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Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- 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
- 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. Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mse Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merket 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 i9th 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.

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Texas can do more for the Arts ith public, private partnership

by Claudic Ladensohn Chair of the Texas Commission on the dats

AUSTIN, Texas - There is never enough money for the arts in Texas. Not enough funds to ensure Texas children are receiving arts education to enhance the fundamentals they team in school. Not enough for rural communities across the state to draw visitors through cultural attractions and spur economic growth. Not enough for individual



Landensohn

painters and playwrights, aculptors and singers to create the next masterpieces that extend our state's rich heritage and inspire future generations of Texans.

But something can be done about the lack of arts funding without having to significantly increase the arts budget from limited public funds.

The Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) recently announced more than \$3.4 million in grants to large and small, urban and rural arts organization for fiscal year 2005. Of these, the Commission provided 440 grants totaling more than \$2.5 million to

arts and cultural organizations and for arts education. Another \$891,657 was allocated for minigrants, initiatives and partner-

Overall, TCA sui ported 98 percent of all eligible applications for financial support. However, arts organizations received an average of only 28 percent of their grant request. As the state bution of state funds to a diverse roster of arts organizations, we are not satisfied with what we have accomplished.

How can we be pleased when the number of organizations we are required to serve has increased nearly 400 percent in the past 20 years while public funding for the arts has actually decreased by four percent during without factoring in the inflation

How can we be content when TCA does not have the adequate funding to support Texas arts organizations, but we know we have the ability to generate a arts and other state initiatives, such as education and economic development?

According to "The Arts, Culture and the Texas Economy," a comprehensive study conducted by The Perryman Group in 2001. every \$1 spent on cultural activities among the nonprofit arts sector generates more than \$298 in long-term cultural impact on the economy and \$9.20 in state rev-

Acknowledging that TCA has not been the only state commission or agency to be hit with a sharp decrease in state funding, we have also adjusted expectations as a result of a slower economy and less revenue from a vari-

ety of source. To offset this bud-recognized for its efficiency and rat pressure, the Legislature, in essence, required most state agencies to look to outside sources to lable, efficiency and effectiveness help fill the gaps. TCA took the challeng) in stride:

· For starters, our "State of the Arts" license plate has remained the best-selling, non-personalized specialty plate for nearly 10 years agency responsible for the distri- running, generating a total of \$3 million for TCA initiatives and grants, in fact, plate sales made up about eight percent of TCA's total budget last year.

· In addition, TCA has partnered with The Texas Music Project (www.texasmusicprojecLorg), which has now compiled three CDs of music from popular Texas artists ranging from Willie the same period? (And that's Nelson to Flaco Jimenez to Beyonce. TCA has distributed more than \$ 100,000 for arts education initiatives from the CD sale and benefit concert proceeds.

. And, long before last session's legislative request, TCA has partstrong rate of return to support the nered with corporations like Coca-Cola, Neiman Marcus and SBC to sponsor important programs ranging from our Young Masters artist mentorship program to the first-of-its-kind Texas Cultural Endowment Fund. These companies have seen the impact their private dollars have had to the arts in Texas. They also trust that their private dollars to TCA, an accountable public entity, are being wisely used.

> TCA operates on an extremely lean administrative budget with only 19 staff people to support more than 3,300 arts organizations across Texas. The staff has accomplished so much with so little. As a result, TCA serves as a model state agency

effectiveness.

Vet with so fev. dollars availcan get TCA only so far. Simply put, the arts of Texas need greater funding. We recognize that the state hat its budgetary priorities. That is why a cooperative effort among both public and private organizations to support the arts is vital to their success. Both private and public dollars must be used, and TCA is the mechanism by which this combination of dollars can be well spent. However, in order to encourage corporations and other major donors to support the effort, they must know the state is doing its fair

It is crucial during the upcoming legislative session that the State support and not penalize TCA and other commissions and agencies successfully meeting the requirements set forth by the

Legislature. In fact, TCA should be rewarded for its accomplishments. By awarding TCA its legislative request - 2 more \$11 million from a total state budget of \$57.8 billion (FY 2005), or not even one fifth of one percent -TCA can make a stronger funding request to individuals, organizations and private endowments that the state is committed to preserving its diverse and unique heritage.

Funding the arts in Texas is much like the arts themselves. It takes discipline, inspiration, passion and a great deal of hard work. It also takes practice. Now is the time to take our 40 years of honed skills and turn these efforts into a masterpiece. The arts help our children do better in school. The arts enhance economic development in our communities. A renewed zeal is required to support the arts and our artists to capture the spirit of Texas.

Nigeria death-by-stoning case overturned; Ibrahim set free



Ibrahim

Courtesy of Jet Magazine

An Islamic court in northern Nigeria has quashed a death-bystoning sentence against Hajara Ibrahim, 19, who had been condemned for adultery (Jet, Nov. 15). A lower Sharia court had earlier sentenced Hajara Ibrahim to death by stoning for being pregnant outside of wedlock. But Judge Mustapha Umar of the Upper Sharia Court in Dass, Bauchi, ruled that the lower court erred in law by sentencing the divorcee to death by stoning and caning for the same offense. After the judgement, Hajara said she was grateful to all, and expressed gratitude to God that justice had been

Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth resigns position at SCLC



Ray. Fred Shuttlesworth, who took the help of SCLC in August, recently ennounced his decision to leave the post.

Courtesy of Jet Magazine

Rev. The Fred Shuttlesworth, president of the Southern Christian Conference Leadership (SCLC) in Atlanta, has stepped down from his post.

"For years, deceit, mistrust and a lack of spiritual discipline and truth have eaten away at the core of this once-hallowed organization," Shuttleworth, 82, wrote in a two-page statement giving his reasons for

His resignation comes after a number of other problems the group has faced such as last year's resignation of the previous president, Martin Luther King. III, and a disorganized convention this summer.

In its heyday, the SCLC, which was co-founded and first headed by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., was one of the most effective olitical organizations in modern American history.

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Health Sciences Center vice president appointed to National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program LUBBOCK - The National sors, researchers and others in implementing programq in all International University.

appointed Germin R. Nuffez G., Ph.D., vice president of Divem, ity and Multicultural Affairs at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, as a review panelist to the 2005 NSF Graduate kescatch Fellowship Program.

Di scipline-based review panels ment annually to recommend awardees to NSF for approximately 1,000 new three-year fellowships to support graduate study in science, mathematics

and engineering. The American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) assists the NSF in the development of the discipline-based review panels and maintains a database of appropriate profes-

Names are solicited for recommendacions of individuals who



accomplishments research and graduate education to serve an the review pan-

Roy Wilson, M.D., M.S.,

president of the Health Sciences Center, said this announcement brings well-deserved recognition to NAtiez. "At the Health Sciences Center, Dr. Nuffe7, is responsible for developing and

Science Foundation (NSF) the fields supported by the NSF, of our schools to increase the enrollment and retention of from Texas A&M University, under-represented minority students, This amvintment demonstrates the exceptional leadership Dr. Nuflez brings not only to his field of engineering but to our institution," Wilron said.

Nuflez previously served as vice provost at Oregon Health and Sciences Univesity and diiectot for the Center for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs (CeDMA).

He also is a professor of biomedical engineering. He Mylously was the director of the Minority Engineering Program at the University of Colorado at Boulder and associate professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Florida

The 2005 panelists will i-nect in early February in Washington. D.C. A panelist may be asked to serve for three years over a fiveyear period.

University.

Nuflex received his Ph.D.

nis Bachelor of Science and

Master of Science in industrial

engineering from WestVirgiaia

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Man convicted of using sex to spread HIV could get over 100 years in prison



Anthony E. Whitfield is handcuffed after a Thurston County Superior Court convicted him in Olympia, Washington. Whitfield faces a minimum contence of 137 years in prison.

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sex with them. Five of the be found.

