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The American Legion

19th District

The American Legion will hold their 19th District Fall Convention October 4-5, 2003, in Plainview at Ray Blakemore Post 260. The first meeting will begin at 1:00pm on Saturday. Registration is \$15. Guests will be the Plainview Mayor John Anderson and Past Department Commander Clayton Hueske from Waco.

Saturday will be highlighted by discussion on the American Flag, POW/MIA flag, and The American Legion Emblem. Sunday we will conduct a memorial service followed by the district business meeting.

The American Legion is made up of veterans who continue their service to America by still serving their communities. Veterans whose involvement in the community creates and supports the feeling of camaraderie which makes The American Legion the nation's largest and the most respected organization of wartime veterans.

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Lubbockites Pay Tribute to Octogenarian of Bethel AME Church Last Saturday Night

One hundred and fifty citizens from Lubbock and other parts of Texas paid tribute to sixteen Octogenarians of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church at the PYCO Banquet Hall last Saturday night, September 13, 2003

September 18 - September 24,2003

Those citizens, who are between age 80 and 90, were Lovie Jean Cunningham, Evangelist Lubirda Walker, Charlie Mac Johnson, Dorothy Nash, Randel John Byrd,

Florence Bronson Limbrick, Eva Lee Sneed-Cade, and Ora Jean Wilson-Keys.

Also, Nellrine Fletcher, Lena Bell Bennet Walls, Mary Ella Tucker, Charlie Bell Pratt, Rudolph Belvin, Elsie Young, Ruby Neal, and Rosie Lee Wilson.

Sammie Nelson served as mistress of ceremonies. After a brief welcome, the audience stood and sung "Lift Every Voice And Sing." Prayer was

offered by Thomas Reynolds. and the scripture, Psalm 90:1-12, was read by Hillary Hutchinson. Jeannie Franklin sung "It Is Well With My Soul."

After the serving of the meal, T. J. Patterson brought greetings and the purpose of the celebration. He also presented a special recognition from the City of Lubbock. Elurd Devenport, program chairperson, read a brief description of each honoree. After her presentation, Rev. Danny Poe, pastor, presented each honoree with a certificate from the church.

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"This was an idea we had at the church prior to coming to Lubbock, so we wanted to continue such an affair, and all of you in attendance have helped to become a success, that is, with the help of God," said Pastor

Ms. Devenport read a poem entitled, "Anyway," by Jim Vandenberg.



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Lena Bell Bennet Walls

First Case of Rocky **Mountain Spotted Fever** Diagnosed

This week a local physician diagnosed a case of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF). This is the first case of RMSF in Lubbock since computerized recording of communicable diseases began in the

RMSF is a tick-borne infectious disease spread to humans from infected ticks. It can be a serious, and potentially fatal disease if gone untreated.

Prompt recognition and antibiotic therapy can assure a mortality rate as low as three percent. The State of Texas has recorded some 25 cases of RMSF from 1994 to 1998. Lubbock citizens can protect

themselves from exposure to

this disease by taking a few simple precautions: * Keep high grass, weeds, and brush controlled in your yard and areas where you or your children might socialize or play. * Wear light colored clothing and spray shoes or boots with DEET before going out into potentially tick-infested areas. Tuck trousers into boots or socks to prevent ticks from crawling up to leg and attaching for a blood meal. Wear long

sleeved shirts. * Do a full body inspection, including hair, of self and children after contact with potentially tick infested areas. This is especially important to hunters and people who spend much time out of doors in wooded areas or areas with high grass. * If you are bitten by a tic, and it has attached, remove carefully

with fine tipped tweezers as close to the skin as possible. Never remove with bare hands if possible as this may crush the tick and express the gut contents, potentially causing infection where it otherwise might not have occurred. If you must use your hands, use a tissue or gloves, and thoroughly cleanse your hands and the area where bitten with soap and water after removing the tick.

* Never remove ticks from animals or pets with your bare hands. Follow the directions as described above.

* Use approved insecticide in tick infested yards to avoid contact with ticks for you and your animals.

* Inspect outdoor pets thoroughly and regularly and remove ticks promptly using tweezers as described above.

If you know of exposure to ticks and experience symptoms that include fever, nausea, vomiting, severe headache, muscle pain, or loss of appetite, see your physician promptly for early diagnosis and treatment. The characteristic rash is a later symptom and could be accompanied by abdominal pain, joint pain and diarrhea. Again, early recognition and treatment of this disease will hasten recovery.

