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Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, 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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Former President Clinton to speak at NABJ Convention in Atlanta

PRNewswire
WASHINGTON - The National Association of Black Journalists will hold its 30th Anniversary Convention and



Clinton

Career Fair, Aug. 3-7, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. The Hyatt Regency Atlanta is located at 265 Peachtree Street NE. The NABJ Annual Convention and Career Fair is expected to attract more than 3,000 attendees nationwide. It is the largest professional gathering devoted to black journalists. The 30th anniversary convention theme - "Telling Our Story" - reflects the organization's goal to continue to voice the passion, pride, purpose and power of black journalists. "There is not a more important journalism gathering than our annual convention and career

fair," said NABJ President Herbert Lowe, a courts reporter at Newsday in New York. "It is an opportunity for black journalists to become re-invigorated, inspired and encouraged to do their best work every day." The convention will feature the nation's largest journalism career fair along with specialized workshops, plenary sessions with national figures, professional development breakfasts targeted to various journalism disciplines, an awards banquet, a gospel brunch, media receptions, an exhibit area and so much more geared to the veteran journalist and those entering the field. Former President Bill Clinton will deliver the keynote address at the National Association of Black Journalists' 30th Anniversary Convention and Career Fair in Atlanta, NABJ President Herbert Lowe announced today. "President Clinton is no stranger to NABJ and we are pleased that this very accomplished world leader will visit with us to share his perspective on the important issues that we as journalists are covering in our towns, cities and states every day," said Lowe, a reporter at Newsday in New York. In 1992, Clinton became the first major U.S. presidential candidate to speak to the nation's largest organization for journalists of color when he spoke at its convention in Detroit. Five years later, in Chicago, he kept his promise and became the first

sitting U.S. President to address the association. Last summer in Washington, President George W. Bush and U.S. Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.), and then-U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell addressed thousands of NABJ members and other journalists of color at the Unity 2004 convention. Held this year at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, NABJ's convention is expected to draw more than 3,000 attendees and is the largest annual professional gathering devoted to black journalists. Another program highlight: Bishop T.D. Jakes, one of America's most influential ministers, is expected to speak during a plenary session, "Mega Churches: The Power, Influence and Impact." This year's convention theme is "Telling Our Story" and reflects NABJ's yearlong celebration of the passion, pride, purpose and power of black journalists over the last three decades. As part of its anniversary celebration, NABJ will honor the 44 brave men and women who founded it in 1975 and the 15 men and women elected to serve as association president. Also, the 30 most influential moments impacting black journalists since 1975 will be spotlighted at this year's convention and career fair. The convention will also feature the nation's largest journalism career fair along with spe-



cialized workshops, plenary sessions with other national figures, professional development breakfasts targeted to various journalism disciplines, a Hall of Fame awards banquet, a gospel brunch, media receptions, an exhibit area and so much more for seasoned, up-and-coming and future journalists. The 30th anniversary will honor the 44 brave men and women who founded NABJ in 1975 as well as the 15 men and women our members have elected to serve as president of the association. Also spotlighted will be the 30 most influential moments impacting black journalists since 1975. For more information about the convention or to register, contact NABJ at www.nabj.org or call (301) 445-7100. CONTACT PERSON: Lisa Goodnight of National Association of Black Journalists, (301) 445-7100, ext. 107. To inquire about sending the Southwest Digest publishers to the convention, please feel free to offer them sponsorships and funding. The people at this convention have an unprecedented opportunity to spread the news of our work to the nation and the rest of the world. Help your local brothers and sisters add to the power of the journalists of color.

Transport plane on loan to Silent Wings Museum enhances stories

Lubbock - The Silent Wings Museum is proud to announce

U.S. Navy. "Securing the C-47 adds a

were used during World War II, in varying air transport roles,



the arrival of a World War II-era twin-engine transport plane, a Douglas C-47 Skytrain. The C-47, a type of aircraft used to tow Waco CG-4A gliders in World War II, will be placed on static outdoor display in front of the museum following its preparation for display. The aircraft is on loan from the United States Marine Corps Air-to-Ground Museum, Quantico, Va. The C-47 was used in both military and civilian roles under various designations. It was called the DC-3 when used as a civilian airliner, and dubbed R4D by the

very important component of the World War II glider pilot program to the Silent Wings Museum," said Phil Price, Chairman of the Texas Aviation Heritage Foundation, Inc., or TAHFI. "It will add to the story of the heroes who flew the C-47s and allow them to receive their much deserved recognition while adding an exciting exterior exhibit for the museum." TAHFI is the non-profit organization leading efforts to fund the C-47 outdoor display at the Silent Wings Museum. Over 12,000 of these aircraft

one of which was as the primary tow plane for the Waco CG-4A combat glider. The Silent Wings Museum has one of the few fully restored Waco CG-4A gliders on display in the nation. The addition of the Douglas C-47 Skytrain brings military glider history full circle. Glider pilots in the U.S. Army Air Forces were rated to fly as copilots and navigators on C-47 missions as well as flying the unpowered gliders into combat. During the war years, Lubbock was home to the largest advanced glider pilot

training school at South Plains Army Airfield. South Plains Army Air Field, or S.P.A.A.F., trained approximately 80 percent of the 6,000 combat glider pilots who flew during the war. After earning their silver "G" wings, the combat pilots were transferred to other bases for tactical glider and combat infantry training, before deployment overseas. At war's end, the airfield was returned to the City of Lubbock as Lubbock Municipal Airport, now the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport. The Waco CG-4A was a cargo glider used to transport infantry, jeeps, 1/4 ton trailers, ammunition and other supplies to the front during World War II. The gliders could also transport wounded out of these front areas, after unloading cargo. The Douglas C-47 would tow the glider into position, releasing it above the landing zone. After landing, cargo would be unloaded and loaded preparing for its return flight back to base. The C-47 would then return and using the aerial "snatch" pickup, retrieve the glider and tow it back to safety. Gliders and C-47 transports were used in all theaters of the war.