Anthony E. Whitrield, 32, faces a minimum sentence of HIV while incarcerated in 137 years in prison on 17 counts of first-degree assualt with sexual motivation and other charges.

many as 170 people may have people as he could.

been exposed to the virus because of Whitfield's actions. A Washington-area man counting subsequer; partners was convicted by a judge of women he slept with. No recently on charges he deliber- additional people have tested ately exposed 17 women to positive for HIV, but 45 HIV by having unprotected refused to be tested or couldn't

women have tested postitive During the trial in Thurstan for the virus, which causes County court, and Oklahoma prison official testified that Whitfield was diagnosed with 1992

Two women testified that Whitfield once faid, seemingly in jest, that if he had HIV, Health officials said as he would give it to as many

National Black Chamber of Commerce denounces Cleveland clinic action against owner of NicDonald's franchise

National Black Chamber of year, he is out of touch from Harry Alford denounced recent actions by Dr. Toby Cosgrove, CEO and Chairman of The finest lobby of the hospital.

Alford points to a recent arti- living on a tight budget. cle from the Washington Post ("Head of Cleveland Clinic Is Cosgrove is sending the wrong Attacking Big Mac" --12/15/2004), and Cosgrove's appearance on Good Morning ful and hard-working Black intentions to shut down a to those who may not work oth-McDonald's franchise within erwise," Alford added. the Cleveland clinic.

With Dr. Cosgrove's \$1.6 Cosgrove's

/PRNewswire/ -- Today per week than most people per Commerce president and CEO, the rest of the good citizens of Cleveland, Alford states. "While this doctor eats at the restaurants, Cleveland Clinic, and his McDonald's frarchise owner is attempt to shut down the serving the needs of visitors McDonald's located in the and staff, who are looking for a variety of food choices while

> We believe this action by message to the community."

"Turan Strange is a success-America today, detailing his entrepreneur who provides jobs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 million salary, he makes more seemed arbitrary and without basis, given the fact that other restaurants within Cleveland

> Clinic and vending muchines offer items that cannot be classified as health food. "This action is heavy on symbolism and light on substance. It also ignores the rights and responsibilities of patients and hospital workers to

> make informed decisions about the food they eat," said Alford.

Harry Alford is the president and CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce. The Association represents 95,000 Black owned businesses and provides advocacy that reaches Alford also pointed out that all I million Black owned busiannouncement nesses in the United States.

y Shirley Hoberson

A tribute to the past

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LY FROM THE SACRIMOR THE PORTITUDE AND THE PERSEVERANCE DEMON-STRATES BY MEN AND WOMEN WHO SIMPLY FESSIONAL BASEBALL, THE . WANTED TO ... PLAY BALL NEGRO LEAGUES ROSE THESE SHIRTS AND CAPS HONORS THE TRADITIONS NEGRO LEAGUES OF BASE-BALL WEAT THEM PROUD-HISTORY, WHILE FOREVER - LY. STAND TALL AND RE?- MORE INFORMATION CON-GREATNESS... IT'S NOT JUST 2 80% 773-6097



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The year of 2004 is finally leaving us. This writer, who will be replacing the effort of the late Clarissa Jay, will be doing the best we can to report the news in the area. It can't be done unless you help. So if you have news, BOM please don't hesitate. Your help

will be most appreciated.

Let us not forget the Watch Services set for Friday night, December 31, 2004, at the New Hope Baptist Church, beginning at 10:30 p. m. Guest speaker will be Elder

W. David Haynes, paster of

Christ Temple Church of God in Christ. Rev. Billy R. Moton is

The public is invited to attend. Uatil next year, 2005, take care of yourself and be very careful, Have a most Prosperous New

Black activists condemn anti-Rice hate speech

President Bush's nomination of Condoleczza Rice as secre- and peaking this week with her ed "racial re-education." tary of state has resulted in harsh liberal criticism that members of the black leadership network Project 21 consider

Along with their condemnations of offensive commentators and cartoonists, Project 21 members also are critical of self-professed civil rights leaders who are remaining silent on current and previous racial attacks on black Bush Administration officials.

political cartoons by Pat tributes Danziger. accentuate Dr. Rice's black features and feature her speaking in rural southern dialect. Garry Trudeau called her "Brown Sugar" in his "Doonesbury" comic strip. Earlier this year, cartoonist Ted Rall questioned Dr. Rice's race in a comic suggesting she was President

Over the past few months, Bush's "house nigga" and needappointment, cartoonists have Universal Press Syndicate disbeen using Dr. Rice's race as a tributes Oliphant, Trudeau and point of ridicule. Demeaning Rall. The New York Times dis-

Oliphant and Jeft Danziger On November 17, radio host John "Sly" Sylvester called Dr. Rice "Aunt Jemima" and secretary of state Colin Powell "Uncle Tom" on his WTDY (Madison, Wisconsin) radio show. Sylvester, who also is the station's program director, is refusing to apologize, but has said, "I will apologize to Aunt

Jemima." The station's owner, Rall's racist cartoon in July, but of such language and tactics." is declining to discipline him.

In late October, a conservative host at WISN in nearby Milwaukee was suspended for a They took no action. week for calling an illegal "To hear the leftists tell it, ing and despicable. Even more Mexican immigrant a "wet-

While some local leaders have condemned Sylvester's comments, the Madison chapter of the NAACP has so far declined to make a statement. Project 21 asked the NAACP's Jacksons and Al Sharptons give national leadership to condemn tacit permission and acceptance

the Mid-West Broadcast Group, no action was taken. Jesse Jackson and the National Association of Black Journalists were also contacted at the time.

> blacks conservative become the new 'trash class' of American society," said Project 21 member Michael King. "And with the continued cricket-filled silence from the professional civil rights crowd, the Jesse

King's comments are echoed by Project 21 member Mychal Massie: "The recent racist attacks and mimicry of Condoleezza Rice are infuriatinsufferable is the deafening silence of the elite liberals. I believe their silence is proof positive of their personal racist attitudes. Obviously condemning racist attacks against a man and woman who are conservative and black is not a worthy undertaking for them."

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Matt 7:21; Hisb 5:9 How do we obey him? Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17

All have sinned - Romans 3:23

Ballion Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16. Report of your sins - Loke 13:3 Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38

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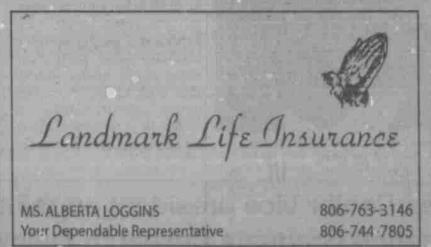
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MATTHEW 24:30, JESUS ME AND YOUP! SAID, THEN SHALL APPEAR THE MIGN OF MAN IN HEAV-EN: AND THEN SHALL ALL THE TRIBES OF THE EARTF MOURN, AND THEY SHALL SEE THE SON OF MAN COM-HEAVEN WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY. THIS 20TH BLOODEST, MANKIND MAKE WAR. ITS ITS IN YOUR NEIGHBOR-HOOD NEAR AND IT NOT

MATTHEW 24.10. JESUS SAID, THEN SHALL MANY PE SHALL BATE ONE ANOTHER. LOOK AROUND YOU PEOPLE. HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGNS AND THEY HAVE DOUBLED. MOTHERS AGAINST HER DAUGHTER. FATHER AGAINST HIS SON, THERES PLENTY TROUBLE!!

SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YOU THAT LABOUR (WEARY) AND ARE HEAVY LADEN (OPPRESSED), AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

SON DON'T PLAY BLIND, THATS YOURS AND MY SIGN: CHILDREN HAVING CHIL-ITS PRAYING TIME" FATHER DREN BUT NOW THEY KILLS HIS CHILDREN AND KILLS HIS WIFE, TURNS THE GUN ON HIMSELF, SUICIDE!" BROTHER KILLS HIS BROTH- YOU CAN TELL THAT THEY ER AND THE NEIGHBOUR ARE A FOOL, THEY ARE WILD TOO, HE DON'T GIVE A DAMN IN THE HOMES. STREETS. ABOUT NOBODY, NOT EVEN SCHOOLS: EVERYWHERE,

MARY 13:12, JESUS SAID, NOW THE BROTHER CHALL DEATH, AND HE FATHER DIS SON AND CHILDREN SHALL RISE UP AGAINST THEIR PAR-ING IN THE CLOUDS OF ENTS, AND SHALL CAUSE THEM TO BE PUT TO DEATH. "SO DON'T PLAY BLIND, CENTURY HAS BEEN ONE OF THAT'S YOURS AND MYSIGN: IT'S PRAYING TIME!!!

PREACHERS PREACHING NOT ONLY OVERSEAS, BUY ABOUT MONEY: THAT IS ALL THAT IS ON THEIR MIND, BUT THAT IS PIST ONE OF GOD'S SIGN, TO LET US KNOW THAT IT PRAYING TIME.

LOOK INTO THE CUCCE-OFFENDED. AND SHALL ES, THEY ARE SO CONCERN. BETRAY ONE ANOTHER, AND - OF NOTHING BUT MONEY THEY SAY, WE WANT TO RATSE THIS YEAR \$15,000 FOR THE ANNIVERSARYIII

MARK 11:17: JESUS SAID. IS IT NOT WRITTEN, MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED OF ALL NATIONS THE HOUSE OF PRAYER? BUT YOU HAVE MATTHEW 11:28, JESUS MADE IF A DEN (COVER) FOR THIEVES. 50 DON'T PLAY BLIND, THAT'S YOURS AND MY SIGN: IT'S PRAYING TIME!!! NOW YOU CAN TEENAGE PREGNANCY IS UP. ITS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH. WANTS OUT, AND COMM!TS SUICIDEH!! AND OUR CHIL-DREN THAT IS AROUND US,

THEY SAY THAT'S COOL.

ISAIAH DAA, AH SINTUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN BETRAY THE RROTHER TO WITH INIQUITY, A CEED OF EVILDOERS, CKALDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS, THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD. "SO DON'T PLAY BLIND, THAT'S YOURS AND MY SIGN, IT'S PRAYING TIME! DRUGS ARE ON EVERY COR-NER, ITS ALCOHOL THAT IS IN MANY HOMES THAT KILLS EVERYDAY: AND PEOPLE CAN'T SEE THAT ITS WRONGILL

ISAIAH 5:20-22-THE LOED SASD, WOE UNTO THEM THAT CALL EVIL GOOD AND GOOD EVIL: THAT PUT DARKNESS FUE LIGHT, AND LIGHT FOR DARKNESS, THAT PUT DIFTER FOR SWEET, AND SWEET FOR BITTER! WOE UNTO THEM THAT ARE WISE IN THEIR OWN SIGHT! WOE UNTO THEM THAT ARE MIGHTY TO DRINK WINE, AND MEN OF STRENGTH TO MINGLE STRONG DRINK.

SO DON'T PLAY BLIND. THAT'S YOURS AND MY

SIGN: IT'S PRAYING TIME!! MATTHEW 9:37, JESUS SAID, THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTY, BUT LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YOU THEREFOR THE LORD OF THE THE HARVEST THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERES INTO HIS HAR-VEST. GALATIANS 4:16, AM I THEREFOR BECOME YOUR ENEMY BECAUSE I TELL YOU THE TRUTH?

From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith A Wake-Up Call

ous since three LISD elementary schools - Alderson Academy, Arnett Elementary and Bean Elementary - carnou academically, unarceptable rating due to unfathon able passing rates in science.

The TAKS scores passing percentage for students were 18 percent of Alderson Academy, 16 percent of Bean Elementary and 15 percent Arnett Elementary. This is below the state required rate of 25 percent to ear, the academically acceptable label,

We agrees with Dr. Erik Medina who represents District I when he said "I know those kids are capable." Yes, the young people of District 1 & 2 are capable of going above the average.

What happened with the test scores should be a wake-up called not only to the parents but also to all adults in Districts I and 2, We must take responsibility for the growth and develop- ment of the lives of our young. If our children are labeled as misfits in life total spectrum, ther it is not hard to acknowledge that apples do not fall far from the tree. Remember the author of the "Bell Curve?"

color and especially olacks, were not intellectual as bright as white people. Blacks were supposed to

be genetically inferior. Are we going to sit back and let our children fuel this truth?

Allow me to quote a portion of October 18 Newsweek issue on "Master of the Digital Age." Lee Jong Jin, 5 1, is no couch potato, but lounging in his apartment overlooking the mountains of Seoul, the international trader has little reason to leave his sofa As he watches an interactive game show, he uses the remote to send in answers. In a corner of the 50-inch plasma screen, he can link to his omine bank, or control his air condition and cooker. Lee is one of thousands of consumers involved in trial runs of Samsung Electrorics' so-called Home Network, which allows digital products to talk to each other. If Samsung hag its way, millions around the world will be running their homes - from the comfort of their couches within a few years.

When I read the former, my mind reflected on the black soldiers who had died and was injured for the freedom from

Outreach Prayer Breakfas

The buzz has been contlau- It was happied that people of Communism for the South Koreans and the faiture of our children in District I and 2 in science. How does the two connect? One, the parents of the present black generation are taking life for granted and blaming white America for their children failure. Because of this moronic thinking, their children are becoming misfits in a world society. The Horeans parents have getten their act together and the Korear company men-

is the second most profitable technology company after Microsoft and declared in Las Vegas that "the Koreans are going to rule the earth." Te seaond connection is the Koreans come together from the Ph.D.s. to the lowly in brainstorming session to figure our how they can rule the world while we watch DVD's and let people coming from south of the border pimp and prostitute us and our children through illegal drugs for monetary gains.

Let us not biame the federal government or the state for our failure. Let what has been brought to light be a wake-up call toward a journey to academic and moral excellence for our posterity and us.

Lubbock residents named as outstanding nursing students

Thursday evening, December 16, as outstanding students in pinning ceremonies for South Plains College's associate

degree nursing program. Laura Sawyer from Lubbock received the Outstanding Overall Nursing Student Award and Connie Lopez from Lubbock was named Outstanding Overall Transition Student. The transition who have entered the program as licensed vocational nurses.

These two have done a super job the entire time in the program and have been excellent in all their clinical rotations and developed a bond with their peers," said Elise Browne, department coordinator of the

Nursing Department and assistant professor of associate degree nursing.

Jenny Ramos from Levelland received the Healing Touch Award from Covenant Health System, presented by Ophelia Loa, director of nursing at Covenant Hospital-Levelland. "This award is given to the student who best demonstrates the values of the Covenant Health System, which are dignity of person, excellence, service and Sawyer presented a check to the justice," said Loa.

Additional SPC student presented awards Outstanding Maternal Child, Ray Hughes Lubbock; Outstanding Maternal Child Transfoon, Teresa Sepeda from Route 1, Slaton; Outstanding Mental Health Student, Kathi Lubbock: from Hallett

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Two Lubbockites received top Outstanding Medical-Surgical ships and also singled out Willie Student, Kris Dennison from Ewings, nursing computer lab Lubbock; Outstanding Medical Surgical Transition Student, Elena Young from Levelland; Outstanding GPA Awards, Jessica Wood from Lubbock and Hallett; and Texas Nursing Students Association award,

> Devin Carpenter from Muleshoe, president of the SPC chapter.

LaNell Harrison, guest speakaward is presented to students er, told the students, "You've come this far; don't stop learning, continue to read journals and articles. That will help in the safety of your patients."

Ray Hughes played the bagpipes for the processional, and Crystal Gonzalez led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jennifer Bell led the students in the Nightingale Pledge.