For further information, contact Ken Condon, Epidemiologist at 775-2917; or Tigi Ward, Public Health Coordinator - Surveillance at 775-2941 for further informa-



Rosie Lee Wilson



Elsie Young

Lubirda Walker Nellrine Fletcher Ruby Neal

Not pictured

1st Ever Regional Faith Based Community Initiative Conference in Lubbock

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and WorkSource of the South Plains are hosting the first ever Regional Faith Based Community Initiatives Conference on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The Faith Based & Community Initiatives

Conference is aimed at informing all Faith Based & Community Based organizations in the South Plains region of the President's Faith Based & Community Initiative and how the initiatives has opened the doors to federal funding by "leveling the playing fields.

If you provide services in order to meet a need within

your community; this conference is for you.

For more information or to find out how to register for this cost free conference, contact Wanda Merritt at (806) 472-7286, ext, 3014 or Lisa Spears at (806) 744-1987, ext. 203.

Major Donations Spark Youth Initiative

Link Ministries, a local non-profit community resource agency in Lubbock, is teaming up with Betenbough Quality Homes and Bridge Ministries of Joplin, Missouri to provide Lubbock with a world class youth activities and recreation center.

A 22 acre plot of land with 7 buildings located at 19th Street and Avenue A has been donated to Link Ministries by Archer Daniels of Midland,

The acreage have great deal of potential as a haven fro youth and families in Lubbock and surrounding areas. Plans are being made to include a giant indoor skate park, music venue, basketball courts, arcade, cafe, pro-shop, and more.

The center will be open after school, evenings and weekends to all, regardless of race, creed, disability or economic status.

Construction and preparation of the center will begin immediately with a Grand Opening scheduled for the Spring of 2004, A \$250,000 donation has been committed to help start the project.

Contact Ron Mercer or David Hayslip for further details or support interest at (806) 767-0517, or visit their web site at www.linkministries.com.

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Classified.

Fashion

by Shirley Roberson

Mock Wrap Dress

Nina Leonard's mock wrap dress is getting a lot of attention this fall. Knit wear at its finest.

This dress ladies is drop dead gorgeous.

It is a must have classic, turtle neck mock wrap with frieze down one side from the waist band to the hem line.

Fine gauge with top notch detailing, looks great with boots.

It's long, sleek, stylish and wonderfully crarted.



A head turner for

Colors... navy, red,

You're going to see a lot of knit this fall

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



Services were well attended last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church, After the meditation and prayer, the Praise Team did a mayvelous job. The morning prayer was offered bly Rev. Charles Wilson, Rev. Mercelle

McCutcheon read the morning scripture.

The New Hope Choirsung several selections. The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Cheryl Martin. Her subject was "In The Potter's House."

After an invitation to discipleship was extended, the morning announcements were read by Sister Tamara Quigley. Sister Lottie Barrow welcomed all visi-

Let us whisper a prayer for those who are sick and shut-in at this time.

attend.

Sister Jonetta Vines is a

There are those who have

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these families as well as those

A very successful revival

Baptist Church on Wednesday

Evangelist Dr. S.J. Gilbert, Sr.

A New Members Class

Baptist Church as of the first

in September beginning at

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family. Also, the family of

Brother Willie Turner. Your

prayers are requested for

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has begun at New Hope

of Houston, Texas.

Sunday

Center, room 326.

The New Hope Baptist Church will be on program with Pastor Moton at Devine Love Baptist Church on Saturday evening, September 20, 2003, beginning at 7:30 p.m. This is the celebration of lost loved ones. Our prayer go the 12th Church Anniversary and Sanctuary Dedication.

by Clarissa Jay

New Hope Baptist Church's Annual Men and Women's Day will be held Saturday

afternoon, September 21, 2003, beginning at 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact either Brother Curtis Gipson, Sister Dorothy Kinner or Sister Lurlene Taylor.

Guest speaker for the Annual Men and Women's Day will be Pastor Edward Canady,

pastor of St. Matthew Baptist Church. The theme for the program will be "Growing In Agape Love," John 13:34-

If you are unable to attend church services on any given Sunday morning, then

tune into the New Hope Broadcast over Radio Station KJAK, 92.7 FM, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Of course, it is best to be in your church services, but if you can't get there, then tune in on this broad-

Still making progress! It is just good to see what is going on at the Brock's South Plains Funeral Home which is being developed at 306 East 19th Street. The building has been bricked,

and it looks great! May this kind of development continue in this

If you have some news about your family, church or organization, then let us know so we can publish it in this column. It's just good to let people know what you are doing. Give this writer a call: (806) 744-4127

Mrs. Park's Poem Selected

Mrs. Katie Parks, local author/poet, received a personal invitation to read her poem, "Happy Birthday, Jesus," at the Famous Poets Convention which was held in Orlando, Florida August 26 thru August 28, 2003.