The aircraft, pending funding, will be on display later this year after repairs and weather-proofing measures are completed to safeguard it from deterioration. TAFHI continues to seek donations in support of this aircraft restoration. The aircraft was disassembled, transported and reassembled by Worldwide Aircraft Recovery Inc., Limited, of Bellevue, NE. Three semi trailers hauled the aircraft to Lubbock, and four highly-skilled professionals reassembled the airplane in four days. "The addition of the C-47 enhances the ability of the Silent Wings Museum to tell the story of the World War II glider pilot legacy, and it is the museum's first outdoor exhibit," said Joe Hays, director of the Silent Wings Museum. The Silent Wings museum is the only museum in the nation dedicated to collecting, preserving and displaying the legacy of the World War II glider pilots. For more information, please contact the staff at the Silent Wings Museum at (806) 775-2047. The Silent Wings Museum is located at 6202 N Interstate Highway 27, Exit 9, in Lubbock, Texas.

Notice to home delivery customers

If you fail to receive your paper, please call the Digest at 782-3612 and give us your address. Due to the death of our delivery person, W.H. Pitts, we have had some difficulty getting papers delivered. We are aware of the problem and regret it. Please contact us and we will correct the situation as soon as possible. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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The Ice Cream Social was a huge success

Very special thanks to the community who were in attendance of a full house turn out for the recent "Ice Cream Social" at the Parkway Neighborhood Center last Friday evening, July 15, 2005. It was indeed a beautiful occasion for seven beautiful

women: Emma Avery, Mae Jessie Cage, Vivian Cooke, Octavia Givens, Elnora Jones, Allie Mae Thompson, and Rose Wilson. Each honored lady received the "2005 Local Legend Award", which was a crystal rose and an autographed poem. "What's

Wrong With The Black Woman Now!" The author is Shirley Roberson. "We want to say thanks to the community for all these ladies have done, and the community for attending," said Ms. Roberson.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.



Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

There is a new pastor and wife in Lubbock, Texas. They are Rev. V. L. Brown and his wife, Rev. Vera Brown, who have been assigned to the Carter Chapel C. M. E. Church. A minister in the C-M-E Church, Pastor Brown was a pastor in Lubbock 35 years ago. The public is invited to a reception at the Bobbie Gean and T. J. Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, on Saturday afternoon, July 30, 2005, beginning at 2:00 p. m. Pastor Brown has been a pastor in the C. M. E. Church for 47 years.

Come out and bring someone with you, and give the Browns a warm and an exciting welcome!

Hope you are getting ready for the Women's Prayer Retreat which will be held August 26 & 27, 2005 at the Ark in Amherst, Texas. More information will be forthcoming, so just keep the "Ark" on your minds.

The Annual Men and Women Day at New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, will be held Sunday, September 18, 2005. If you would like to have more information about this very big day, then contact either Presidents Eryn or Martin. More about this annual day is coming.

It was a very good last Sunday afternoon, July 17, 2005, at New Hope Baptist Church where it was

Annual Ushers Day. Sister Fannie Price, president, is most appreciative for all of you being in attendance.

Ladies, again don't forget about the Association which will be convening in Odessa, Texas August 8 thru 11, 2005. We are looking for another good meeting. Men, if you have anything you would like to donate, then feel free to contact me, Sister Lucille Jackson. We would like to have items as belts, suspenders, dress ties, tie clasps, cuff links and other items.

It's almost Annual Picnic Day for the New Hope Baptist Church. This event will take place Saturday evening, August 6, 2005, at the Booker T. Washington Park. There will be fellowship, fun and games for those in attendance. Those spearheading the picnic are Brotherhood, Male Chorus, Youth, Young Adult Department, and Koinonia Bible Study.

A Pastor's Aide Tea will be held Saturday afternoon, July 30, 2005, in the B. R. Moton Fellowship Hall at New Hope Baptist Church. It will be held from 12:30 p. m. until 2:00 p. m. Special guest will be First Progressive Baptist Church, Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, and St. John Baptist Church.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, July 17, 2005, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, The "Church Where The People Really Care." Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

Services began with Meditation and Prayer, and followed by the Praise Team singing out of their hearts. Morning scripture was read by Minister Cheryl McCutcheon. Minister Charles Wilson offered the morning prayer. The New Hope Choir sang out of their hearts. What a blessing it was!!!

The morning sermon was delivered by Minister Charles Wilson. His subject was "The 3 P's Of Worship." His scripture text was II Corinthians 8:1-8. It was a very good sermon, and the spirit was there in the Lord.

After an invitation to discipleship, Brother Napoleon Cooper read the morning announcements, and Sister Elaine Lindsey welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens of the community. Today, they are ill, and who knows, and only by the grace of God, it could be you or I.

Don't forget those who have lost loved ones. Among them are the families of Sheryl Eyvonne Grant Snell and Curtis "Curt" James, Sr. God is able.

In Remembrance

Curtis "Curt" James, Sr.
Funeral services for Curtis "Curt" James, Sr. were held Monday morning, July 17, 2005, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, where Rev. Wendell D. Davis is pastor.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Mr. James passed away Tuesday, July 12, 2005, after a brief illness.

A resident of Detroit, Michigan, he was born in Howland, Texas to the late Willie James, Sr. and Wilma Cooper James of Lubbock, Texas. He married the late Helen Moseley. To this union, five children were born. Wilma Danette and Curtis, Jr. preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by one brother, Bennie.

He is survived by two daughters, Rhonda Hampton and Tonia James; and a son, Toddrick James, all of Houston, Texas; his loving mother, Wilma James; three brothers: Willie, Jr. Of Detroit, Michigan, Johnny and Robert, both of Lubbock, Texas; seven sisters: JoMarie Gilbert, Bettye Phenix and Gwendolyn Evans, all of Detroit, Michigan, Earnestine Banks, Mary White, Shirley Davis, and Kathy Jennings, all of Lubbock, Texas; a host of other relatives and friends.

