and it was at this point that employee scholarship commitment began. Chick-fil-A's official scholarship program began in 1973, coming seven years after the opening of the first Chick-fil-A restaurant in Atlanta's Greenbriar Mall.

Furthering its commitment to education, Chick-fil-A established the S. Truett Cathy Scholar Award in 1997 to mark the 25th anniversary of the scholarship program. Each year a blue-ribbon panel selects the top 25 Chick-fil-A Leadership Scholarship winners nationally and awards each an additional \$1,000 scholarship.

Supported by Chick-fil-A

under the Cathy-created WinShape Centre® Foundation and in conjunction with Berry College, another education program provides co-op scholarships to Chick-fil-A team members who are interested in attending Berry College in Rome, Ga. Since 1984, more than 860 students have taken advantage of the program, which provides up to \$32,000 in co-op scholarships.

Chick-fil-A's unique scholarship programs complement the host of other initiatives the chain has developed to positively influence young people. Since 2000, Chick-fil-A has been the national sponsor of Core Essentials, a character education program in more

than 1,100 elementary schools throughout the country. Chick-fil-A's Kid's Meals strive to provide educational and character-building premiums that encourage interaction among children and their families.

These programs are in addition to the various partnerships local Chick-fil-A restaurants have with their neighborhood schools. Many support their local schools through year-round attendance and reading programs, and through different fund-raising efforts where Chick-fil-A products and merchandise are featured as student incentives.

Additional information about Chick-fil-A is located at www.chick-fil-a.com

Estacado graduates celebrate win big scholarships from The Dell Foundation

Teddy Bear Toss

Bring a new stuffed animal to every Cotton Kings home game until Christmas and throw it onto the ice after the first goal of the night. The toys will be gathered up for the Toys for Tots drive and handed out to needy children at Christmas.

Two Estacado High School graduates have received major funding toward their next step on the education ladder. Zahkiya Green and Kendra Williams were recently announced as winners of Michael and Susan Dell \$20,000 scholarships.

The Dell Scholarships are

offered to high school students participating in an approved AVID program. The Dell Foundation funds programs that assist students in note taking, study, and college readiness skills as well as enabling students to receive tutoring from certified teachers, all of which are addressed by AVID. The Dell

Program also guides parents and students through the college application process, the grants and scholarships process, and provides additional information to help parents get their child into higher education.

Candidates are evaluated on their individual determination to succeed, their stated goals, and their demonstrated ability to overcome obstacles and challenges. Both Kendra and Zahkiya were in the Estacado AVID program before graduating last year.

Kendra attends Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, where she is majoring in criminal justice and law enforcement. Zahkiya attends West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, and majors in nursing.

UPCOMING COTTON KINGS GAMES

*Friday, December 10
7:05 vs. Topeka

*Saturday, December 11
7:05 vs. Amarillo

Friday December 17
7:35 @ Austin

Saturday December 18
7:00 @ Odessa

*Sunday, December 19
5:05 vs. San Angelo

* denotes home game

Breaking East Lubbock's Cycle

"One Life At A Time"

JOI COLEMAN - Joi was selected as Student of the Month in August. Every year she has received Student of the Month honors due

to her great citizenship, academics and leadership in our school. Alderson Academy is very proud of Joi and her accomplishments.

TAMARA PRICE - Mrs. Price is Alderson Academy's secretary. She does an excellent job and keeps everything and everybody on track. Mrs. Price is integral in practically every aspect of the school. She serves as moral booster, confidant, and problem solver. We appreciate everything Mrs. Price does.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please remind yourself that we are all human. We publish something for everyone and we don't always get it right. Some people are always looking for mistakes instead of looking at their own lives.

In Remembrance

LAYMON B. BROWN

Funeral services for Laymon B. Brown were held last Friday afternoon, December 3, 2004, at Green Lawn Church of Christ.

Burial was held in Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton Harbor, Michigan with arrangements under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home of Lubbock.

An employee of Caprock Manufacturing Company, Mr. Brown passed away Friday, November 26, 2004, in Covenant Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine Brown of Lubbock, Texas; four sons: Waymon and Laymon, Jr. Brown, both of Omaha, Nebraska; Roy D. Marcellis of Colorado City, Texas; and Ronald D. Willis of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, Tamarra Willis of Lubbock, Texas; five brothers: Otis Brown of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Leroy Brown and Michael Brown, both of Benton Harbor, Michigan; David Brown and Charles Brown, both of San Diego, California; six grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a sister, a brother, and his parents.

MARGARET BLUITT CHILDS

Funeral services for Margaret Bluitt Childs were held last Thursday, December 2, 2004, at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Slaton, Texas.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Born April 29, 1950 in Lubbock, she acknowledged her call to the pulpit ministry, and shared the gospel while being a musician, a Sunday School teacher, and a licensed preacher, through the courtesy of the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

While a student at Dunbar High School, she won several music awards. While employed at Southwestern Bell, she met her future husband, Claude Childs, Jr. They raised six children, while giving 18 years of service to Texas Tech University. Preceding her in death were her father, Arthur W. Bluitt; mother, Justine M. Bluitt; and daughter, Angelica Childs.

She passed away Thursday, November 25, 2004.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Claude Childs, Jr.; her sons, Mark Durham and Claude Childs, III; her daughters, Michelle Bluitt, Anna Childs-Dixon, Jessica Childs, and Rebekah Childs; her daughter-in-law, Kamila Childs; her son-in-law, Anthony Dixon; her brothers, Jimmy, Arthur, Alfred, and Eddie; her sisters, Sharon Maynard, Arlene Henry, Mella Bluitt, Sondra Willis-Thomas, and Vickie Bluitt; six grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

ARTHUR ALAN JOHNSON, JR.

Funeral services for Arthur Alan Johnson, Jr. were held Friday morning, December 3, 2004, at Christ Temple COGIC with Elder W. DAVID Haynes, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Johnson, Jr. was born August 15, 1962, in Lubbock, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Johnson; three children: Arthur Alan Johnson, III, and two daughters; six grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lubbock

He passed away Thursday, November 25, 2004, at Methodist Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

A former resident of Lubbock, he graduated from Lubbock High School in May of 1994. He was employed at KCBD-TV for approximately three years.

He is survived by his father, Arthur Alan Johnson, Sr. of Atlanta, Georgia; his mother, Vickie Johnson of Lubbock, Texas; and a host of relatives and friends.