Mrs. Parks regrets she was unable to attend.

REMEMBER WHEN? -

A history of African Americans in Lubbock, Texas, by Katie Parks. Pick up your copy at the Texas Tech Southwest Library on the Texas Tech Campus. Price is \$32.36.

Hodges Announces 2003 Fall Classes

The Hodges Center, 41st Street and University Avenue, announces fall registration which begun on Monday, September 15, 2003.

Hodge: Center offers leisure programs for all ages. Pre-school and Elementary student classes are: Ballet, Gymnastics, Tap, and Jazz. Martial Arts.

Adult Activities: Yoga Private Music, Martial Arts, Line, Salsa & Cha Cha, and West Coast Swing

dance classes. Also, Jazzercise. The series will be the

For more information, call Patsy Ramirez at (806)767-3706.

Gift Certificates to Library

Waldenbooks at the South Plains Mall and the Lubbock Public Library are teaming up to obtain more books for the library through gift certificates purchased by the public.

During the month of September, citizens of the community may purchase Waldenbooks gift certificates that the library will redeem for needed items. The Lubbock Public Library will use the certificates to purchase materials for the library's collections at Mahon, Godeke, Patterson, and Groves.

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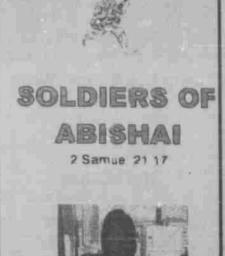
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Bethel African Methodist Episcopal "Church

2202 Southeast Drive 806-744-7552 Pastor's study 806-741-0208 dpoebethel@acl.com

Intercessory Prayer 8:30am Church School 9:30am Morning Worship 10:50am Evening Worship 6:00pm Wednesday Bible Study 12:00 Noon and 6:00pm



"God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Man Our Brother" Pastor: Danny R. Poe

from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Voting Bring About Change

Now that you have voted and helped decide the fate of 22 proposed constitutional amendments, don't you feel good! Yes, by you voting, you participated in the political process. You joined a number of true-blood Americans. You have become a part of the process that makes changes in America. Change in American is not made by tyranny, but at the ballot box.

I would like to congratulate my many Hispanic readers and

political power to effect change Texas. for good when you vote. My political grapevines reported that you did really well. May God bless you in your thoughtfulness abundantly

Speaking of change, I could rudely say that if the cartoon character "Daffy Duck" was governor of Texas, we would be netter off However, that would not be nice. It does appear however, from the reading of many letters sent to the editor of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal about the present governor of Texas that if Donald Duck was not a cartoon character, he may well be the friends who took part in the front runner, if a possible recall wholesome process. You have the of the governor was allowed in

Speaking of change again, how about 16-year-old Logan Churchwell who collected 10,000

signatures in a petition drive to save the Veterans Hospital in Big Buried deep in a report of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services Parson Smith 9/15/2003 commission was a

report that would have closed the VA Hospital at Big Springs and farm cut the services to other cities in the Permian Basin. The hospital is the major employer in Howard County and carries the largest payroll of which totals \$32.5 million dollars.

The ole parson was moved

enough to write about the devas-tating economic effect that clos-ing the hospital would not only have on Big Springs, but the entire West Texas region, I am moved further to know that a 16year-old care enough about his hometown and its citizens to not just talk about, but to put into action, a plan to save the people from financial ruin from hired government economic killers of small towns.

Did I hear someone say they were going to draft Senator Kay Baily Hutchinson for Governor of Texas in 2004, get rid of the Sugarland Express and his Texas political pit bull terriers-c ven the ones in West Texas?

The Outreach

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met on Saturday Morning, September 6, 2003, in the home of Brother and Sister Sanco Nash. We thank God for a blessed day. The morning devotions were led by Sister Christene Burleson and Sister Dorothy Nash. The group was blessed by a solo by Sister Annie Day. Her selection was "Walk With Me Lord."