Rev. Allison L. Patrick
Grand Prairie, Texas - One of Lubbock's outstanding and dynamic pastors, the Reverend Allison L. Patrick, was eulogized Tuesday afternoon, July 19, 2005, at the



Patrick

Sunset Baptist Church in Grand Prairie. Interment was held in Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington, Texas under the direction of Moore Funeral Home in Arlington.

Pastor Patrick passed away Friday, July 15, 2005, in his residence.

He was the former pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church and Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, both of Lubbock.

Sheryl Eyvonne Grant Snell
Funeral services for Sheryl Eyvonne Grant Snell were held last Saturday morning, July 16, 2005, at the Full Armour Ministries with Bishop L. G. Chatman, pastor, delivering the eulogy, and Rev. L. D. Brooks, pastor of Community Baptist Church, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary Funeral Home of Lubbock in charge of arrangements.

Active pallbearers were David Anderson, Kevin Booe, Charles Hobdy, Larry Isaac, Kevin Jackson and Moses Stubblefield.

Honorary pallbearers were LaGene Brooks, George Love and Roger Priestly. Flower bearers were Full Armour Ministries and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

She was born October 26, 1955 to William, Sr. and Ruth Grant in Houston, Texas. She completed her primary and secondary education in Houston Independent School District, graduating from M. C. Williams High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Communications.

Accepting Christ at an early age, she was saved and baptized

at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Houston. After making Lubbock, Texas her home, Sheryl continued to show her love and dedication to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at St. John Baptist Church, Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, Community Baptist Church, and Full Armour Ministries.

During her lifetime, Sheryl touched many lives through her love of music and her compassion for children. She served as the Youth Director at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, Choir Director at St. John Baptist Church, and the Choir Director of the MLK Youth Choir. She was a charter member of the Full Armour Ministries Praise Team, where she sang devotedly until God called her home.

She worked for Lubbock Independent School District, and the City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department. She was also a member of the MLK Little League, and a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

She was survived by her husband, Darrell, for 28 years; a daughter, Calsandra Nicole; her son, Alan Joseph; and one grandchild, Madison Eyvonne, all of Lubbock, Texas; her mother, Ruth; four brothers.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

Together!

This season's designer's collections created relaxed glamour with easy-to-wear pieces that coordinate beautifully, all with the unique details that together

make it so desirable. Mix it, match it, colors and fabric textures. The more color, the better! Different

textures add more flair and style. It's all about being together!

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

Basic Phlebotomy class scheduled at SPC

Basic Phlebotomy, which provides skill development in the performance of a variety of blood collection methods, begins Aug. 22 at South Plains College in Levelland.

Classroom instruction is scheduled 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through Oct. 5 in the Technical Arts Building, Room 101. Clinical instruction will be held Monday through Thursdays at a location to be arranged.

The course covers use of proper techniques and universal pre-

cautions and includes vacuum collection devices, syringes, capillary skin puncture, butterfly needles and blood culture, and specimen collection on adults, children and infants.

There will be an emphasis on infection prevention, proper patient identification, labeling of specimens and quality assurance, specimen handling, processing and accessioning. Topics include professionalism, ethics, and medical terminology.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, Tetanus,

Hepatitis B and have a current negative TB test. Participants who satisfactorily complete the course will receive a certificate for 4.8 continuing education units. Enrollment is limited to 14 students.

Tuition is \$340 and textbook, "The Complete Book of Phlebotomy," 2nd edition by Lynn B. Hoeltke, is \$68. Instructor is Georgia Mulloy.

For additional information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at (806) 894-9611, ext. 2341.

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Daytime phone (parent): _____

On a separate sheet of paper 1) briefly tell us about your nominee and 2) list the accomplishments of your nominee.

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Name: _____

Relationship to nominee: _____

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Do you want your nomination to be anonymous? _____

Did you include a good quality photo of the child? _____

(Photos will be returned only if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.)

- SPOTLIGHT ON KIDS RULES**
- 1) No purchase necessary. Nomination forms will appear periodically throughout the year in the Avalanche-Journal and at Make Kids Count sponsor businesses around town. Forms also are available at the A-J Information Center, 710 Avenue J.
 - 2) Nomination forms can be mailed to Spotlight On Kids, P.O. Box 471, Lubbock, TX 79408, or can be dropped off at the A-J Information Center, 710 Avenue J.
 - 3) All information, including a reproducible photograph of the child, must be included. INFORMATION AND PICTURE WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE A-J WITHOUT OUR WRITTEN PERMISSION AND SIGNATURE FROM A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. Photos will be returned ONLY if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.
 - 4) Only one Spotlight On Kids nominee will appear in the A-J each day.
 - 5) Selection will be made by A-J personnel based on the completeness of information, parental approval and the merits of the nominee, including family contributions, citizenship, volunteerism, character, activities and accomplishments, good behavior, church involvement, caring for others, etc.
 - 6) All nominees agree to allow their names, and photographs to be published in The Avalanche-Journal without further compensation.
 - 7) The Avalanche-Journal is not responsible for submitted entries that are forgotten, late, lost, misdirected, damaged, illegible, incomplete or postage due.
 - 8) By entering, each contestant or their representative acknowledges acceptance of the rules and agrees to be bound by them.