BRANDON L. JOHNSON

Funeral services for West Texas A&M University student, Brandon L. Johnson, who died by paramedics in his dorm room last Wednesday afternoon, December 1, 2004, were held last Saturday afternoon, December 4, 2004, at the New Hope Community Church in Shallowater, Texas. Pastor Monica Hall officiated the services.

Burial was held in Eastern Memorial Park under the direction of Resurrection Funeral Home. Born January 21, 1986 in Lubbock, he attended Hodges Elementary, Dunbar Junior High School, and graduated from Estacado High School in May 2004. Brandon was a former member of the Upward Bound Program - and attended summer school classes at Texas Tech University. At West Texas A&M University in Canyon, he was majoring in Computer Science.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, David Johnson, Sr., Vivian L. Johnson, and Hazel L. Gilkey. He leaves to mourn his passing: his parents, James and Natalie Johnson; his sister, Tiffany Johnson, all of Lubbock, Texas; grandmother, Joeretta Gilkey of Arkansas; and many aunts, uncles, friends and family members.

MARY KATHERINE GRIFFIN NELSON
Funeral services for Mary Katherine Griffin Nelson were held Saturday morning, November 20, 2004, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Active pall bearers were Eddie Avery, Hillary Hutchinson, Jon Shaw, Larry Bonas, Charles Jennings, Archie White, and Minister Fred Wilson. Honorary pallbearers were Alvin White, Eugene Williams, Leon Williams, David White, Billy Joe Williams, Aaron Williams, and Joseph Williams.

She was born December 2, 1922 to Shelby Williams and Ellen Earls Griffin in Kansas City, Mo. She was the eldest of thirteen siblings born to this family.

She was brought to Lubbock, Texas in 1924, at the age of two, and attended school in the Lubbock Independent School District, attending Ella Hies Elementary School and Dunbar High School.

She accepted Christ at an early age. In going home to meet the Lord, she was a member of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. Wendell Davis. She had received a special recognition from the City of Lubbock for organizing the first youth choir, which was named "The Ghetto Choir," and later was renamed "The Neighborhood Choir."

She met and married Robert Nelson in 1950.

Mr. Nelson was born October 15, 1925, in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated from Lubbock High School in May 1943. He was employed at KCBD-TV for approximately three years. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Nelson; three children: Arthur Alan Johnson, III, and two daughters; six grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He passed away Thursday, November 25, 2004, at Methodist Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

A former resident of Lubbock, he graduated from Lubbock High School in May of 1994. He was employed at KCBD-TV for approximately three years. He is survived by his father, Arthur Alan Johnson, Sr. of Atlanta, Georgia; his mother, Vickie Johnson of Lubbock, Texas; and a host of relatives and friends.

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FRED TAYLOR
Funeral services for Fred Taylor were held last Saturday afternoon, December 4, 2004, at Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors Chapel. Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors in Lubbock.

Mr. Taylor passed away Saturday, November 27, 2004, at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born February 5, 1950 in Rosebud, Texas to J. T. and Charlie B. Taylor, who preceded him in death.

She worked as a domestic for some forty years before retiring and being a housewife. She loved fishing and working in her garden, but most of all, spending quality time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Robert Nelson; her son, Erskine Nelson; two brothers, Samuel Griffin and Benjamin Williams; and two sisters, Betty Ewell and Louise Jamison.

She passed away on Sunday, November 14, 2004.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her sons, Maurice (Lynda) Williams and Franklin (Ernie) Nelson; her daughter, Patricia (James) Harvey; brothers: Eugene Williams, Billy Joe Williams, Leon Williams, Aaron Williams, and Joseph Williams; sisters: Danna Sutton, Nancy Brooks, Mae Frances Abernathy and Patricia Smith; eight grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and many friends.

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Taylor enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1968, and fought in the South Vietnam War from 1969 until 1970. He was employed by Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc.

He leaves to mourn his passing: a sister, Bettye J. Taylor of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, Cullen Taylor of Levelland, Texas; a niece, Cullena Golightly of Dallas, Texas; two nephews, Shawn and Michael Taylor, both of Dallas, Texas; two aunts, Marlene Whitfield and Jewel ALEXANDER, BOTH OF Rosebud, Texas; an uncle, Jack Taylor of Belton, Texas; and four special great nieces: T. Andra, Tauna, Tara and Tiah, all of Levelland, Texas.

LEOVER TOBE
Funeral services for Leover Tobe were held Monday morning, December 6, 2004, at the Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

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Chatman Hills Corner

It's beginning to look like Christmas as many homes in the area are decorating their properties. Local neighborhood associations will submit names of homes to the Lubbock United Neighborhood Association this week, and winners will be forthcoming. Hopefully in the near future, this column will name those homes from the Cherry Point Neighborhood Association, Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association and Chatman Neighborhood Association. This is a great idea as it brings neighborhoods together.

The new pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr., will be in attendance of the Greater Fort Worth District Presiding Elder's Training Conference at Johnson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church December 10 and 11, 2004.

Auditions are now being held for a musician at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2204 Southeast Drive. In addition last Sunday morning, December 5, 2004, was Justin Cotton, a student at Wayland Baptist University.

In a means to raise funds for their organization, members of the Black Staff Association at Texas Tech University will sponsor an "Open Truck Art Sale" on Saturday, December 11, 2004, at Monterey High School, in the Plainsman Alley, inside the school at 3211 47th Street, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, 2304 Cedar Avenue, will sponsor its Advent Homecoming Worship with a former Lubbock resident, Rev. Dr. Lydia Jackson Waters of Compton, California, as guest speaker. She is pastor of Crossroads Nija Panda United Methodist Church for seventeen years.

The public is invited to attend. Mrs. Edna R. Walker is Chairperson of this event.

Let us not forget those who are sick and shut-in. There are many who would appreciate your prayers, visits, or telephone calls. Today, they are shut-in, and tomorrow it could be you. You can't treat a little kindness.

Don't forget those who have also lost loved ones. God is able!

Services were well attended last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002

First Avenue, THE "Church Where The People Really Care," Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit New Hope. You will be glad you did so.

The morning worship began with meditation and prayer. The Praise Team presented some very inspirational selections. Minister Wilson offered the morning prayer and read the morning scripture. The New Hope Choir was responsible for the singing of several selections.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Moton. His subject was "It's Good to Walk Away With God." His scripture text was Genesis 5:21-24. Pastor Moton gave the following points: I. Have a close relationship with God, II. Separate from the world, and III. Noah had a glorious end - God took him. What a marvelous sermon.