This writer wished all of you could have been present to witness the morning lesson which was taught by Sister Elnora Jones, our teacher, who teaches by the power of the Holy Spirit. Here is her

"Levels Of Faith"

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen. This is not a definition of faith, but a description of what faith does. Substance means reality. Faith treats things hoped for as reality. Evidence means proof or conviction. Faith itself proves that what is unseen is real. Such as believers reward, at the return of Christ. II Chronicles 4:18. Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please God; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Faith is mandatory of those who approach him. God not only rewards those who seek him, but those who do good works in the Holy Spirit's power. Revelations 22.

God will meet you on any level of faith. You do not have to have super-natural faith to please God. He will meet you on any level. God has given each of us a measure of faith. You have not because you ask

We receive our healing by

faith. God will meet us on any level of faith.

Mark 9:17. A man bought his son to Jesus who had a mute spirit. The man told Jesus that his disciples had tried but failed; but if you can do anything have compassion on us and help us. This man had some doubt. Most of us is like this man. We believe God is able, but not willing. Mark 9:23. Jesus spoke that all things are possible to them that believe. The Lord will heal even if there is unbelief. This man was honest. The Lord can't heal if we are not

"Ways Of Healing And

Levels of Healing" Matthew 8:1 - God healed the leper instantly immediately the leprosy was cleaned. Matthew 9:22. The woman that had an issue of blood was healed that very hour. There is also manifestation of healing - a process. We must have parience to wait on the Lord. The 10 lepers were healed as they went. A process of healing takes place. Sometimes we don't always receive our healing instantaneous. James 5:14 - Is any sick among you? Call for the Elders. Healing is for everybody. Isaiah 53:5. Says by his stripes we are healed. Who are the Elders? Call for the Elders and let them pray over them anointing with oil. Who are the Elders in the church? Mature Christians in a faith, not necessary age. Again let's repeat anointing (massaging) with oil in the name of Jesus. The sick person needs to know the oil is there to make contact. This sick person is weak and cannot pray for himself. If there is unconfess sins, he will be forgiven. Unconfessed sin hinders healing.

Psalms 66:18 — If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord

will not heal me. The effectual fervent pray of a righteous man availeth much. You can pray and your prayer want be effective if there is unconfess sin in your life. If you need help, call for the body of Christ. We are to pray for one another. I Corinthians 12. When one mourns, we all when one rejoice, we all rejoice. This sick person cannot stand in faith by himself. Sometimes we need some help. Galatians 6. If a brother be overtaken in a fault, you that are spiritually or strong in faith, go to him.

Another level of faith is laying of hands. Jesus didn't always pray for people, he laid hands, and told them, your faith has healed you or made whole. Isaiah 53:5. By his stripes we are healed. Psalms 103 — He healeth all our diseases. Laying on hands is tangible. It's a matter of contact. This contact helps the person to release his faith. The laying on of hands is the fundamental doctrine of the church. Hebrews 6:1-2. The laying on hands is not just for healing. Acts 8:17-19. Peter and John were sent to Samaria, laid hands and they received the Holy Ghost. Acts 6. Paul laid hands to set them apart for the ministry. I Timothy 1:6 - Stir up the gift that's in you by the laying on hands.

We as believers are to use what we have. Use what's available. There is no healing in the oil. There is no healing in one's hands, but serves as a contact to relieve the believers' faith.

Another level of faith is touching and agreeing. Matthew 18:19. Again, this writer says to you, that if two of you agree on earth cencerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. According to this passage of scripture, two people can agree. Make sure that you agree on the same thing. This is very essential. That you know what you are agreeing on. Matthew 17:20. If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you," Therefore, speak to your problem, speak to sickness, speak to diseases. Tell sickness what you want it to do. Leave your body. Speak to

St. Matthew **Baptist Church News**

Services began at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a.m. The morning class was taught by Pastor E. Canady. The subject of the lesson was "Faith And Action." Scripture text was James 1:22-27; 2:8-9; 14-17 and 5:13-16.

During the morning worship hour, beginning at 11:00 a.m., Pastor E.Canady delivered a very inspiring sermon. His subject was "I Can't Let Go!" His scripture text was Genesis 32:24-26.

The Pastor and members of St. Matthew Baptist Church fellowshipped with the Dr. Leon Armstead, pastor of the Greater St. Mark Baptist Church, last Sunday evening. What a time all had in the Lord!