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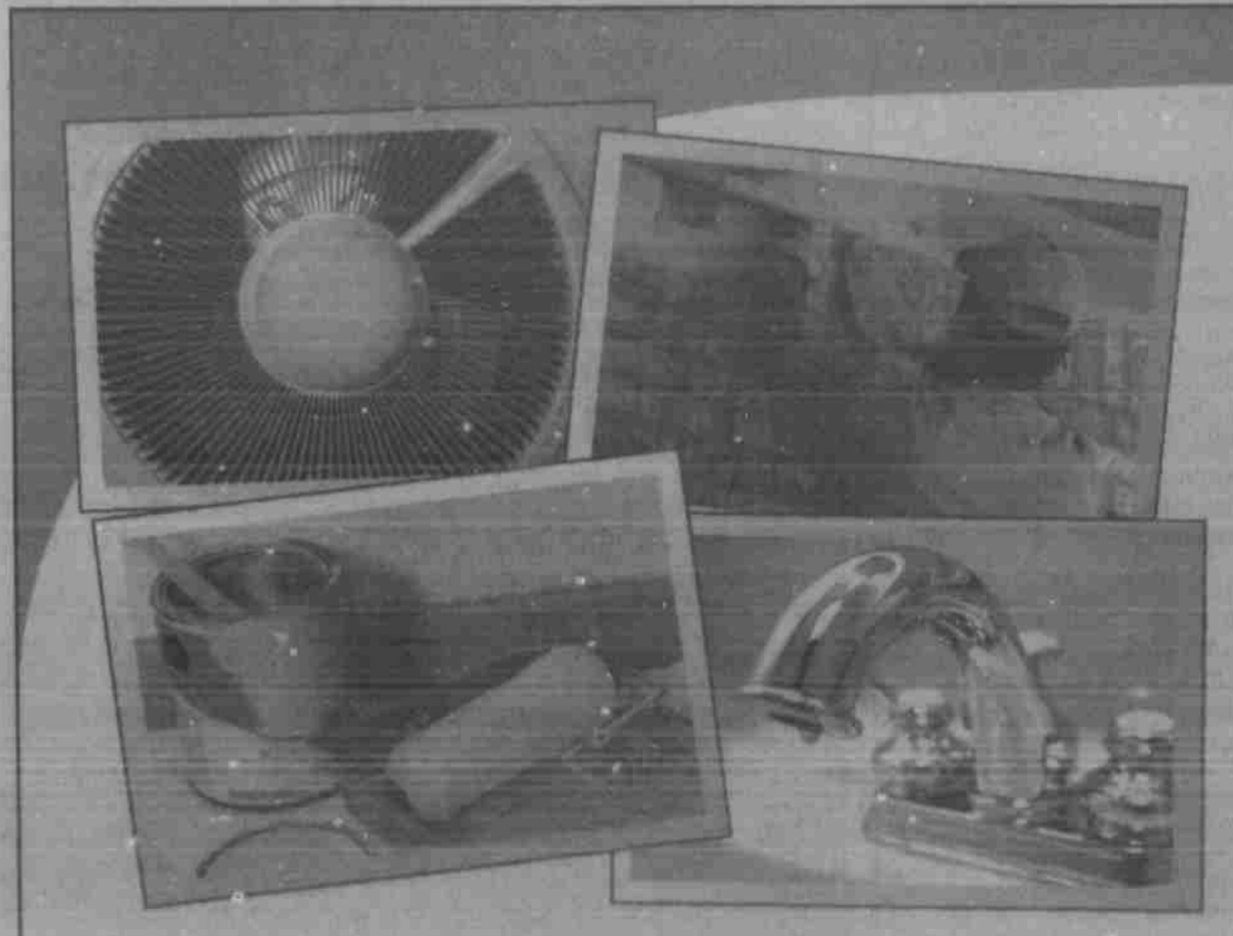
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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus America's rights to sin

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

Jeremiah 8:7-8a - The Lord said, yea, the stork in the heaven knows her appointed times, and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming. But my people know not the judgment of the Lord. How do you say, we are wise and the law of the Lord is with us?

America was founded on the word of God. It was her guidelines. Then the people wanted to be free, like Adam, to use their minds.

John 8:31-32 - Jesus said, if you continue in my word, then you are my disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

When the churches marched and didn't obey the law - policemen - that was the beginning of America's troubles, that is, in this sweet blessed land!

1 Peter 2:13-16 - Submit yourselves (Christians) to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether it be to the King (President), as Supreme or unto Governors, Evil-doers (Marchers), and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God. That with well-doing, you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men as free, and not using your lib-

erty for a cloak of maliciousness (law breaking), but as the servants of God.

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

The Children watched he Adults and the Leaders the law they didn't obey. The Children now use the same. My rights to be disobedient to parents today!!!

1 Corinthians 5:6 - your glorying is not good. Know you not that a little leaven (sin) leavens the whole lump (America)?

America is now bringing forth her fruits, the sins of her labor - Rights to Kill the Family, and anyone else, even friends and neighbors!!!

Galatians 6:7-8 - Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

(One thing about planting, you can take a gallon of corn to the field and plant it, but when you reap it. You will need a pick-up truck to bring it in. You always get 10,000% more than you put out). America is raising a nation of

liars and killers, like Adam and Cain. They'll commit the crime, and then have rights to try to play insane!!!

Hosea 8:7 - For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. It hath no stalk. The bud shall yield no meal. If so be it. Yield, the stranger shall swallow it. ***** America's Reaping What She Has Planted!!! *****

America is so full of mankind's rights, and they are of the Devil, and wrong. America needs to return to the Lord God Almighty where she belongs!!!

Deuteronomy 28:16-20 - The Lord said, cursed shall you be in the city. Cursed shall you be in the field. Cursed shall your basket and your store. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land. The increase of your cattle and the flocks of your sheep. Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall be when you go out. The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke in all that you settest your hands to do. Unto you be destroyed, and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings. Whereby you have forsaken me.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith An Anti-Mexican Backlash?

What a leader does reflect on those he serves. What a leader says either may inspire others in a positive light or his words can have a negative effect. Mr. Vincente Fox action has put the spot light on Mexico's treatment on its nearly invisible blacks, insulted 35 million black Americans and perhaps has cause some anti-Hispanic backlash in the United States among Anglo-whites as seen in Hamilton, Ohio.

In Hamilton, a Hispanic man was accused of sexually assaulting a 9-year old white (Anglo) girl. "Rapist" was painted on his house and then it went up in flames. The Ku Klux Klansmen in robes and hoods and wearing pillowcases with eyeholes passed out pamphlets and there were reported rumors of assaults and beating of Mexicans.

The Associated Press reported, "Hamilton has been a hotbed for Hispanic growth in a state that has lagged behind much of the nation in Hispanic population." The number of Hispanics in Hamilton was 1,566 in the 1990s and is now estimated at 4,000 or more in the city of some 61,000.