After an invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister Leticia Barrow. Brother Napoleon Cooper welcomed all visitors.

Special comment from the New Hope Bulletin on Sunday morning, December 5, 2004: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." St. Luke 2:14.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Rcherson

Sweaters

By simply wearing a sweater, you can successfully and stylishly chase away the chills. This fall there is something new, exciting and different happening with sweaters. The fit is fabulous, the feel is warm, soft, comfortable and the look is absolutely... TO DIE FOR.

Decisions, decisions, decisions, so many choices, and you have numerous styles from which to choose... cardigans, tweed hooded cardigans, light

and heavy weight full length sweater coats, leather jackets with knit sleeves, soft acrylic matching sweater sets, sweater shells, tunic sweaters and beautiful sweater pant and skirt sets.

Rediscover the joy and thrill of slipping into a colorful, wonderful, delightful and magnificent sweater. Fashionable sweaters, for work, for play, especially for you! EMBRACE THE SEASON, HAVE FUN! FASHION TIP - ALWAYS



WEAR A SMILE!
FASHION. JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

Local girl gives donation to Toys for Tots

Lubbock - The spirit of giving is alive and well at the Buddy Holly Center. On Saturday, December 4th, 2004, Makenzie Martin, 9, of Lubbock, filled the Toys for Tots barrel with her own birthday gifts so that other children could smile a little brighter this holiday season.

Lubbock - The spirit of giving is alive and well at the Buddy Holly Center. On Saturday, December 4th, 2004, Makenzie Martin, 9, of Lubbock, filled the Toys for Tots barrel with her own birthday gifts so that other children could smile a little brighter this holiday season.

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visits at the Center. Anyone wishing to donate to the Toys for Tots Drive may do so at the Buddy Holly Center Monday through Saturday from 11:00 - 6:00 pm. For more information please contact the Center at 806.767.2886.

Manhattan Heights Church of Christ

763-0582 - Tyrone N. DuBose, Minister
1702 E. 26th St. (corner of E. 26th St. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.)

Sunday:
Bible Class - 9:00am
Worship - 10:15am
Evening Worship - 5:00pm

Wednesday:
Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm

God's Plan for Saving Man
All new saved - Romans 3:23
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:38
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
Belle - 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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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus

3, how I love Jesus

Written by Evangelista Billy "BJ" Morrison, II - Your Brother in Christ Jesus always.

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

I HAVE NOT ALWAYS LOVED THE LORD, MY TESTIMONY IS SO TRUE, BUT NOW I LOVE HIM WITH ALL MY HEART, MIND, SOUL AND BODY, LIKE I SUPPOSE YOU.

MARK 12:30. JESUS SAID, YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.

LIKE I SAY, I WAS RAISED IN A CHRISTIAN LEARNING HOME, BUT WHEN I GOT GROWN AND OUT ON MY OWN, I LEFT GOD ALONG.

PROV. 22:6. Train up a child in the way he should go: when he is old, he will not depart from it.

MANY TIMES I CALLS MYSELF THE PRODIGAL SON, LEAVING MY TRAINING ALONG, I WENT OUT INTO THE HOG PEN, DOING THE THINGS I KNEW WAS WRONG!!!

ROMANS 3:23, FOR ALL HAVE SINNED, AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD.

AS I TOLD IN MY TESTIMONY IN MY LAST 3 WRITINGS, OF MY SIN AND SHAME, OF HOW MANY TIMES GOD SMILED ON ME, AND NOW I GLORIFY HIS HOLY NAME!!!

PSALM 7:17, I WILL PRAISE THE LORD ACCORDING TO HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND

WILL SING PRAISE TO THE NAME OF THE LORD MOST HIGH.

***** NO THIS MAN WILL NOT ROB GOD!!!*****

BY THE LAW OF JUSTICE, I KNOW I SHOULD NOT BE WELL OR ALIVE, BUT THAT IS WHERE GRACE AND MERCY COMES IN. JESUS SAID, I PAID HIS PRICE!!!

1 TIMOTHY 4:15, THIS IS A FAITHFUL SAYING AND WORTHY OF ALL ACCEPTATION, THAT CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS, OF WHOM I AM CHIEF.

ON NOVEMBER 23, 1979, I WAS COMING FROM BRYAN, TEXAS AT 80 mph, THE LORD SHOWED ME MY DEATH ON THE HIGHWAY, I WAS WITH HUMAN POWDER!!!

AN ICE COLD CHILL OVER ME, MY FOOT ON THE GAS WAS SHAKING HISTERICALLY, I BEGAN TO PRAY, LORD PLEASE, DON'T DON'T LET ME DIE TODAY, I LIVED TERRIBLE!!!

LUKE 15:17-18b, JESUS SAID THE SON SAID, WHEN HE CAME TO HIMSELF, HE SAID, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN, AND BEFORE THEE.

BY THE LAW OF JUSTICE, I KNOW I SHOULD DEAD AND DEEP IN MY GRAVE, BUT GRACE AND MERCY CAME TO MY DEFENCE, AND TODAY I'M SAVED!!!

I AM LIKE THAT SAMARITANS WOMAN AT THE WELL, SHE WENT AND TOLD THE CITY ABOUT A MAN WHO SAVED HER

SOUL.

JOHN 4:24, 25, 29. JESUS SAID, GOD IS A SPIRIT, AND THEY THAT WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. THE WOMAN LEFT HER WATER PUG, AND WENT INTO THE CITY, AND SAID TO THE MEN, COME, SEE A MAN, WHICH TOLD ME ALL THAT I EVER DID, IS THIS NOT THE CHRIST?

AND TO ME IT'S LIKE FIRE, SHUT UP IN ALL OF MY OLD BONES, THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYS, TELL IT, AND IT WON'T LEAVE ME ALONG!!!

LUKE 7:47, JESUS SAID, WHEREFORE I SAY UNTO YOU, HER SINS, WHICH ARE MANY, ARE FORGIVEN, FOR SHE LOVED MUCH, BUT WHOM LITTLE IS FORGIVEN, THE SAME LOVES LITTLE.

***** I WILL NOT ROB GOD!!!*****

GOD IS IN MY HEART, ON MY TONGUE, ON THE FRONT OF OUR HOUSE, ON MY T-SHIRTS, ON MY CAPS, DOWN THE SIDE OF MY TRUCK, ON MY LICENSE PLATE, ON MY COWBOY HATS, ON THE MAIL BOX, ON THE FENCE, AND THE FRONT DOOR!!!