Last Sunday evening, September 14, 2003, at 6:00 p.m., a Homegoing Celebration was held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church for the late Brother Willie Turner who passed away last week. This special effort was sponsored by Brother Samuel Curtis and the Federation of Choirs. Brother Turner was vice president.

Thought For Today: "Write your plans in pencil, then give God the eraser."

that mountain in your life. Jesus has given us authority to use his name. Therefore, take control of your situation in the name of Jesus! May God

Let us remember our sick and shut-in as well as our bereaved citizens. Be sure Tto visit and bring some sun-

The next meeting of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday morning, October 4, 2003, Mark your calendar, and plan to attend. More on the location in the near future.

Keep praying for this group and others. We love you!



In Remembrance...



Ottriss "O.O." Barron

Midland, Texas - Funeral services for Ms. Ottriss "O.O." Barron were hald Saturday afternoon, September 6, 2003, at the Greater Ideal Baptist Church with

Dr. George A. Bell, pastor, officiating, Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, delivering the eulogy

Interment was in the Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home of Midland.

Active pailbearers were Geowarsey Mitchell, Pat Ramirez, Robert Williams. Orrian Nash, Raymond Bryant, and Roy Nelson.

Honorary pallbearers were the Deacons of Greater Ideal Baptist Church and members of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

She was born to Charlie and Lina (Davis) Hooper in Tenaha, Texas. She attended public school there, and did graduate from Sweats Beauty College in Tyler, Texas. She married Clarence Barren in 1941, and moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1955 where the lived until January of 2003, moving to Midland. Mr. Barren preceded her in death in 1982.

"O.O." was self-employed over twenty years as a beautician, and later sold insurance for Universal Life Insurance Company. She also worked for the Lubbock State School, retiring in 1985 and then worked for a short period in foster

She was very active in her church as she accepted Christ at a very early age. She was a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church for 48 years. She served as a member of the Missionary Society and the Senior Choir under the pas-

of Rev. J. H. Ford She moved to Midland in June, 2003. She joined the Greater Ideal Baptist Church where Dr. George A.

Bell is pastor. She leaves to celebrate her homegoing: a sister, Ovara Kilpatrick; two daughters, Cathy C. James of Midland, Texas and Eloyce Hooper Daniels of Torrance,

Hooper and Vonzie Hooper, both of Lubbock, Texas; nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.



C. H. Childress

Funeral services for C. H. Childress were held Tuesday morning, September 9, 2003, at the Greater St, Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiat-

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Childress was a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. He worked many years at Lester's Jewelry Store in Lubbock. He was married to Earnestine Bates for 45 years. She preceded h im in death in 1987.

Mr. Childress was also preceded in death by a sister and eight broth-

He is survived by a daughter, Linda Bates Leal of Denver, Colorado; a brother-in-law, QUENTIN Rates of Lubbock, Texas; a sister-in-law, Vernette Bates of Los Angeles, California; a special friend. Rose Burleson; and a host of relatives and friends.



Doisha "Big Momms" Johnson

Slaton, Texas - Funeral services for Doisha "Big Momma" Johnson were held last Saturday afternoon, September 13, 2003, at Mount Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Samuel B. King officiating.

Burial was held in East Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral

She died on Sunday, September



Minnie Jordan

Mart, Texas - Funeral services for Minnie Jordan were held on Thursday morning, September 11,300 2003, in Mart.

She passed away on Saturday. September 6, 2003.



Annie Thomas

Funeral services for Annie Thomas were held on Saturday morning, September 13, 2003, at the Hope Deliverance Temple Church with Elder Charles Tanner, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home. Ms. Thomas died Tuesday,

September 9, 2003. She lived in Lubbock for 29 years and worked for the Lubbock Independent School District. She was the first member of Hope Deliverance Temple Church.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her father, Willie Jackson; and four children: Teresa Berrillo, Tammie Sheppard, Edward Thomas, Jr. and Anthony Thomas.



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Overcoming the Effects of Slavery - continued

Displacing the family is the second most detrimental effect of slavery. Slave owners systematically removed fathers from the family for the purpos-

es of breeding and controlling rebellious slaves, the results | Do not be deceived: have lingered until this very day. African-American fathers were not expected to stay in the home after the

children are born. If they did it was to the master's advantage to keep him there. At some point in time in the process of taking the father out of the home, it came to be expected by the slave mother and her children that they would have to continue without a husband and father, but this has never been God's design for the family. "For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife..."(Genesis 2:24). "Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, ... (Genesis 4:1). This is God's design for the family-husband and wife with children all in tact.