The city and community leaders are trying to calm the community. However the mayor said, "Assimilating into our culture is

tough; I firmly believe that it will take time."

What is "done in the dark will come to light." Vicente Fox will live to regret his actions. The mayor of the city of Hamilton was right when he said, "assimilating into our culture is tough." Americans and now particularly black Americans who perhaps never would have rebel or encouraged to take a deep look at the fair-skinned people of Mexico and their American counterparts who condone in a simple sense: "I am a better than you behavior."

The following is a posting to the Hispanic Business Forum: "I Cannot Believe the Disrespect." - I am so incredibly disgusted by the nerve of so many groups that think there cause justifies disrespecting the black race. Everyone is using the "Civil Rights" argument and comparing their struggle to the struggles of blacks. Yet, Blacks are the most disrespected race on the planet. However, if a Black cause is won, the "Black" case is the textbook example. The Jews with the Holocaust, the Gays with the "Out of the Closet and Equality Cause." The Mexicans with the "We take the jobs that other races won't cause." The Women movement with "the equal work equal pay movement." What is so sinis-

ter about this is the fact BLACKS historically have the WORST pay, the WORST jobs, the WORST levels of discrimination. Yet, no one even comes to the aid of Blacks. Historically and I challenge anyone of this BLACKS are the oldest discriminated against group in the United States and Abroad. So, why hate us and then quote our cause. Get off the "Black" bandwagon that supports ALL people Right is Right. My Mexican Brothers, Memin Pinguin was incorrect as a comic book character in the 40's. Blacks were not "proud" of that, then. President Fox needs to retreat to a Foxhole, considering the fact the arrogance of this race forgets the "backs" that were broken to enjoy the American freedoms they enjoy today. People of Color, people of Heritage, All people unite, the cause you support may not be your own BUT tomorrow you may be using it as a lesson for the cause you may have to fight. Stop the Madness. (Kay)

President Vincente Fox need to understand that the Ku Klux Klan and other subversive groups are alive and well in America and they do not cater to illegal immigrants who has gone against the rule. Now he has inflamed 35 million black Americans!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Holy Spirit

Jesus explains the rivers of living water as the Holy Ghost. We are confident that many of you will agree that a river flourishing is a powerful body of water, comparison to being filled with the Holy Spirit.

The plan and purpose of God is for every one of his children to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Not just born of he Spirit, but filled with the Holy Spirit. It is only because of religious traditions that Christians are not. The latter has on too many occasions explained things away, saying that went out with the early church or we do not have those things going on anymore, but God is no respecter of persons, and he certainly has not changed. If he wanted the Christians in acts, etc., to be filled with the Holy Spirit. He certainly wants his children today to be filled. The Holy Spirit is a power source, giving the body of Christ divine, supernatural ability. That is a blessing, Saints.

John 14:16 - And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever.

John 14:17 - Even the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not. Neither knoweth him, but ye know

him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. The Holy Spirit is referred to in the scripture as **Him and He**. The Holy Spirit is a person, not an "it". He is the third person of the Godhead, in the Spirit of God.

1 John 4:4 - Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

The greater one is the Holy Spirit. He is greater than anything in the world. With the Holy Spirit inside of us, we have the power source that is greater than anything in the world. We have the power source that is greater than Satan or any evil spirit. The Spirit of The Living God is the greater one. Knowing this, how can you lose? How can you allow yourself to be defeated in any area of life?? Why throw in the towel? There is no other force, spirit or human, which is actually capable of whipping or defeating you. The only one who can defeat you is you!

In terms of God's word, we walk by Faith, not by sight. **Corinthians 5:7**. We walk by what we believe. Our feelings are irrelevant and immortal. Now if the feelings are in line with the word of God, then we can claim them as **Fringe Benefits**, but we do not

allow our feelings to dictate our walk with Christ. If the feelings do not measure up to the word, we lose them on this side of the road. It is just that plain and simple.

If we are going to be a success in the things of God, you cannot afford to go by how you feel. You must go by what you believe. Feelings fluctuate like the weather. One day you are hot, and the next day you are not. The word of God has to be your **Barometer**. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you do not have to feel like you're. It is a fact, the divine ability, enabling you to be a worker together with God. He is within you. All you have to do is act on God's word. Exercise your Faith. The Holy Spirit will Supply the Power you Need!

Thanks for reading and believing the word, Saints. Keep praying for your **Neighborhoods and Your Enemies** as well as that lady that sits in your seat without your permission t church. **Just Pray, Saints!** For those of you who are hurting and not feeling well today, in the name of Jesus, be healed!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosiana Henderson, secretary.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, July 17, 2005, was another great day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Morning services began at 10:10 a.m. with Assistant Superintendent Sister Oretta Moore in charge. The morning lesson was taught by our teacher, Sister Nina Davis. The lesson was reviewed by Pastor Canady. It was another

dynamic lesson, and well received by all in attendance.

The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a.m. The devotional services were led by Deacon Edward Williams.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir was at its post of duty singing out of their hearts and souls. What a blessing!

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Monty Smith. His

subject was "I Am!" His scripture text was Exodus 3:13-14. It was another dynamic sermon for all in attendance.

Let us not forget those who are on our sick and shut-in list this week. Among them is Sister Ethel Williams. Of course, there are others, and let's not forget them as well.

Thought of the Week: "Boast not in what you do for Christ, but in what Christ does for you."

Silver & Black Gospel Ball scheduled for August

The Ball is coming! The Ball is coming! It will be the Pastor and Wife's Silver and Black Gospel Ball, and it is headed this way. It will be in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Homer L. Avery, pastor and wife of First Progressive Baptist Church.

The affair will be held at the White Knights Ballroom, 1413 Texas Avenue. It will be held Thursday evening, August 18, 2005, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Ticket donation is \$35.00 per ticket.

The Royal event of the year will be the talk of the town! The members of the First Progressive Baptist Church, "The Church that really cares," are inviting the public to attend this special

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- Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, Tuesday, July 26 at 2 p.m.
- Patterson Branch Library, 1836

Parkway Drive, Wednesday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

• Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, Thursday, July 28 at 2 p.m.