I'M FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST, AND I JUST A NOBODY, TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY ABOUT JESUS' BODY, DYING ON THE CROSS FOR EVERYBODY.

JOHN 12:32, 33, JESUS SAID, AND I, IF I BE LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, I WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME, AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Can a leopard change its spots?

On that long-ago day of Alabama's great shame, Gov. George C. Wallace [D] stood in a schoolhouse door and declared that his state's constitution forbade black students to enroll at the University of Alabama.

He was correct. If Wallace could be brought back to life today to reprise his 1963 moment of infamy outside Foster Auditorium, he would still be correct. Alabama voters made sure of that November 7, refusing to approve a constitutional amendment to erase segregation-era wording requiring separate schools for "white and colored children" and to eliminate references to the poll taxes once imposed to disenfranchise blacks.

The votes were so close a margin of 1,850 votes out of 1.38 million - that an automatic recount will take place Monday (December 6, 2004). But, with a few expecting the results to change, the amendment's saga has dragged Alabama into a confrontation with its segregationist past that illuminates the sometimes uneasy race relations of the present." —Manuel Rol-

Franzia, The Washington Post.

Has the attitude of white America changed toward Blacks? Some black Americans would perhaps say yes and to a subtle degree as long as is not in their backyard. Jeremiah asked the question: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots?" Then he says, "Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil." [Jeremiah 13:23-24].

What has happened in Alabama and is presently taking place all over conservative America is what its writer has deemed the political evil of Karl Pove. His brand of political eugenics has divided American and is leading America under the guise of Homeland Security to a "police state." This new state will be controlled not by the conservatives but by the "cultural elite" of all ethnic groups. The President of the United States will answer and follow directions in an informal way to the cultural elite.

Speaking of a "police state" - last month, the chair of the board of the NAACP, Julian Bond, announced that that the

NAACP's tax-exempt status is under review by the government in an investigation he contends stems from a speech he gave that criticized President Bush. Bond said IRS agents were investigating his keynote address July 11 at the NAACP from the IRS office in Louisville, KY. Is it hard to wonder who is behind this?

The letter to the NAACP and Bond dated October 8, 2004 from the IRS office said for an organization to keep its tax-exempt status, "leaders cannot make partisan comments in official organizational publications or at official organizational functions." We take this to mean if you are in disagreement with any political leader, you will get lethal injection financially. Two of the tenets of Fascism are to use violence and modern techniques of propaganda and censorship to forcibly suppress political opposition and engage in severe economic and social regimentation.

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume is stepping down as it head. Dennis Hayes, the organizational legal counsel, will serve as interim president.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, last Sunday morning, December 5, 2004, began with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Superintendent and teachers at their posts of duty. The morning lesson was taught by the teacher, Minister Nina Davis. The lesson was reviewed by Pastor Edward Canady. It was a wonderful les-

son, and the review gave all in attendance of information to use during the upcoming week.

The morning devotion was led by Deacon Williams and Brother Johnson. After which, the Senior Choir was responsible for the selections of the morning.

Pastor Canady delivered a very strong sermon for the morning. His subject was:

"Thank You, Lord For A Second Chance." His scripture text was Jonah 2:4-10. It was a spirit filled sermon. It gave all in attendance, something to think about. The members are thanking the Lord for giving them Pastor Canady as their pastor.

Thought For The Week: "If you yield to God, you won't Give in to sin."

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning, December 4, 2004, in the home of Sister Virginia Carroll. Sister Christene Burleson was in charge of devotions. The morning scripture was 2 Psalms 34. Prayers were offered by Sister Dorothy Nash and Sister Gertrude Williams. A special prayer for our nation and Lubbock was given by Sister Rosanna Henderson.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Einora Jones. The morning scriptures were St. Luke 4:18-19 & Ezekiel 37.

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Ezekiel's valley of dry bones are symbolic of a spiritually

dead nation. In the valley is where dead things are where vulture dwell. Eagles fly above the valley. The truth is what Ezekiel prophesied. Life comes as a result of the spoken word which is the word of God. Some Christians are walking around spiritually dead. When the Apostles went up to the temple and saw the lame man begging, and they said silver and gold have I none, but they gave him the word and when Peter and John gave the lame man the word, he began to walk. No longer was he lame. Not only did he walk, but he began to run and leap and praising God. They said, in the name of Jesus, rise up and walk!

Are there any dry bones in your life that need to be resurrected? What a great opportunity we have today to speak life in the lives of the unsaved.

Thanks, Sister Jones, for this

great lesson you delivered. It had the Holy Ghost Power. You truly were a blessing to all in attendance.

All of you have a blessed holiday. Remember it's Christ's Birthday!

We are looking forward to seeing many of you the first Saturday in 2005. Keep doing the right thing. We're praying all of you will be especially blessed in the New Year!

Thanks, Brother T. J. Patterson and staff for being so kind and helpful to this group. We are praying for you and wife and family. "Rise up and walk" in the name of Jesus, People!

Thought of the Week: "God speaks through his word to those who listen with their heart."

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Einora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosanna Henderson, secretary.

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Weekly order of Services:
Sunday School - 9:45 am
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

West Texas Hoops
is organizing an All-City basketball team for girls ages 12 and under!
Call Trey at 740-8267 for more information!

Featured Artist, Jean Green at the GAC

The Garden & Arts Center's Featured Artist for the month of December 2004 is Jean Green of Olton, Texas. A small selection of Jean's exquisite floral paintings will be on exhibit in the Garden & Arts Center's lobby throughout the month of December.

Southwest Artist Jean Green of Olton, Texas has been painting since early childhood and professionally since 1967. Having taken her first lesson at the age of 16 she has studied with many notable artists from across the nation. Her use of brush

strokes, the interchange of color, light and shadows convey the beauty of her work. Jean has had the opportunity to take part in numerous exhibitions and art shows as well as competitions. Recently Jean won first and second place in the Padland's Plains Fall art show in Plainview, Texas. In the course of teaching workshops across the country as well as here at the Garden & Arts Center, Jean is building a national reputation. Her works have been profiled in several newspapers, including the Lubbock

Avant-garde Journal as well as two magazines. Jean has written seven art instruction books published by Schewe Publishing.

Jean Green's work will be exhibited and for sale at the Garden & Arts Center until December 30. For more information about this month's Featured Artist exhibit or for oiler inquiries, call the Garden & Arts Center office at (806) 767-3724 or send an email to: pgriffith@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us. The GAC is located at 4215 University Avenue.