Tracey Cooper, assistant professor of associate degree nursing, gave the invocation, and Marla Cottenoir, dean of health occupations, gave the welcome.

Pins were presented to the graduates by Sue Ann Lopez, chairperson of the Nosing Department and director of associate degree nursing and vocational nursing, and Browne

Kathi Hallett and Laura department to be used for scholar-

African hair braiding,

and Much morel

specialist, for an award.

Student speakers were Melissa Rose and Kris Dennison. Elena Young led the students in the Serenity Prayer, and Catrinna Gonzalez gave the dismissal.

Dr. Patricia Cearley, SPC professor of English and pianist, performed the recessional.

Thirteen of the graduates had received funding for their tuition, fees and books from a Department of Labor grant to help retain students enrolled in nursing pro-



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motivated by man only? But the Holy Spirit. You can't program the Holy Spirit Jesus said he would send the Holy Spirit. It's

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> He said: "I give you the keys. What you bound on earth, we have the key to pre- sent to them, the message of salvation." Think about it!

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Thought: America, God has tremendously blessed you. What are you planning to do to show your appreciation? Think about it, America!

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Texas and its children want healthy marriage



Greg Abbott Attorney General of Texas

Ask a child whether she wants to live with both parents or just one, and she will choose both most every time. Children are born yearning for a mother and fathe, who love them and who love each other, and they suffer if that need isn't met.

That's not just a lofty ideal; it's the overwhelming finding of marriage research. "Why Marriage Matters," a roport issued by a dozen nationally recognized research, summarizes many of the ways marriage benefits children: Maniage increases the likelihood that children will stay out of poverty, do well in school, get a job, be healthy, have good relationships with their tathers, and wait to become parents. Chil Iren living with their married biological parents also are less likely to be abused, commit suicide, spend time in jail, and abuse drugs and al cohol.

Unfortunately, a growing number of Americans den't view marriage and parenting as a package deal. Births to unmarried parents nationally have skyrocketed from less than 6 percent of total births in 1950 to more than onethird today.

This isn't heartening for anyone concerned about the best interests of children. At the Office of Attorney General, we see the impact of out-of-wedlock births every day. More than half of the one million children we serve through our Child Support Division were born to unmarried

and collecting child support are healthy marriage acquire the just a couple of the many ways we help give these joung ones a future filled with bope. But is this

One boy I met recently is a star student, despite being abandoned by his father. The boy and his mom were thrilled we were tracking down the thousands of dollars in child support his dad had refused to pay. Yet, there was an emptiness in his life that all the money in the world couldn't filla vacuum left by a father who was no longer around.

As a compassionate state, Texas does everything it can to gram. help these children, through child support and the array of other social services we provide. But when wall we begin to focus more on a path of prevention, and not just a bridge to recovery?

The fact is, healthy, married families are the best caild support there is. A child is loved there, supported there, protected there. We can encourage more healthy marriages by helping unmarried

experts in the field of marriage perents. Establishing paternity pare is interested in building a tion is never a quick fix. It took skills and information they need to make informed decrims and to manage the challenges that arise in marriage. We also can arm them with information about relationship-building skills and cooperative parenting.

Do any unmarried parents want help building a healthy marriage? Yes, according to a major Princeton University study. When asked at the time of their child's birth, 53 percent of unmarried mothers and 63 percent of unmarried fathers reported being interested in a healthy marriage pro-

For a herlthy marriage initiative to work it cannot be done through coercion or guilt, but only by appealing to couples already inclined toward marriage. We also must take seriously the issue of domestic violence, making safety our number one priority. And we will continue to support single parents, who face significant challenges in raising their children.

Of course, the path of proven-

decades for us to get here, and turning things around for Texas families and children won't happen tomorrow. But we must start the journey.

Collaborations involving the public and the private, the religious and the secular, the liberal and the conservative are cru; ial to supporting healthy marriage. My office is sponsoring o series of six regional summits across Texas to bring these varied stakeholders together. Partnering with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Workforce Commission. we are convening community leaders to discuss how we can support healthy families and

healthy marriages. We owe it to our children to do this, because if we don't, it is they who will suffer the consemich ces.

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Children living with their married parents are more likely to: Live above the poverty like; Do well in school; Get a job; He hea'dy: Have good relationships with tientr fathers; and Wait to become parents. They are less likely to Be aimed: Commit micade; Spand time in july and

Abuse dogs and alcohol. As a virse step, the OAG has approsored ornmits to discuss healthy marriage with leaders in six communities a ound Texas.

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New ad campaign for African American parents aims to reduce teen drug use

Office of National Drug Control Policy's (ONDCP) National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign today joined with the National Medical Association, National PTA and the National AfterSchool Association to unveil a new advertising campaign aimed at helping African American parents take action to prevent youth drug use. The ad campaign, themed "Love. The Anti-Drug," urges parents to monitor their teens, foster open lines of communications and engage other trusted relatives and their community in helping to raise drug-free teens. The TV, radio and print ads, which launch the week of Dec. 6, were created by Carol H. Williams Advertising in partnership with the Partnership for a Drug-Free America (PDFA) and ONDCP.

We know that all teens are at risk for drug-use, however, it is not an inevitable rite of passage," said of you with safe options." John Walters, Director, National Drug Control Policy. "Family and teens' decisions about drug use. With these ads, we hope to send the message that if parents and other adults get involved and stay involved in their teens' lives, pay close attention to their behavior and activities, and communicate the risks of mari-

DETROIT /PRNewswire/ - The a real impact in preventing and stop- reported using manipuana at least ping teen drug use."

> Research shows that there is a link between effective monitoring and drug prevention. teenagers are monitored, they are less likely to use marijuana or engage in other risky behaviors.

"The hours between 3 and 6 p.m. are when teens are most vulnerable and most likely to get into trouble," said Mark Carter, Executive Director the National AfterSchool Association. "As these ads suggest, your kids need to be involved in extracurricular or out-of-school programs supervised by competent, responsible adults. While you can't physically be with your teens 24/7 and monitoring might be challenging because of your responsibilities outside the home or are a single parent -- engaging your kids in positive after-school activities provides both

have substantially lower rates of use can to prevent teen drug use." community play an important role in of legal and illegal drugs than their white counterparts. However, according to a Partnership Attitude Tracking Study (PATS, 2003), while marijuana use is declining among whites, its remains unchanged among Black and Hispanic youth. And among African American youth juana and other drugs, they can have ages 12 to 17, one out of six (17.8%)

once in their lifetime (National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2003). According to research, marijuana is addictive and more kids enter treatment for marijuana than for all other illicit drugs combined. In fact, marijuana is the primary drug being used by 72 percent of all African American youth admitted for drug treatment.

"In the face of disconcerting statistics, this effort enlists African American parents to learn and communicate the risks of marijuana to their teens," said National Medical Association President Dr. Winston Price. "Marijuana use is dangerous, it damages lungs, impairs learning, and decreases motivation. Kids who use marijuana in early adolescence are more likely to engage in risky behaviors, such as delinquency, driving while high or underage drinking. Considering these negative con-Overall, African American youth sequences, parents should do all they

> "Parents are the strongest line of defense in reducing teen drug use," added Warlene Gary, CEO, National PTA. "Parent involvement is key to. building a better future for our teens. Research shows that when parents are involved, teens are more likely to have higher grades, better school attendance, better self-esteem, fewer

Way To Go Carli Jordan!

Age: 5

instances of violent behavior, and decreased use of drugs and alcohol."

This campaign is part of the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign advertising and outreach to diverse audiences, including African Americans. The ads alert parents and other influential adults to Campaign additional Media available resources ttp://www.theentidrug.com or by calling 1-800-788-2800. The new advertising campaign can be viewed

http://www.MediaCampaign.org .