Now the family is the basic

If the building block is not | complete then the society will not be complete. If the building block is crumbling then the society will be crumbling, then the basic building block and the society as a whole will share the same fate. What is true of

one will also be true of the other. This is reflective of the sowing and reaping principle. Whatever we sow we shall reap. They ought to write that down somewhere. Maybe Galatians 6:7

God cannot be

mocked. A man

reaps what he sows

would be a good place to put it. If we systematically destroy our families, we will consequently systematically destroy our soci-

The reason we don't see it coming is because we are focused on our small world and are not looking at the whole picture. We may see our family break up but don't think this has a bearing on the whole of society. Occasionally we hear of some great evil in news but we don't really know what's wrong with the society. Occasionally we run into others whose family has been destroyed but we still don't see the whole picture because it is still our small world. Some of us have the unenviable position of seeing hundreds even thousands of

we know that our society is heading for certain destruction. We can mask the obvious hurt and emotional slaughter that occurs when families disintegrate with some form of pleasure but the signs are obvious.

We have to bind back the families that have been destroyed as the result of slavery making it easy for us to walk from this most important obligation, but it has to be our choice. If we are not able to right this wrong, then we have to expect that our condition as a culture, a community, a city, a country will only get worse.

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COOKING

Tailgater's Side Dishes Are Sure to Score!

Everyone knows that we need to be eating more fruits and vegetables. Despite the tact that we all know what's good for us, nutritious fruits and veggies are usually not included in tailgating events. The folks at Burleson's Honey think that may be because we just haven't found the right recipe.

Why not surprise your fellow tailgaters with a tantalizing fresh fruit salad this weekend? For a tailgate party with lighter fare, try one of the new fruit salads developed by Nina Swan-Kohler; culinary professional for Burleson's Honey and cookbook author Make "Punt and Pass" Pasta Salad to serve alongside your favorite main dishes at your next tailgate party "We've combined pasta with both fresh and canned fruits, and then tossed it all with a wonderful honey-lime and poppy seed dressing, says Swan-Kohler. "The flavor combination can't be beat and the easy preparation will have you making this salad over and over again." Not only is this salad healthy and delicious, it's also totally fat free!

In her new cookbook "Tailgates to Touchdowns," Swan-Kohler recommends that tailgaters make as much ahead of game day as possible to make the day more enjoyable for the person preparing the foods.

"Punt and Pass" Pasta Salad Honey-Lime Dressing: 1/2 cup fresh lime Juice or juice of 2 limes

2/3 cup pure clover honey (Burleson's Honey recommend-

2 teaspoons poppy seeds 3 cups quartered fresh strawber-

ries*(1 1/2 pints)
2 bananas, peeled and sliced
4 kiwi fruit, peeled and cubed
1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges;
drained

6 cups cooked rotini pasta; chilled

In small bowl, whisk together lime juice, honey and poppy

seeds, refrigerate until ready to use. Right before serving (or heading out for the game); combine remaining incredients.

dressing over the fruit and pasta; stirring gently to coat Garnish; if desired.Makes 12 servings.

*If strawberries are not available, substitute 1 large can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks, drained.

**For extra fun, use footballshaped pasta, if available.

For another great salad; try Fabulous Fruit Salad. "You can also make (his salad ahead to make the day of the game a bit easier," Swan-Kohler suggests.

Both of these fruit salad recipes combine honey with a citrus juice to create fat-free dressings with great flavor.

Fabulous Fruit Salad

A herithy citrus fruit salad that can be made ahead TO serve at your weekend tailgate parties!

3 oranges; peeled and sectioned 2 grapefruit; peeled and sec-

1/3 cup pure clover honey (Burleson 's Hone)' recom-

1/2 teaspoon poppy seeds 2 kiwi fruit; peeled and chopped

2 bananas; peeled and sliced
Place orange and grapefruit
sections in medium bowl; drain
juice into 1-cup glass measure;
Stir honey and poppy seed into
juice. Right before serving
(or heading out for the game);
add kiwi fruit and bananas to
orange-grape. Fruit mixture.
Pour honey-lime-poppy seeds
dressing over fruit. Stir gently
to coat fruit. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Tip: Oranges, grapefruit, bananas'and kiwi fruit are excellent sources of vitamin C. Bananas are an excellent source of potassium.