Russell Simmons speaks out in favor of Nielsen's use of Local People Meters in local TV markets

NEW YORK, 2RNNewsWire -- Nielsen Media Research recently announced that Russell Simmons, Chairman & CEO of Rush Communications, one of the largest African-American-owned media companies, is supporting the Local People Meters (LPMs) as a more accurate and reliable way to measure diverse television audiences.



Simmons

"Innovating television ratings is a process that should be encouraged and supported, and we think the marketplace is in the best position to judge its value," Mr. Simmons wrote in an open letter to Susan Whiting, President & CEO of Nielsen Media Research. "To the extent there are opportunities to further enhance the People Meter system, we believe the responsibility ultimately rests with Nielsen, its clients and the communities they serve."

Mr. Simmons joins Kweisi Mfume, President and CEO of the NAACP; Rev. Jesse Jackson, President of Rainbow/Push Coalition; Jonathan Rodgers of TV One; Debra Lee of BET; and many other community and industry leaders in supporting the introduction of local people meters.

Simmons cited the importance of innovation and new technology to measure demographically complex TV viewers. By continually improving its audience samples and expanding the number of households of color, Nielsen is working hard to make certain that all viewers are fairly represented in its television ratings," he continued.

Mr. Simmons also pointed out what he sees as motivation for some opposition to LPMs, stating, "It is not surprising that one giant media conglomerate -- News Corp's Fox TV -- is displeased with their ratings and wants the government to legislate ratings services to protect their competitive position."

Ms. Whiting welcomed Russell Simmons' endorsement of Local People Meters, saying, "It's heartening to us that someone like Russell Simmons, founder of the largest African-American owned media conglomerate, understands the need for the LPM system in today's ever-changing media environment and that he stands on the right side of this issue."

People Meters have been used in Nielsen's national TV audience samples since 1987 and have been accredited on an ongoing basis by the Media Rating Council. Local People Meters were introduced into Boston in 2002 and are being introduced this year into New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Upcoming Events at the Lubbock Public Library

Book Discussion at Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will be hosting a discussion of the book "Midwives" by Chris Bohjalia on Saturday, December 11, at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 767-3300.

"Santa vs. the Martians" at the Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will celebrate the holiday season with the Mystery Science Theater version of the campy classic film "Santa vs. the Martians" at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 11.

Admission is free. Call 767-3733 for more information.

Holiday Open House at the Godeke Branch Library

The staff of the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, invites everyone to their annual Holiday Open House from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14. Come enjoy music and refreshments! For more information, call 792-6566.

Mother/Daughter Bookworms Discussion at the Godeke Branch Library

The Mother/Daughter Bookworms group will meet at the

Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, on Monday, December 13. We will be choosing the book selection for January. Girls aged 10-15 and their moms, grandmothers or older sisters are welcome. For more information, call 792-6566.

Spice Up Your Cooking at the Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, presents "Spice Up Your Cooking" at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14. Janice Boyce will discuss using herbs and spices for flavor and garnish. For more information, please call the library at 767-3733.



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Friday, December 10, 2004
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

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CONTACT PEOPLE:
(Please call after 9pm)
Larry Williams - 283-1234
Maxine Jackson - 762-7164
Lisa Wynn - 747-5793

Meetings will be held at 7:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at the Patterson Branch Library.
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Meet your Lubbock Cotton King team captains

This year, the team captain duties are split between two very capable veteran players. Matt Turek joins returning player Paul Fioroni as they lead the team and inspire the fans. Both players have shown that neither is afraid of a fight and both have proven themselves to be leading scorers for the Cotton Kings. Both Matt and Paul discuss cañs with the linesmen during the game and argue for or against penalties. They assist Coach Chris Dashney with practices and offer their advice on certain strategies. Their roles are critical to the success of the team. Stacey Bauman assists Paul and Matt as assistant team captain.

In 17 games, Paul has scored 4 goals and has 5 assists for a total of 10 points. He has also amassed 72 penalty minutes. He is known for getting his "guns up" after a fight and bringing the crowd to its feet. Matt has scored 6 goals and has 8 assists this year, for 14 points. He has served 17 penalty minutes this season. Matt ranks as the third leading scorer for the Cotton Kings and Paul is in sixth place.

Both Matt and Paul were featured on Pete Christy's first installment of "I Beat Pete" on KCBD, Channel 11 and challenge J Pete to a shootout.

Paul Fioroni
Forward/Co-Captain
Born Aug 7, 1976, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
6' 2", 230 pounds, Shoots Right

Paul returns for his fifth season in a Cotton Kings sweater. He was the first signing by the Lubbock Cotton Kings Head Coach Chris Dashney for the 2004-05 season. He, Anders

Strome and Jan Melicherick are the only players returning to the Cotton Kings roster from last year. Fioroni was the leading scorer of the Kings last season and a runner up for the CHL's Mar of the Year award. Fioroni snags the role with Matt Turek as the Cotton Kings captain this season.



Paul has been a big inspiration over the past few years and has headed up fundraising efforts to aid local citizens in their time of need. In the 2003-2004 season, he teamed with team captain, Dave MacIntyre to form the Mac-a-Roni fund and raise money for Brett Wallrath, a Lubbock citizen who was hit by a drunk driver in the fall of 2005. Wallrath eventually died from his injuries and the money raised during the season was given to his wife and newborn child. Brett never met his child.

This year, Paul continues the fundraising efforts by establishing the "24 Foundation" in order to assist Levelland High School football player Jeremy Green who suffered a spinal cord injury during practice. Green has been confined to a wheelchair and Paul has made a huge effort to raise money for Jeremy.

As always, he contributes to the team in order to inspire and lead his teammates. Paul is married to Tiffany, who assists in his fundraising efforts and they have one daughter.

Matt Turek
Forward/Co-Captain
Born Feb 14, 1973, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
5' 11", 194 pounds, Shoots Left

Matt shares co-captain duties with Paul Fioroni, bringing years of experience in hockey and a "get 'em" attitude that helps inspire the team.

When Matt introduced himself at an early meeting during training camp, he introduced himself and said that he was born in Juarez, Mexico, prompting stares and surprised silence from the onlookers.



A consummate joker, Matt has hosted a brief interview program during radio broadcasts called "Turkey Talk", which is a play on his surname, Turek. To the amusement of a crowd at a recent home game, Matt even subjected himself to laughter by doing a brilliant bird call while he was being interviewed between

periods. With his face on the video boards and his voice echoing through the coliseum, he certainly made an impression on the crowd.