In 1998, with bipartisan support, Congress created the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaigr with the goal of educating and enabling young people to reject illicit drugs. The Campaign is an integrated communications effort that combines advertising with public communications outreach to deliver anti-drug messages and skills to America's youth, their parents, and other influential adults. The Media Campaign's advertising and messages are science-based and reviewed by a Behavioral Change Expert Panel

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Cotton Kings first line leads in scoring, energy and experience

in their success. Last season, Anders Strrome and Jan Malichercik joined forces with a include. Graham, who is speedy third player, Martin Adamsky, to create great chem stry on the front lines for the Cotton Kings. Unfortunately, last season, it happened too late.

This year, with a new coach and a slew of new players, Strome and Melichercik are joined by speedy scorer, Nolan Graham. The three men combine strengths to form a formidible scoring line.

Nolan Graham Ferward Born Dec 8, 1979. Nausimo, British Columbia, Canada 5-9, 165-pounds, Shoots Left



Nolan was a free agent signing by the Cotton Kings for the 2004-05 season. Last year, he split time between the New Alaska Aces and the Long Beach Ice Dogs of the ECHL.

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In this record-setting year for He a craged a point every five Jan returns for his fifth season the Cottes Kings, three of the games in Alaska; in Long team's forwards play a large rol. Beach, he had a point in every 1.2 garnes.

> and agile, and has a great on-ice chemistry with Strome and Melichercik.

Graham is among the smaller players on the ream, none of which have allowed size to become an issue for them.

He has notched 16 points in 19 games with 8 goals and 8 assists. Thir makes him the #3 scorer for the Kings at this point in the season. Co-captain, Matt Turek, is just one point ahead of

The entire team works hard and works smart, a great formula for a great team.

Jan Melichercik Forward Born Jan 10, 1976, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia 6-0, 190-pounds, Shoots Right



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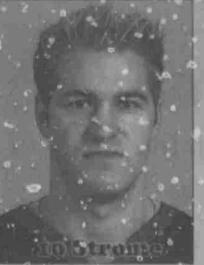
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with Cotton Kings for the 2004 05 season. He, Paul Fioron, and Anders strome are the only play-A new group of skaters ers returning from last season, Melichercik has been a member of the Kings since 2000 and currently has played the most games as a Cotton King and is the alltime leader in points and assists.

> A steady and hard-working player. Jan remains calm and plays the game with smarts and skill. He is not known as a fighter and is also able to play in a defensive role as well as his main position at forward.

In the midst of last year's season, Melichercik was called upon to play different positions, as injuries and suspensions plagued the team and created difficulties in marataining consistent lines.

Melichercik has been married to Katarina for several years and they enjoy the friends they've made in the West Texas area. A loyal Cotten King fan has even estabilihed a fan club in Jan's name, honoring the work and gedication he has shown to the



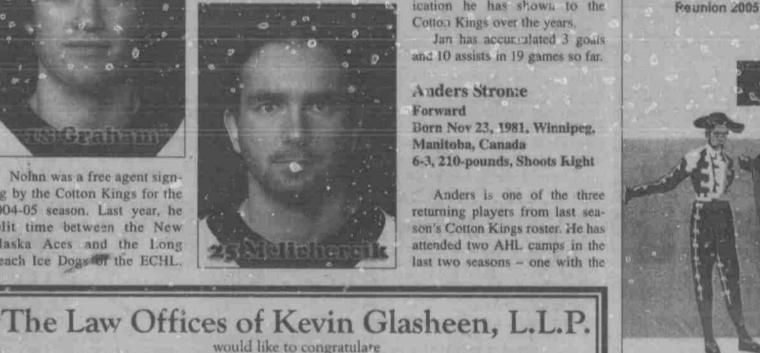
Manitoba Moose and one with the San Antonio Rampage. He was a free agent signing by the San Diego Guns this season and was waived. He joins the "new and improved" Cotton Kings meeting new management and coaching stoff with eagerness.

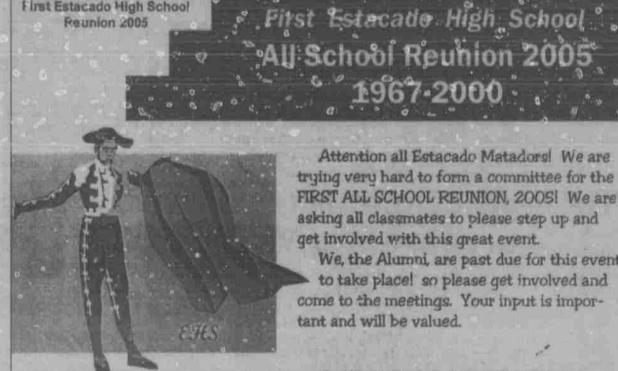
First Estacado High School

Stome also had a bis of were given ever more exposure participated in a Canadian readity the Cut, In the first season of the offered chances to train with and go up against some of the best players in the country, in the end, the final six players selected would be eligible for tryouts with the six Canadian NHL

the Cut Strome encountered for-Lecuyer and current player, Bruno Lamire The players went through a training camp, were observed by scouts and got to experience a new level of nockey that they might not have been accustomed to. When training camp was over, 18 men were selected for the final roster, and eral game winning goals.

excitement this year while he than the rest of the players not selected. After a rocky start in television show, Bell's Making training camp, Strome wasn't sure he'd make it through to the show, hockey standouts were final roster, but persistence paid off and he was named along with 17 o'her talented players. On December 14, the series finale aired on live TV, and Strome flew to Toronto to participate and End out the results in the end, Strome wasn't selected as a final-During the filming of Making ist, but he was recognized in the skills contest for most accurate mer Cotton Kings player Steve shot. He was noticed by scouts and his chances of moving up in the world of hockey have certainly improved. This relented and determined player shows he has what it takes and is currently the leading scores for the Lubbock Cotton Kings, with the highest amount of shots and sev-

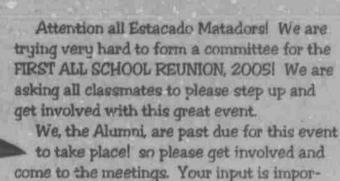




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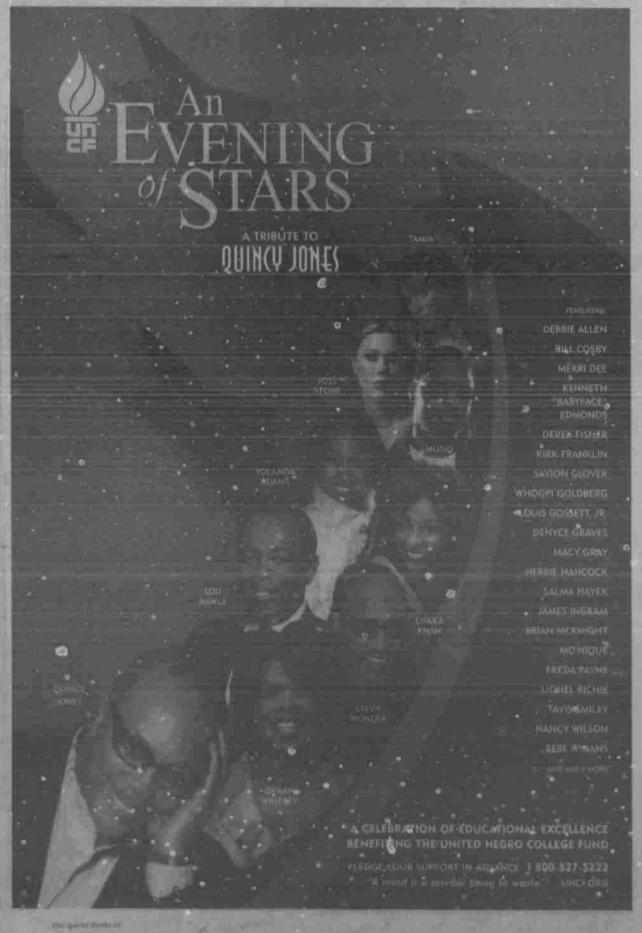
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Think About It! We must get along to live together

by Eddie P. Richardson

Council member i om one of the surrounding communities made this statement to this writer recently: "What has happened to Lubbock Liely? TMI Regional meetings usta be coordinated by the City of Luboock. Nov. they are apparently being coordinated of Governments (SPAG)." It hurts to see all the lard work past Lubbock City Councils have made to the Texas Municipal League (TML) go down the drain. Many years thrown away. There were three TML presidents, namely; Alan Henry, Joan work with our sarrounding Baker, and T. J. Patterson. This neighbors and friends for the spoke highly of Lubbock.