Visit the library's website at www.lubbocklibrary.com to see a complete list of summer activities. Don't forget to sign up for the summer reading program at any of our four locations and receive prizes for reading! For more information,

please call 775-2838.

Family Movie Night at Godeke

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Summer cooking: Tips for grilling seafood



ORLANDO, Fla. — For the many Americans who are trying to eat healthy, seafood offers a low-fat, low-calorie, low-carb solution. What's more, with summer here it's a great alternative to the usual chicken, steak, hamburger and ribs. In anticipation of home chefs "firing up their grills," Red Lobster's Culinary Center, offers helpful suggestions for cooking seafood this summer.

Getting Started: Make sure

the grill is clean. To reduce the risk of sticking, use a light coat of oil or nonstick cooking spray. If using a marinade, soak the seafood for about two hours beforehand to infuse it with the flavor. Please note: a marinade heavy in sugar may cause the seafood to stick to the grill as the sugar caramelizes. Drain off the excess marinade and pat the seafood dry before grilling. Set aside some extra marinade to baste the seafood while it cooks

to get a deep, rich glaze. Don't use the marinade the fish was soaking in because it may contain bacteria.

Another way to season seafood is to brush it with a light coat of olive oil and then add your favorite seasonings.

Grilling Shrimp: Place them on a skewer one on top of the other. Watch them closely, because they will cook quickly.

Grilling Scallops: Place them on a skewer so the flat side

is up. This allows them to pick up more flavors from the grill.

Grilling Shellfish: Shellfish, such as oysters, mussels and clams, cook even faster than fish. Place them on the hottest part of the grill. They're done when the shell opens up.

Grilling Fresh Fish: Make sure the grill is hot. If it's lukewarm, the fish may stick.

Put the fish on the grill with the bone or uneven side down first (if you put the flat side down first, the fish may crack when you turn it). When grilling more than one piece of fish, make sure you leave enough space for air and heat to circulate between them.

The fish should sizzle when you put it on the grill. Fish cooks fast, so make sure you keep an eye on it. Cook it until it's about 60 percent done, and then use a wide spatula to turn over each fillet.

Remove the fish from the grill when it is medium rare because it will continue to cook as it sits.

Pairing with Wine: Several wines go especially well with grilled seafood, such as an oaky Chardonnay or a light Pinot Noir. If you're seasoning your seafood with spices, a lighter, sweeter Riesling provides a good match.

CARES Advisory Panel schedules next public hearing

The Local Advisory Panel (LAP) meeting for the West Texas VA Health Care System has officially confirmed the date for their public meeting and Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX 19th) is planning on attending.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2005 at the East Room of the Howard College Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The time is yet to be determined.

At this meeting, the public will hear more about the options VA contractor Price WaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has developed based on their first overall review conducted from May 16-18, 2005.

This is the second of four such meetings that will take place under the Federal Advisory Committee Act designed to gather public input about potential options and corresponding recommendations as they relate to the West Texas VA Health Care System located in Big Spring and its surrounding areas.

The public will again be given the opportunity to provide feedback via open testimony at the meeting, via the internet site at www.va.gov/cares; or via postal mail at VA Cares Studies - Big Spring, PO Box 1427, Washington Grove, MD 20880-1427. The comment period after the meeting will be for two weeks. All of the public's comments will be incorporated in the report provided to the VA Secretary for consideration. The process for the decisions of the options is as follows:

1. PwC will present a broad range of options at the next LAP administrative meeting
2. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide their comments on the presented options during the public meeting on September 1. PwC must reflect in their report to the VA Secretary the public's comments regarding the

options presented. A report will then be presented to the Secretary shortly after the public meeting. In that report all options will be presented along with the public comments received. The options to be presented at the public meeting will be posted on the CARES website a week prior to the meeting.

3. The Secretary will then select up to six options for further analysis which will occur during the following months. At the fourth LAP meeting PwC will present all of the analysis along with their independent recommendations.

"Gathering public input at this next meeting will be crucial in determining what options may best serve our veterans," said John Fears LAP Chairperson.

"We are so pleased that

Congressman Neugebauer will be assisting us in this effort. We are firmly committed to the LAP process under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and we hope that the community will take advantage of this process to share their thoughts. That is something that was missing under the first Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES), and this is an excellent opportunity to fix that," he added.

The West Texas VA Health Care System located in Big Spring is one of 18 sites nationwide currently being considered for changes under this third phase of CARES. The purpose of the review is to ensure that VA is offering the best health care services for veterans to meet their needs in the

future. Under the process access and use of services by veterans will be closely scrutinized as will stability and functions of buildings. Changes are expected to be announced at each phase of the LAP meetings that will be conducted between 2005 and 2006. Final recommendations for options are anticipated to be presented to VA Secretary Jim Nicholson early to mid year of 2006.

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The Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church encourages the Lubbock community to share with them in welcoming Former Pastor V.L. Brown, Jr. and his spouse Rev. Vera Brown who is also an ordained Minister back to the church he Pastored 35 years ago. In their honor a reception will be held July 30, 2005 at the Bobbie Gean & T.J. Patterson Library 1836 Parkway Drive.


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Texas Tech to hold football clinic for women

A facilities tour, offensive and defensive instruction and an equipment demonstration highlight the Fifth Annual Texas Tech Women's Football Clinic, which is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Texas Tech Football Training Facility. The event is presented by ASCO and has been so popular in the

past, that the event has sold out each year. Entry fee for the clinic is \$30. Groups of five or more may sign up for \$25 per person and all forms must be turned in together. For more information, please contact the Texas Tech Football Office at (806) 742-4260. Applications for the

Women's Football Clinic are available at www.texastech.com and www.mikeleach.net. A camp t-shirt and refreshments are included in the entry fee.

The primary purpose of the clinic, which will be divided into beginner and advanced levels, is to provide the female football fan with an in-depth insight to the game. The previous three clinics sold out quickly.