Matt was a veteran free agent signing by the Cotton Kings for the 2004-05 season. He comes to the Kings after posting 20-plus goals in the last three and in five of the last six seasons. He has spent most of his career in the ECHL but has spent seasons in the WPHL and overseas in Germany. He played the last two seasons for the defunct Greenboro Generals of the ECHL.

The Cotton Kings encourage you to check out this year's team. With new management in place, a new coach and a new team, they are winning more than ever before, and reaching out to the community for support.

You can buy discounted Cotton Kings tickets at any Lubbock Albertson's store. For more information, call 747-PUCK or visit them online at www.cottonkings.com.

Public skating is available at the coliseum on various days and after every home game. The public is also invited to stick around after the games to meet the team.

You can take pictures, get autographs and get to know our Lubbock Cotton Kings.

Booster Club - Visit the Cotton Kings Booster Club booth during the game to get information about the Booster Club and how to participate in assisting the team. You can also buy photos of your favorite players, personalized pucks, clappers, buttons and more.

Radio broadcasts - If you can't make it to the game, you can listen on the radio at one of three radio stations: 1340 KKAM, 790 KFYO, or KOOL 98.1 FM.

Softball umpire and scorekeeper training announced

The Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting separate training for softball umpires and scorekeepers with classes beginning in December 2004. Anyone interested in umpiring or scorekeeping for the City of Lubbock, Lubbock USSSA and Lubbock Youth Softball, should attend. Training is required for both veteran and new participants. Classroom-style sessions are free, and no experience is required to participate.

Training for umpires begins on December 12, 2004, and for scorekeepers on January 23, 2005. Additional training will be provided during the "Freeze Out" and "Shut Up and Play" Softball Tournaments to be held in February 2005. Training and dues must be paid to the West Texas Officials Association before beginning actual umpiring or scorekeeping. Once in good standing, umpires and scorekeepers are paid for their services.

Below is listed the full training schedule with dates, times, locations and topics covered in each session. For more information, contact 775-2672.

City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation 2004 Softball Umpire & Scorekeeper Training Schedule

Umpire Training
Sunday, December 12, 2004
Safety City (46th & U) 2:00pm
Orientation, Overview and Membership Requirements

Umpire Training
Sunday, December 19, 2004
Safety City (46th & U) 1:00pm
Overview, Divisional & State Meeting, and Rules 1-3

Umpire Training
Sunday, January 9, 2005
Safety City (46th & U) 1:00 pm
Umpire Training Videos and Rules 4-6

Umpire Training
Saturday, January 15, 2005
Perl Huffman complex
1-3 yr Officials Mechanics training, Pitching rules, and Pre-game conference

Umpire Training
Sunday, January 16, 2005
Safety City (46th & U) 1:00pm
Umpire Test and City Rules

Umpire Training
Saturday, January 22 and Sunday, January 23, 2005
Perl Huffman Complex
On Field Mechanics 1man, 2man, 3man; Balls and Strikes

Demonstrations, and Pre-game conference

Scorekeeper Training
Sunday, January 23, 2004
Scorekeeper Orientation & Training
Safety City (46th & U) 1:30pm
Overview, Membership Requirements, Responsibilities

Tournament Experience
Saturday, February 12, 2005 &

Sunday, February 13, 2005
USSSA Freeze Out Tournament
On-Field, Game Situation Training
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USSSA Shut Up & Play Tournament
Saturday, February 19, 2005 & Sunday, February 20, 2005
On-Field, Game Situation Training
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THIS N THAT

LIHN IS NEEDED IN LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT with at least 300 citizens was in attendance of the "BUILDING DREAMS LUNCHEON" which was sponsored by the Lubbock Interfaith Hospitality Network (LIHN) last Thursday December 2, 2004 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. This was an eye opening program as it reminded those in attendance of the MANY BOYS & GIRLS who live in our city who are HOMELESS. LIHN is in dire need for donation; and would welcome those who want to volunteer. If you are interested in helping some of our homeless young people give JOHN HAYNES a call at 744-5035. Your help will be most appreciated.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS FOR REAL! THIS N THAT received some info about DOMESTIC VIOLENCE in the United States of America, according to info reported in the Fall 2004, THE PURPLE RIBBON sponsored by the Women's Protective Services. "Every nine seconds a woman is battered in the United States by her intimate partner." Just think in 2003, 153 WOMEN LOST THEIR LIVES. It is tragic that domestic violence is such a reality to so many women men and children in the United States.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THE CHARACTER OF YOUR CHILDREN tomorrow depends on what

YOU put into their hearts today."

WILL VISIT LUBBOCK COUNTY JAIL THIS YEAR! THIS N THAT for over EIGHTEEN YEARS has had an opportunity of visiting MEN AND WOMEN who are locked up at the Lubbock County Jail. THIS N THAT believes this is important to continue because of the POSITIVE RIPPLE revived over the years. Over the years, THIS N THAT has seen some who were in jail on Christmas have decided to do better with their lives. As THIS N THAT believes if we can touch some young person maybe they will turn their lives around. THIS N THAT has appreciated those who have been in attendance and will be looking forward to making another visit on CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25, 2004.

HAVE YOU VISITED A PUBLIC SCHOOL? THIS N THAT is still asking those who will visit a public school in your neighborhood. The YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE GLAD you took time to come and visit them at their school. Can you remember... when you were in public school and someone from the neighborhood came to see how well you are doing. Just go by check in the principal's office and enjoy your visit. If you have time have lunch.

SHOULD BE SOME MOVEMENT EARLY NEXT YEAR! THIS N THAT is lock-

ing for some POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT early next year in the NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT AREA. Should really send a large wave of development. Many have been waiting a LONG TIME... but THIS N THAT believes what will be taking place is worth the wait. As we have said many times EAST LUBBOCK is on the move.

WELCOME HOME, REV. DR. WATERS! THIS N THAT wants to take this time and welcome REV. DR. LYDIA JACKSON-WATERS back home. A Lubbock native, Rev. Jackson has been the pastor of the CROSSROADS PANDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in Compton, California for the past 17 years. She began the church with approximately and now has a membership over 600. She will be the guest speaker at the MT. VERNON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S ADVENT HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE which is set for Sunday afternoon, December 12, 2004 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. MRS. EDNA R. WALKER is Chairperson of the event.

EHS WE'RE STILL WITH YOU! THIS N THAT wants the young people of ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL to know that the SOUTHWEST DIGEST is still on your side. THIS N THAT believes in EACH OF YOU! Just continue to STAY IN SCHOOL!