You can't put your self in a

The old saying goes, "You counties and towns. They are the initiative must come from can't live in this world alone" or saying how selfish arrogant and "We need each other!" A City unfriendly "e (Lubbock) appear. They have told this writer that some of the Lubbock City Council members appear to display an arrogant posture. This writer had this misforunate fare of being present in a naeting of people from 15 surrounding counties, and was hurt by some by the South Plains Assocoation of their opinoins made by some of the remarks made by our City Council members. Even the recent letter in the Aviancheleurnal had a valid point.

Hamility never burts anyone. We pray our Lubbock City Council will humble itself and good of all of us.

We need to really remove box, especially when you reside this image, especially with the West of 1-35 and survive. What Lubbock Giant promotion which is so bad, we are getting nega- is pushing the positive aspects. Depends On It!! It does!! tive vibes from surrounding of Lubbock. No doubt about it,

the Lubbock City Council, Remember, Lubbock is the 'Hub of the South Plains of Texas We must ket along and draw our neighbors in and not brush them out for all of us to mak e sit. Humility works: arrogance and self interest stink. Our elected officials must remember they are servants of the people, to be used by the people, but not abused by the people; servants not masters.

My good friend, Al Edwards, State Representative, Houston, told me recently: "As an elected official, we do not own these officies. The people do and the people can fire us anytime they chose."

Thought of the Week: "Think before you speak; look before you leap!"

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Black activists applaud selections by Bush for civil rights commission

Change in Commissioners and Staff Will Create "True Leadership"

Members of the Project 21 black leadership network are applauding recent appointments to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights made by President George W. Bush.

President Sush selected Gerald A. Reynolds, a former civil rights official with the U.S. Department of Education, and Ashley Taylor, a former deputy altorney general for the state of Virginia, to replace Commission chairman Mary Frances Berry and vice chairman Cruz Reynoso whose terms expired in early December. Reynolds will serve as he Commission's new challman, end serving commissioner Abigail Themstrom will become the new vice chairman. Kenneth Marcus, another former civil rights official at the Education Department, was also named to be the Commission's new staff

With the selection of Gerald Reynolds and Ashley Taylor, the once-venerable U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is finally able to begin a sorely needed restructurmember Ponald E. Scoggins. By appointing these highly-qualified individuals, President Bush illustrates his genuine commitment to the protection of all citizens. In these assignments, there is also reason to anticipate that this organization will once again become

During Berry's tenure as head of the Commission, the government body became recognized more for her divisive and political behavior and allegations of mismanagement than for its mission to investigate potential civil rights problems. Berry frequently ignored the input of commissioners she did not agree with and even refused to seat Bushappointed commissioner Peter Kirsanow until ordered to do so by an appeals court. A Government Accountability Office investigation found the Commission regularly disobeyed budgetary guidelines and was an "agency in disarray."

Reynolds pledged that his www.project21.org/P21Index

ing and rebith," said Project 25 first action as chairman will be to proceed with a financial audit of the Commission.

It's well past time the Civil Rights Commission gets back to business, as opposed to the constant playing of partisan politics fostered during her tenure," said Project 21 member Michael apolitical and professional in King, "Contrary to the constant bickering that berry and her coherts in groups such as the NAACP have fostered, there is much the Commission can constructively deal with as our nation moves forward. The Commission is now in a position to provide true leadership."

Reynolds is a mender of Project 21, as is fellow commissioner Kirsanow.

Project 21, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization, nas been a loading voice of the African-American community since 1992. For more information, contact David Almasi at (202) 371-1400 x106 or Project21@nationalcenter.org, or visit Project 21's website at

The death of Affirmative Action - Part 2: A commentary by Dr. Manning Marable

Continued from the December and communities as a whole. 9, 2004 issue

weaknesses of affirmative fer of wealth needed to materialaction, of which two were especially significant. Affirmative Only reparations could begin to action policies first were crafted address this. in reaction to the struggles and debate over segregation, or who entered the country after the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, materially benefited in real terms from blacks' sacrifices. By 2000, the overwhelming number of beneficiaries of affirmative action programs, however, were non-black.

In a recent conversation with legal scholar Lani Guinier, she estimated that 73 percent of the beneficiaries of minority-oriented, affirmative action programs at Harvard University were of affirmative action, but only non-black. In 1995, several from the perspective of the years after my arrival at reduction of future career Columbia University, I convinced the administration to create a standing Minority Affairs Committee for the graduate school, and to substantially increase its scholarship funds for "underrepresented minorities" in Ph.D. programs.

who by traditional U.S. standards would be considered demanded financial support on fragmentary and even fictive connections with American Indian, Hispanic, Caribbean, and African-American heritages. Asian Americans, who are underrepresented in some humanities disciplines, have demanded racebased scholarships for the humanities. Some "biracial" individuals have attempted to make a case for themselves as a special, discriminated class worthy of relief.

only if "race" stood still. It doesn't. Race is a Jynamic, changing social relationship grounded in structural inequality. As the human composition of structural racism has also nationalism changed in everyday existence. The racial element has never been incolental in the structural. Jim Crow's demise that an even free of charge to over 350 publiarrangements of U.S. society. The lack of assets accumulation could be erected on its ashes, severely has been crippling to the development of all kinds of in prisons, and disfranchising African-American institutions millions more. An oppressed

Affirmative action as an approach to racial reform did We must be frank about the not address the necessary transly develop black communities.

The rising generation of demands of the Civil Rights middle class, African American Movement. The central issue, in young professionals are ill- prethe language of the day, was the pared for the post-affirmative status of the Negro in American action era ahead. Many are so society. Groups who were not disconnected from social moveoriginally part of the national ments and the struggles of their own people that they are unable to clearly interpret or understand what is happening in the public policy arena. In higher education, some have come to believe their career advancement is based solely on their own merit, and that the severe reductions in the numbers of black graduate students, undergrads, administrators, and faculty will not affect them negative-

Others worry about the loss opportunities. Even many younger Africar-American intellectuals who have liberal and progressive political views, lack any theoretical grounding in political economy or practical, intimate experiences working with black working class years. Increasingly, individuals and grassroots mass-style organizations, and consequently cannot fashion an appropriate praxis for becoming constructively engaged in the current struggles. This is, in many ways, the first black generation adrift from its

collective racial history. Affirmative action and more generally the philosophy of liberal integrationism was largely responsible for the widespread historical amnesia and colorblindness among many underthirty blacks. Integration rarely asked black people what kind of American society they wanted, it only tasked about what our Affirmative action was a existing structure could per nit beneficial reform that could us to achieve. Integration have worked well long-term emphasized individual opportunity and symbolic representation, Ather than the removal of deep structural barriers that perpetuated inequality.

Integrationists usually spoke American society's social order a language of the nation-state, has shifted, the lived reality of rather than a discourse of inter-

more powerful racial domain warehousing millions of blacks

people without total recall of their history of exploitation cannot craft a new history of liberation.