"The first four years were successes and everyone had a great time," said Dennis Simmons, Tech Assistant Athletic Director of Football Quality Control and clinic coordinator. "Most clinics cater to men, not allowing women the same opportunity. We want to provide the female football fan with the same knowledge of the game that men receive in these types of clinics."

The goal of the Texas Tech Football Clinic for Women is to educate female fans with an opportunity to gain perspective into the world of a Division I football player. Texas Tech football coaches will be on hand throughout the clinic and provide instruction.

Members of the Texas Tech football team will be on hand to



demonstrate the proper use and wear of equipment. The evening will conclude with an auction featuring Texas Tech memorabilia. Participants are encouraged to dress comfortably for warm weather. It is recommended that participants wear tennis shoes and a t-shirt.



In this photo from a previous women's clinic, Texas Tech wide receiver Carlos Francis leads the women through the smoke as they get another experience as a football player.

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BLACKS NEED TO KNOW WORDS TO NATIONAL ANTHEM! THIS N THAT read an article in the VILLAGER BLACK NEWSPAPER about the need for BLACKS to know the words to the NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM, better known as "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING". It was written by JOHN WELDON JOHNSON, according to TOMMY WYATT, publisher of the Villager. WYATT is a former resident of Lubbock, Texas. In his front page column "RAP-PIN", he made it known that when we are singing this anthem, MANY BLACKS don't know the words and are always seen scrambling for the words which, in most cases, are written in the printed program. Again as BROTHER WYATT made known, BEFORE SCHOOL BEGAN or anything was done in the classroom, the students and faculty sang the NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM. Naturally, all of the students had to know the words. As you can see, BROTHER WYATT, we keep a tab on what is being written in the VILLAGER. Keep on "RAP-PIN".

FORMER LUBBOCK PASTOR SUCCUMBS IN GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS! THIS N THAT learned that the former pastor of MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

& **MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, PASTOR ALLISON L. PATRICK**, passed away in Grand Prairie, Texas last Friday, July 15, 2005. Funeral services were held at Sunset Baptist Church on Tuesday, July 19th. Interment was held in Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington, Texas. Pastor Patrick was a dynamic preacher of the word of God. He was 88 years of age.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARRER SAYS: "In the days of segregated BLACK AMERICA, pride in your race was preached in the home, in the school, and in the church. BLACK PEOPLE, that is why we got to a higher level!"

LET'S KEEP TALKING NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT is wishing that more residents of NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT AREA will keep on talking about the exciting developments in this area. This is a very good project, and with many of us speaking loud about this program, many good things will happen. Let us make sure this really works. It can if we all stay behind it. Just think what will happen if all get behind the NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. This area of the City of Lubbock would really change. **THAT BUSH IS GETTING**

TALLER! THIS N THAT is still asking for some help at the corner of EAST 23rd & SOUTHEAST DRIVE, as there is a bush that is becoming a rather large object, and is beginning to block the view of those driving south on Southeast Drive. It would be great if the City of Lubbock would do something about it, or advise the property owner at East 23rd and Southeast Drive about this problem that could lead to an accident! **THANKS** for all you do, **CITY OF LUBBOCK**, but will you help us now? Hope so!

1600 BLOCK OF AVENUE NEEDS SOME HELP! THIS N THAT hopes that something will be done about the situation in the 1600 BLOCK OF AVENUE A, which is a growing area of TALL WEEDS. This is the area where one of our historic Black businesses, **CAVIEL'S PHARMACY**, is located. Surely we can do something about this weed problem. Again, City of Lubbock, your help is needed. Those weeds are across from a PIG PEN! As we all know, this pig pen has been in the area for years, and it is protected by the **GRANDFATHER CLAUSE**. But at least we could see that the weeds are kept cut. According to the category of usage, this will change when the ownership changes. Hope this is done in the near future.



Think About It! We need to change our agenda

by Eddie P. Richardson

We complain, we moan, we groan, we are so negative. We need to be positive sometimes. We can't be in a position of saying everything is bad all the time. Some things, some times we have to be right sometimes. We view many things from a negative perspective.

While we are being negative about everyone, we need to ask what positive contribution are we making a positive change or making things better?

As the saying goes, "If you are not a part of the solution, you are a part of the problem."

We are sending a really bad message to our young people with our negative attitudes. Not

only that, but we wonder why our young people have such bad attitudes. These young people are simply mirroring what they see us do. We do not need entertainment celebrities or athletes to be the only role models for our kids. It must be our responsibility, if we want our young people to turn into productive and positive citizens. Whether we want to accept it or not, these young people are a reflection of us.

What we need to do is put away conflict and replace it with cooperation. We should and we must do and be the very best we can be at all times with all things.

Instead of complaining and criticizing, we should be doing

all we can to make things better. This is how you make things much better. Just think, if we would all take as our personal creed: "It is so to be, it is up to me and with the help of God, and live by it."

Instead of blaming someone else for our faults and problems. Remember, we are our own enemies. Also remember, we can save us from us is us!

My closing thought is a quote from the ancient philosopher, Aristotle. Anyone can be angry. That is easy. But to be angry with the right person, the right degree, at the right time, for the right purpose, and the right way... that is not easy! - Aristotle

With limited options, many women of color enter military

by Starita Smith

Women, including many mothers, are showing up regularly among the lists of casualties in Iraq. Although their numbers are far lower than those for men, the portion of casualties who are women increases with every war in which the United States engages.

In 14 months of fighting in Iraq, 20 women have died as a result of injuries suffered there, and 162 have been wounded. Of the wounded, 99 were so badly injured they could not return to active duty, according to the Washington Post and the Department of Defense.

Like many men, women enlist in the military hoping to buy a ticket to a better life for themselves and for their children. About 45 percent of the 20,000 women serving in Iraq are mothers, according to the Woman's Research and Education Institute. About 50 percent of enlisted women are members of

racial and ethnic minority groups. The social policies of the United States have been pushing mothers of color into the military.

The welfare reform laws of 1996 deprived poor mothers of the option to stay at home. Although some states have tried to help parents with childcare expenses, the federal government does not require that parents, even parents of preschool-age children, be given any childcare assistance.