The death of Affirmative Action - Part 1: A commentary by Dr. Manning Marable

Affirmative action is being erased all across America. To understand how this tragedy happened, we need to review this country's recent racial history.

The modern assault against black progress in higher education - and, collaterally, the future of African-American Studies at white institutions as well - was simultaneously political, economic, cultural, and ideological. There was a dedicated, concerted effort by conservatives to literally turn the discourse of civil rights upside down; in effect, to rewrite the American public's memory about what had actually transpired in the 1950s and 1960s. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s image and words were cynically manipulated to provide a posthumous endorsement for outlawing affirmative action programs.

An important turning point occurred in California in November 1996, with the passage of Proposition 209, the so-called "California Civil Rights Initiative." Winning by a margin of 54 to 46 percent, the initiative outlawed the use of "race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin" in many aspects of public life. Thousands of black and Latino voters, confused by the language of the initiative, failed to understand that affirmative action would be outlawed in California, and voted for it.

All of this was made possible because the lessons and history of the Civil Rights Movement have been largely erased from the national consciousness. As Ward Connerly, the Negro conservative who led the campaign for Proposition 209, explained: "The past is a ghost that can destroy our future. It is dangerous to dwell upon it. To focus on America's mistakes is to disregard its virtues."

White moderates and liberals who had long defended race-based affirmative action programs waffled and largely collapsed before the conservative onslaught. Setting the tone was President William Jefferson Clinton, who in his re-election campaign of 1996 declared that he had "done more to eliminate affirmative action programs I didn't think were fair and tighten others up than my predecessors have since affirmative action has been around." Clinton's failure to frame the issue of affirmative action around issues of U.S. racial history, and the need to implement measures of compensatory justice for historically oppressed minorities, would prove decisive.

In 1996, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in the Hopwood v. State of Texas decision outlawed the use of race as a factor in admissions to universities. Initiative 200 in Washington State in 1998 followed California in outlawing affirmative action enforcement. As a direct consequence, in the first year of Proposition 209's enforcement, the number of African-American first-year undergraduates enrolling at the Berkeley campus fell from 258 to 95, a 63 percent decline. At the University of California at Los Angeles, the drop was from 211 black students down to 125 students.

Advocates of affirmative action then largely jettisoned historically-grounded claims to racial justice for blacks, tactically falling back to two

more pragmatic approaches: first, race-neutral schemes that would admit a certain fixed percentage of a state's graduating high school seniors into a state university system; second, restructuring formerly race-based fellowship programs to include Asians, low-income whites, and others defined either as "underrepresented" or from "disadvantaged backgrounds." Both of these approaches are highly problematic, from the vantagepoint of African-American and Latino interests.

The fixed percentage approach essentially rewards the existence of racial residential segregation, giving access to minority students living in hypersegregated urban schools, but severely reducing college access to qualified black students attending mixed or predominantly white suburban schools. In Texas, a "top 10 percent plan" was adopted in 1997 following the Hopwood decision, and almost immediately both the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M, the state's two flagship institutions, experienced modest declines in minority student population. By the fall 2002, of the matriculating freshmen, African Americans comprised only 3 percent, and Latinos under 10 percent - in a state where over forty percent of the population is Latino and African American.

In June 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court decided two lawsuits involving affirmative action programs at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The most important of the two decisions, Grutter v. Bollinger, declared that there was a compelling state interest in fostering programs enhancing "diversity," and that the quality of education was enriched by having individuals from different racial and ethnic backgrounds as part of a university environment. Therefore, the court declared in its narrow five to four ruling, the use of race as a factor was acceptable, so long as it was applied as a quota.

In effect, the Lewis Powell standard set in Bakke was deemed still constitutional. The initial response from the academic community was that Grutter represented a clear victory for the forces of affirmative action and "diversity." They unfortunately ignored the full weight of the majority's opinion on the high court: that universities had to consider prospective students henceforth "as individuals" and not to reject or admit them through any programs based primarily or exclusively on racial categories. This part of the rul-

ing was quickly interpreted to mean that all programs within a college or university should not be based primarily or exclusively on racial categories.

From late 2003 through March 2004, in a relatively brief period of time, hundreds of U.S. universities and colleges shut down or significantly transformed their minority-oriented programs. The list is truly stunning: at Yale University, a summer pre-registration program for pre-freshmen.

"Cultural Connections," was opened to white participation at Princeton University, all "race-exclusive programs" were halted, including its Juniper Summer Institute that annually brought African-American and Latino college students to the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, at Bowdler, University of Colorado's "Summer Minority Access to Research Training Program" was renamed and opened to whites.

At the California Institute of Technology, its campus visit program designed for blacks, Latinos, and American Indians was opened to whites and Asian Americans; at Indiana University, its nine-week "Summer Minority Research Fellowship" originally designed "to get minority high school and college students interested in medical research by matching them with mentors" was re-structured to recruit Asian Americans and whites; at St. Louis University, a scholarship program annually awarding \$10,000 each to 30 African-American students was "disbanded" and substituted with the new "Martin Luther King, Jr." scholarships, reduced to \$8,000 per student, and accepting applications without consideration of race.

At Williams College in Massachusetts, a pre-doctoral fellowship program, which for more than a decade awarded annually two to five general dissertation stipends to black and Latino advanced graduate students, with the original purpose of increasing minority professors, has been radically opened to anyone regardless of color who is deemed "underrepresented," such as "women in physics departments," or "white applicants in Asian Studies."

Grutter was no victory. It marked a cruel defeat that will reduce the opportunities for education advancement for thousands of Latino and African-American students in the coming years, all in the name of "diversity."

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

Holidays come and go, but none commands our attention like Christmas. As soon as the Halloween merchandise is put away or sold at cut-rate prices, the stores begin to look like Christmas. The pitch for high-priced toys, expensive housewares and luxury jewelry commandeers the media.

I wonder how moral we would be if all of the commercials about what items we can find available were about all of the good we could do on a daily basis to make Christmas a wonderful, joyful, merry, wholesome, Christian season that we wish for all of our friends and relatives each year from November through January?

Beginning in September, the non-profit and tax-exempt organizations bombard us with pitches for donations, most

requesting at least \$5.00 from each individual. Many of them send us something in the mail to get our attention, such as return address labels, key chains, crosses on a chain, angel pins, book marks, note pads, greeting cards to send out, pennies, nickels, dimes, pictures of children in need, prayers, house organs and outlines of their achievements with your last donation.