The restructuring and/or

elimination of race-based educational programs is also occurring in a period in which the U.S. government is aggressively pressuring universities to suppress dissent and to curtail traditional academic freedoms. In early March 2004, the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control stopped 70 American scientists and physicians from traveling to Cuba to attend an international symposium on "coma and death." Some of the scholars received warning letters from the Treasury Department. promising severe criminal or civil penalties if they violated the embargo against Cuba. In late 2003, the Treasury Department issued a warning to U.S. publishers that they would have to obtain "special licenses to edit papers" written by scholars and scientific researchers currently living in Cuba, Libya, Iran, or Sudan, All violators, even including the editors and officers of professional associations sponsoring scholarly journals, potentially may be subjected to fines up to \$500,000 and prison sentences up to ten

These facts may appear to be disconnected from affirmative action's demise and far afield from Black Studies, yet they are actually closely linked. The growing suppression of intellectual freedom and the first amendment inside academic institutions and professional associations, and surveillance of intellectuals, sets the stage for an attempt to restore the ancien regime, the essential buttresses of white hegemonic authority that higher education in America once proudly embodied. To take liberties with Fanon, the Negro in higher education is being pressured toward one future: to become white in the name of "diversity." In order to exist, we must culturally cease to exist as

Dr. Manning Marable is Professor of Public Affairs: Political Science and History, and the Directo- of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies at Columbia University in New York. "Along It did not enticipate that after the Color Line" is distributed cations throughout the U.S. and internationally. Dr. Marable's column is also available on the

www.manningmarable.net

In Cinqui by Renetta Howard

It is vacation time again and many Americans are hitting the highways traveling to their favorite enters a highway and you have places or seeking new places to explore and/or add to their lists of favorite places. The price of gaso-



down a couple of pennies, encourage us to travel. It is discouraging if we permit ourselves to remember how we would

have filled up our gasoline tanks for half the cost that we now pay. Some people equated the cost of gasoline with an 'arm' and a 'leg' when the price went over \$2.00 in some

Regardless to the price of gasoline, some of us still do not realize the cost of our lives as we carelessly speed down the streets and highways. We know that speed kills. We know that animals die. Vehicles become useless once they are damaged in looks or function areas, but it is not the same thing as people being hurt or killed. Caution is a word which we cannot say often enough. Driving on the highway carefully, makes one wonder if some of the drivers got their license at one of the marts or a drug store.

There are the drivers who refuse to speed up to pass a vehicle because they have their cruise control in operation when you are behind them and wanting to pass. Then there are those drivers who will cm in from of you just as you are preparing to pass another vehicle



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they see that you are trying to pass them. Worst of all is the driver who given them the access right of way by moving into a passing lane and without looking, attempt to get in line has gone front of you. Unless you are preyou where there are narrow shoulders and gullies.

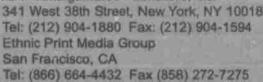
One needs to be aware of driving close to eighteen wheelers when the driver is sleepy. They wobble across the highway in from of you or behind you. You could look up and see one coming across the median meeting you. This is a frightening experience. You can the sake of our lives.

pray for a median drain ditch to wake them up. Night driving can be horrifying.

You may notice that there are some cars out there with white headlights that are blinding. If you blink your lights to request a reduction in their pared to take the shoulder or worst lights, they show you some really still, get imo a median, there is an bright lights. Then, there are those accident waiting to happen. Just drivers who will not dim their lights hope that this does not happen to for any reason. There is available a clip on for eyeglasses if you wear them and a regular pair for those who do not wear glasses, to help to reduce glare while driving at night. Most drug stores and general merchandise stores which sell sun glasses, usually have them in stock. It is time that we get' in cinque' and be more courteous while driving, for

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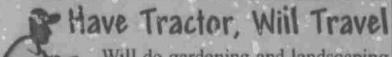
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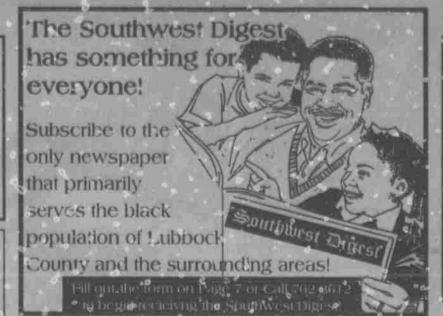
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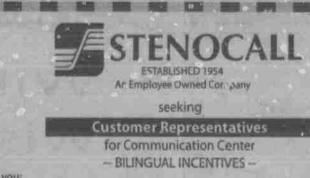
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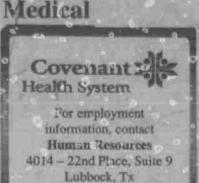
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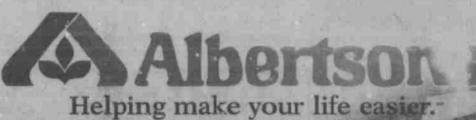
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- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Mae Simmons Community Center
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G.
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American 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, Patterson 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 Merket 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.

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WBU shows increase in African-American enrollment

by Cathy Koonsman

With many choices around, students of all backgrounds contime to choose Wayland Bay ist University in Lubbock as their choice for higher education. The African American community is no exception, and enrollmen, statistics prove that. Fall figures from 1999 to 2003 indicate a 19 percent increase in African American stadent enrollment at Wayland Baptist University (V. BU) campuses.

Dr. Kent Brooks, Dean of the Lubbock Campus, says "the increase is due to many of the same reasons that the overall enrollment has increased-better promotion of programs throughout the community, night classes, caring concern for students, faithbased curriculum, and outstanding instruction." Brooks also attributes the low teacher-to-student ratio as being an attractive benefit to students. This and other reasons were key to one student recently visiting the Wayland campus in Lubbock, located at West Loop 289 and 19th Street.

Cheryl Jackson plans to begin completing her undergraduate degree in the spring term.



Cheryl Jackson (pictured above on right) works with her Academic Advisor, Rasena Seagraves, (pictured above on left) at Wayland Saptist

University, Lubbook Campus. The BS offers numerous eveclalizations other than Criminal Justice, Including Dusiness Administration, Career and Technology Education, Human Services, Management, Occupational Education, and Religion. WEU also offers other undergraduate and graduate degrees (see illustration). Financial Aid assistance is available to interested students. Additional information about the WBU Lubbock Campus may be obtained by calling 806-785-9285.

Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center for nine years and recently decided to finish her undergradu-

Jackson has been working for the sor's evaluation on a WBU form,

she visited the campus. Degree programs Wayland's Lubbock campus are ate degree. After learning about very competitive in terms of Wayland's Bachelor of Science costs. Undergraduate tuition is degree, which allows students to \$140 per semester hour, with earn up to 12 semester hours of graduate courses costing \$165 per credit based on their work experi- semester hour. With relatively ence with the use of military per- few fees, the average costs per formance evaluations, job perfor- student who enrolls in six semesmance appraisals, or a supervi-ter hours of course work during

including textbooks. On the average, working adolt students complete almost 24 semester hour. the year with the four-term schedule in place.

The buoyancy in adult learners seeking higher education has The campus graduates more than 200 students each year, and most remain in the Lubbock area after graduation. All degree programs offered at the Lubbock Campus can be completed in the evening and on weekends.

Some of the more popular options available are studies in accounting, education, health administration justice administration, management psychology and religion. Students may earn a Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Christian Ministry, and Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. A large pre-nursing/allied health program is also available, along with a long-term care certification

offered include the Master of

an 11-week term is \$1,100. Business Administration, Master of Education, Master of Arts in Management, Master of Arts in Religion, and Master of Christian Ministry.

The integration of faith and knowledge-a cornerstone of Wayland since the University first resulted in the Labbook Campus was founded in 1908-is stressed beginning three new degree pro- continuously at the Lubbock grams within the past two years, Campus. It is the mission of the with other programs on the way. University to educate students in an academically challenging and distinctively Christian environment for professional success lifelong learning, and service to God and humankind.