Any working parent knows that good childcare is not cheap or easily found. Yet these parents are required to work 30 hours a week outside their homes, even if they earn only the subsistence income that Temporary Assistance to Needy Families provides.

As a result, many of these women work two jobs that consequently keep them away from their children.

For many women with ambition and drive who are trapped in this situation, the military makes a sensible option. Like many men, they want the educational benefits, the job training and the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the nation. When you have to leave

your children at home and go to work, the military may seem like a good place to go.

But more alternatives need to exist.

The risks we are taking with our policies are enormous. Some mothers are returning to their children drastically altered by having served in the war. Some will not be coming home at all.

Women can and should do whatever they are capable of and willing to do, including fighting on the front lines in military jobs not yet open to women.

But we need to ensure that the options available to poor mothers, who are disproportionately people of color, are not so limited as to force their hands.

Their children need them. Starita Smith is an award-winning writer and editor based in Denton, Texas, where she is a doctorate student in sociology at the University of North Texas. She is a former reporter and editor at the Austin American-Statesman, the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch and the Gary (Ind.) Post-Tribune. She can be reached via email at pmprof@progressive.org.

Texas Tech breaks ground on new Extended Studies building

Texas Tech University has just broken ground on a new building for the Office of Outreach and Extended Studies. The new facility will be south and east of the International Cultural Center at 601 Indiana Ave.

The new 32,000 square-foot building will cost an estimated \$8.5 million and will contain offices, workrooms and meeting spaces. It was designed by Adling and Associates and will adhere to the Spanish Renaissance architecture prevalent on the Texas Tech campus. The facility will be built by Sandia Construction.

Michele Moskos, marketing

director for the Office of Outreach and Extended Studies, said the new building will help the department better fulfill its mission to provide education at a distance.

"We're excited about the new facility," she said. "It has been specially designed to meet the growing needs of our distance learning and non-credit operations."

The Texas Tech University Office of Outreach and Extended Studies offers distance education to K-12 students, college students and people seeking education for enrichment or professional development beyond college. Opportunities include dual-credit high school

courses, undergraduate and graduate degrees, workshops, non-credit courses and certificate programs available at a distance year-round.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



There has been a steady stream of representatives of various interest groups hoping to influence President Bush in the choice of the next Supreme Court Justice, ever since Justice Sandra Day O'Connor announced her retirement from the Court. Many groups would like to see someone just like Judge O'Connor be nominated for the post.

It may very well be possible to replace Judge O'Connor with someone who appears to be her clone, but it would appear by now, that whomever President Bush nominates for the post, will be President Bush's choice. We should have learned from the Judge Pickering appointment, that President Bush does not listen to his public. If he did, many things occurring now

would not be occurring.

One occurrence which may affect us all one day is the outcome of the so-called eminent domain ruling in the case of Kelo v. City of New London, Connecticut. The city of New London created a non-profit entity to revitalize the city's waterfront and using eminent domain, forced the homeowners from their land to develop marinas, upscale homes, shopping areas, hotels and a conference center. The developments would be done by private profitable companies, calling the once confiscated lands, public land for public use.

Public use would consist of school buildings, streets, highways, court houses or other government buildings, but hotels, upscale homes marinas, etc., do not constitute public use made possible by tax dollars, because you must pay for these items and pay taxes on the use of such, for each use, and it will have nothing to do with a fine for a violation such as a

ticket for speeding on a public highway.

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. /PRNewswire/ - Drive for Diversity(SM) is now formally accepting applicants for the third season of its driver and crew member development program.

Resumes and information from experienced ethnic and gender minority drivers, as well as interested ethnic and gender minority pit crew candidates can now be submitted for consideration within the 2006 season. Interested candidates are invited to provide relevant materials to Access Marketing & Communications now through Aug. 31, 2005. Selected applicants will be invited to participate in testing and evaluation events this fall, hosted by Access Marketing & Communications.

"We are trying to find talented ethnic and gender minority race fans from all walks of life. We are excited to offer this opportunity to candidates who have been interested in 'going over the wall,' but didn't see a way to realize their dream — well, here is a phenomenal chance," said Greg Calhoun, President/CEO of Access Marketing & Communications which operates the Drive for Diversity program. "We have enjoyed two seasons with tremen-

dous people — team partners, program partners, drivers, crew members and a whole new audience of race fans. We expect even greater things to come during the 2006 season," he concluded.

Drivers will have the opportunity to exhibit their skills before established NASCAR team owners in an effort to receive an opportunity to compete in the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series throughout the 2006 season.

Drivers who have demonstrated their skill and have experience in grassroots racing will be considered.

For the crew program, athletic skill and tactical ability will be considered key qualities for "over the wall" pit crew members, as candidates will be training for live pit action in NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and NASCAR Busch Series events. Crew candidates will be invited to participate in an initial informational session and interview for the opportunity to be invited to attend a crew evaluation combine. Selected crew candidates will then receive "over the wall" pit crew training and instruction from 5 Off 5 On Race Team Performance, with placement opportunities among various NASCAR Series teams.

Drive for Diversity is a long-term initiative aimed at developing a steady pipeline of well-trained and supported ethnic and gender minority drivers and crew members. This season, the Drive for Diversity team is comprised of eight drivers, all competing for established NASCAR team owners in the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series and NASCAR Grand National Division - West Series. Drive for Diversity has achieved several exciting milestones in 2005, including the program's first graduate (Morty Buckles), the first Late Model Stock Car victory (Allison Duncan at Stockton 99 Speedway) and the first pole position (Michael Gallegos at Caraway Speedway).

Interested drivers and crew members should send resumes, videotapes, on-track photos, race results, references and other supporting materials to: 1435 W. Morehead St., Suite 170; Charlotte, N.C. 28208.

Resumes and supporting materials can also be e-mailed to driver@drivefordiversity.com or crew@drivefordiversity.com. All resumes and supporting materials need to be postmarked no later than Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2005. Please note that applicant resumes and supporting materials will not be returned.

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