Recently, I have received as many request for funds as I have received catalogs. I receive at least two catalogs every day of the week that mail is delivered. The catalogs all offer great sales this time of year. They even offer you gift certificates for up to \$25.00 to purchase from their latest catalog. Sometimes they will threaten you that "This may be your last catalog!" Good! That seldom happens. Surprise, you get another one the next few days.

Having a generous heart and desire to do good, it is difficult for most of us to turn down the request for funds and purchases when we get the 'Christmas

spirit.' If we take inventory of our giving, it can escalate to figures we never imagined and for which the IRS may not believe when we file our income taxes which will be due before we get over our 'Christmas spirit.'

Most of us give ten to fifteen percent of our income to our church, which is about as much or more than most of us have to give. If we send \$5.00 to every charity which requests money, which can rise to twenty or more, that is a healthy \$100.00 which could go to the United Way in our own community, but if the United Way donation is in addition to the others, we need to keep an accurate record of what we give. We need to get 'in cinque' and give to the best of our abilities, but not go overboard with every request we get to give or make a purchase. One thing to keep in mind for giving is, does the organization spend more securing funds than it does for the cause for which the funds are secured? If it does, keep your money in your pocket!

Letter to the Editor

Target's corporate decision placing "No Solicitation" restrictions on the Salvation Army lacks any legal or Christian justification. If nothing else, we who have discretionary funds need gentle reminders of our affluent good fortune during this abrasive period. That Target arrogantly prohibits a modest, peaceable effort to help the needy is morally inexcusable.

In USA Weekend, Oct. 15-17, Harry Smith was "humbled... at Ground Zero," by the Salvation Army's presence, as it is at every disaster, doing "so much work that nobody else wants to do in places nobody else wants to go" since "sustaining the body helps sustain the soul." The Army fully comprehends "responsibilities that go along with being a citizen, something I - and all of us - ought to be doing."

Furthermore, Target may have missed the recent unanimous 9th U.S. Circuit Court of

Appeals decision in San Francisco regarding constitutional free-speech rights. "Cordon[ing] off... give[s] the impression to passersby that these are people to be avoided." That court also referred to a 1985 decision involving Krishna Consciousness solicitors, stating that "mere annoyance" did not create a need to block solicitation.

Since 1891, Army bell-ringers have sought funds. Standing on wet or icy pavement is no ego-inflating exercise. Rather, it is a humble reminder for us about the many unfortunates among us: our mentally and/or physically ill, addicted, veterans (a third of our homeless are former military personnel), our inadequately educated, disabled, downsized, abandoned, our too elderly or too youthful. Ask for whom the Salvation Army bell tolls in our Christian nation. Given adverse circumstances, it may one day ring for you, me, our parents, our children.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy considers the Salvation Army "America's favorite and most trusted charity." In Forbes, Peter Drucker states that it is "by far the most effective organization in the U.S. No one even comes close to it in respect of clarity of mission, ability to innovate, measurable results, dedication and putting money to maximum use."

In Chico, for example, they're building a rehab facility.

I have given this great thought. Since the Salvation Army is not sufficiently high-end for one square yard of public space outside of Target, my spendable twenties and fifties are no longer high-end enough to go inside, either. Not ever again.

A former "gotta-shop-at-Target-'til-I-drop" customer.

Louise Shannon
Chico, California

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People will react to that which is precise, and we will publish these articles as precisely and factually as is humanly possible. We will also give credit and respect to those who are doing good things for the Lubbock Area and the people. We will be critical of those who are not doing as they have said they would, and this, we think, is fair.

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Lifestyle Maven B. Smith Lights Up Discovery Channel

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — Restaurant, lifestyle expert and former model B. Smith will host and executive-produce the new, one-hour, weekday series *B. SMITH STYLE* — a fresh, modern and accessible look at ways to create style and ease in everyday life — on Discovery Channel, beginning Monday, December 6 at 12 PM (ET/PT).

Renowned for her impeccable style, beauty and warmth, B. Smith delivers a steady stream of inspiring tips, hot trends and gracious living ideas in *B. SMITH STYLE*. The series offers a broad slate of topics, including cooking, healthy living, fashion, design, home decorating, community involvement and entertaining with style. Featuring themed episodes, viewer interaction, on-location videos and celebrity guests, *B. SMITH STYLE* provides a wealth of exciting and easy

ways to enrich busy lives with flair, fun and adventure.

Smith says, "*B. SMITH STYLE* brings an exciting, new and fun-to-life approach for viewers to explore fabulous food, home decor and fashion trends, double gardening and entertaining tips for everyone."

Each hour-long episode comprises six segments, all of which are tied into a central theme. The segments are personally brooded to a "B." and include "B. Chic" for fashion, "B. Inspired" for home decor and "B. Healthy" for fit cooking. Woven throughout each episode, "B. Smart" tips give the low-down on everyday living in clever, creative and helpful ways.

Themes for *B. SMITH STYLE* episodes include "Classic Styling," which considers the accessories, jewelry, makeup and outfits that exemplify classic looks personified by such icons

as Audrey Hepburn and Jackie O; "Jazz Brunch," which was influenced by Louis Armstrong's still-intact Queens home and features a memorable gathering with imaginative invitations, '30s and '40s era dress, retro glassware, tunes, befitting the legend and a mouthwatering menu; and "Comfort Zone," which includes tips for seeking refuge from the hectic pace of stress-soaked schedules, like baking old-fashioned recipes, taking up knitting and wearing the ideal lounge-around wear.

A hallmark of the show, "B. Heard" celebrates the host's interaction with loyal viewers, as write-in questions from discovery.com give B. the opportunity to respond with advice and suggestions on relationships, room makeover and reliable recipes.

B. will be visited by celebrity guests, who are relevant to whatever topic she is tackling, whether she is tak-

ing viewers behind the scenes at a party in Donald Trump's penthouse apartment; dreaming up cocktail desserts with famed Olive's chef Todd English; visiting TV and hip-hop star LL Cool J as she launches her new clothing line, Fetish; serving up healthy food with Sarah Ferguson; or taking up yoga stretches with Cheryl Tiegs.

With each *B. SMITH STYLE* episode, B. aims for the most accessible route for her audience, creating a sense of calm for the viewer as she presents elegant and exciting projects and recipes that won't create frustration or crush budgets — but are designed to impress others and bring on the fun. And throughout the series, B. guides, encour-

ages, emboldens and empowers with tips, instruction, inspiration and advice — all with the signature B. Smith style.

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