The BS degree has been an attractive option to WBU students. "My experience in criminal justice qualified me for 12 additional hours of credit and classified me as a Junior after evaluating all of my transfer credits from other colleges," Jackson stated. Jackson said she felt welcomed by the personable staff and looks forward to continuing he: education in a Christian environment. Jackson will be pursuing the BS in Human Services with a specialization in Criminal Justice. "I hope to graduate in two years On the graduate level, degrees going part-time in the evenings," Jackson said.

Locke family holds their 10th annual Christmas Reunion 2004



four cities. This year, 2004, it was hosted in Lubbock in the home of Wilbert and Earline Locke, All but two of Mr. and Mrs. Locke's children arrived from throughout Texas. The Lockes shared Christmas with forty-one of their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, his brother and sister and friends. On Sunday, December 26, 2004, they entertained twenty family and church members.

In 2003, they were in Ponder, Texas, outside of Denton, Texas at his youngest daughter and her husband's home. This tradition of rotating Christmas in different cities was

For the past ten years, the created so that no one family Lockes have gotten together to had the burden of traveling over every Christmas holiday. It started in 1994 at Goldie Locke's home, Mr. Locke's sister, in Garland, Texas, which is located outside of Dallas, Texas.

> Each year, family members come up with a color scheme for everyone to wear for the family photos. This year, the colors were black and white. It was agreed that blue would be the color for next year.

The snow for Christmas 2004 made this reunion more memorable as Mr. and Mrs. Locke's family loves 99 sharing special moments such as these together reminiscing over days gone by.

Lady Matadors place 3rd in 46th annual Caprock Tournament



Matadors Estacado High School

The Lady Matadors of Estacado High School claimed the th ird place trophy in the 46th Annual Basketball Tournament over Wylie High School of Abilene, Texas last week.

Pictured above are members of this year's Lady Matador team, Among those who were outstanding in the tournamet were LaVonda Henderson, Shaniqua Henderson, Tomisha Martin, and Karen Grant.

LaVonda was Co-Most Valuable Player for the Caprock Tournament. She had 122 points, 30 rebounds, 19 assists, 29 steals, and one

block. LaVonda is an outstanding athlete.

Shaniqua made the Caprock All-Tournament team. She scored 59 points, 38 rebounds, 3 steals, 8 assists, and 2 blocks. She plays post for the Lady Matadors.

Tomisha is another outstanding senior. She scored a total of 64 points, 53 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 assist, and 2 blocks. Tomisha also plays post.

Karen is another outstanding guard for the Lady Matadors. She had a total of 31 points, 9 rebounds, and 13 steals.

Ladies Matadors, you did CONGRATULA-TIONS!

Early Lubbock families will be recognized at banquet

For those Black families who came to Lubbock between January, 1950 through December, 1950 will be recognized at the Martin Luther King. Jr. Commemorative Council. Inc 's Trailblazer Banquet 2005 set for Friday night, January 14.

the University Medical Center, beginning at 6:30 p. m.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Joan Y. Ervin, president, at (806) 763-

"We want to recognize those

2005, at the McInturff Center at families who came to Lubbock in those days. According to our information, there was one Black family who is believed to have come to Lubbock in 1909 and was asked to leave," said M., Ervin.

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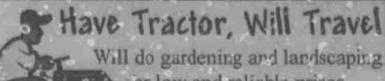
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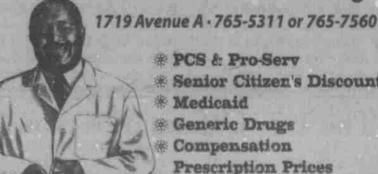
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Southern Arrica Kevin Lowther

Siloka told the people that I had underground bunker belyind their the Angolan conflict set it is hard given blood. First in Portuguese, collapsed concrete bome. For to ignore how Angolans are then in Moundu, he told the story more than a year, we did not know responding to a hard-cerned of ay first visit to Bie Province in if he was alive or dead. When the 1991, when I had given blood at hirst United Nations relief flight the hospital in Kuito. Thirty per- was allowed to land, he emerged ple had died outright the day and organized a feeding program before when the truck they were for small children and the elderly. riding detoanted an anti-tank mine He saved hundreds of lives while on the main road from Huambo, in the fighting continued and until Angola's central highlands. I had driven past the scene. A loa.e tennis shoe in the middle of the tarmac had caught my attention. Then I saw the crater.

'His blood flows in the veins of those who survived," Siloka told the large gathering of villagers in Gambe. They were assembled to celebrate the opening of the bealth center that Africare had rehabilitated with their assistance. It had been destroyed during Angola's long conflict, which ended two years ago with the killing of Jonas Savimo, the UNITA rebel I ader. 200 miles to the east.

Pedro Siloka knows something about blood. When the war started afresh in late 1992, he was trapped in Kuito, a picturesque Portuguese colonial town with elegant, pink government buildings. For much of the next two years, UNITA and government soldiers fought street-by-street for its control. An estimated 30,000 civillans perished in the shelling and crossfire. Many died in the minefields, which both sides laid surrounding the town, while foraging at night

mer school teacher, had just joined. Probably more than one million. Africare as its provincial coordi-Weshington, D.C. - Pearo natur. He and his wife dug an Ione-term human consequences of peace was restored-temporarily-in late 1974.

Siloka does not claim to be a hero. But for me, he is: He also is a symbol of the resilience of the Angolan people. They endured more than 40 years of struggle, starting with their fight against the Portuguese colonial regime in 1961. When Portugal abandoned the fight in 1975, the two main Angolas factions turned to deal with each other in what became a bloody proxy battleground between East and West.

Cubon forces arrived to stop a South African invasion in 1976 and to supp it the Soviet-backed none left. party that had secured control of the new government. Savimb and to Kuito. Neatly dressed children, UNITA retreated deep into the interior. With support from the apartheid regime in South Africa later. the Reagan Administration, they fought the Soviet-backed government throughout the 1980s.

This was at heart an Angolan war. Although outsiders stirred the pot, it was Angolans on both sides, or caugh, in the middle, who fought, bled, and died. No one really knews how many died from

It is impossible to know the peace. Long dependent on international food aid, they are quickly returning to their lands and producing for themselves. They are establishing makeshift chools until permanent ones can de built. They are rebuilding bridges. Fernaps most important, they are not preoccupied with settling Kuito itself is a

scores. kaleidoscope of change. When I returned in 1994, not a single home or building war unmarked by bullets and snells. Many were completely destroyed. Parachutes left from military drops served as roofs. The surviving civilians moved about, dazed and ragged, wary of landmines and a resumption of the righting-which would come, as it always did. The nearly absolute quict struck me, until I realized I had neither seen nor heard a single bird. There were

The birds have now returned carrying small stools or plastic chairs, can be seen walking to and from school. People in the streets appear normal, animated, striding somewhere with purpose. The gutted and bullet-pocked government buildings are finally being rebuilt-and painted pink. Pedro Siloka has raised a new home.

I have hope for Angola, largely because of the people. They have fought a war - their war. They are now constructing a

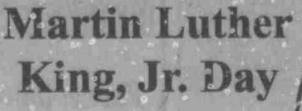
pride in both realities, I think

When it was my turn to speak to about the last time I had cut the center, hear Kuito, in December 1998. Angolan television had cavered the event. Armed police had guarded it. There were rumors of forminant war and that UNITA was lurking nearby. The rumors reduced again to rubble

This clinis, I predicted to the the people of Gambr, I told them people of Gamba, would remain standing as a symbol that over 2.900 projects and millions of vibbon at a reconstructed needth. Angolous are done with war, and with giving their blord. The Africa-wide, Today, Africarc's women ululated. The men 150-plus programs reach families clapped. The children streed. Then and communities in 25 notions in I cut the ribbon.

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L.V. Andrews, Vice-President at 765-5001

January 15th

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

January 16th

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

January 17th

MLK City-wide Celebration - 7:00 pm Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, W.D. Davis, Pastor (host) Rev. Hiawatha Culver, Jr., Speaker

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