If you would like to submit a recipe of your own, please mail it to the Southwest Digest, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408 or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at 902 East 23rd Street. If you would like, you may also send a picture of yourself or a picture of the prepared dish.





Editorials • Comments • Opinions



Rise in Black Unemployment Needs to be Reversed Soon



By Salim Muwakkil

The unemployment rate for African-Americans surged to 11.8 percent last

month. This increase is a full percentage point higher than the previous month — one of the biggest jumps in the last two decades.

That sharp rise was part of the jump in U.S. unemployment that took the overall rate to a nine-year high. The official jobless rate went up by 0.3 percentage points in June to hit 6.4 percent

The increase was much higher that the one anticipated by most mainstream analysts, who predicted a moderate rise from 6.1 percent to 6.2 percent The black unemployment rate is rising twice as fast as the rate for whites, which climbed to 5.5 percent in June from 5.4 percent in May.

What's more, the economy's tepid performance is fueling skepticism about prospects for an economic upturn. The average number of weeks a worker remained unemployed reached 19.8 in June - the highest number in 20 years, according to Labor Department statistics.

An even more chilling statistic, writes Barry Bluestone in the online

edition of The American Prospect, is that for 24 straight months, so

employment is lower than it was one year before. "The results has been the longest private sector employment slump since the Great Depression," argues Bluestone, professor of political

University.

As the quip goes, when

America catches a cold. African-

As the quip goes, when America catches a cold, African-Americans get the flu.

Nearly 90 percent of the 2.6 million jobs lost so far in the economic downtown were in manufacturing, the sector most responsible for the rise in the black middle class. In June alone, manufacturing lost 56,000 jobs. Since the beginning of the recession in March 2001, 300,000 factory jobs heta by blacks, or 15 percent, have disappeared.

took office in January 2001, an estimated 2.7 million jobs have been lost, nearly 400,000 of them since the begin-

ning of 2003.

Since the Bush administration

The administration's package of tax cuts, the latest of which was signed May 28

by President Bush, has done little to improve the economy. In fact, as Senate

Democrats said, the Bush administration's job-creation record is worse than any president since Herbert Hoover.

Tax cuts for the wealthy will do little to generate consumer demand sufficient to jump-start the languishing economy.

What is needed instead is an increase in revenue sharing to the states, a larger package of emergency unemployment benefits, a single-year tax cut aimed at working families and a renewed commitment to affirmative action.

Salim Muwak! il is senior editor of In These Times magazine (www.inthesetimes.com), a Chicago-based publication; and a contributing writer to the Chicago Tribune. He can be reached at pmproj@progressive.org.

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HANDS and not just with your LIPS!"

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In Cinque by Renetta W. Howard

Historically, when young people, especially young adults did not agree with their parents they still paid them respect and too often went on their own way to do as they pleased while their parents were 'in the dark' regarding their actions. In other words, they respectably did as they pleased, As late as the early "60s Aretha Franklin sang about respect; R~E~S P-E-C-T

Respect to today's youth is a word with no meaning. They may have heard their older siblings or their parents hum the song, but that is where the meaning ends. This lack of respect for friends, adults, relatives, parents, authority figures runs deep in our present day cul-

ture. The lack of respect seems to have become "the American way." Our youth, somewhere got the idea that everything is about them; their hopes, desires, materials and comforts. It is the duty of working adults who brought them into a world of which they had not asked to be brought, to do their bidding. And, so many of them, do not realize that their parents had not really asked them to come, but because our lives are not really in our own hands, they are here.

Being here is what our young people need to know more about. They need to know that each individual is but a minute part of this universe and in order that we live here in some semblance of order, that a society of mutual respect has to be in place, otherwise, chaos reigns,

Chaos reigns whenever young people who do not have respect for others are in the midst of any social gathering whether it is a family affair or a public affair The

same is true for those who are attending colleges. They wreak havoc wherever they are. It may be minor in many instances, but could be totally avoided if they used a modicum of respect in the first place. These are the students who do not attend class well, but join organizations to ride on the backs of others who do their work; they are the students who play sports on a team, but feel that they are the team and it cannot function without them; these are the young people who must be first in everything or refuse to cooperate in whatever the endeavor is. These same yomig people, when successfully completing a course of study, cannot maintain a job for a reasonable amount of time, unless they are the boss. It is time for adults who know better, to get 'in cinque' and take more time to teach our youth, at home, at school and at church, the real meaning of

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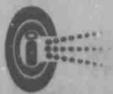
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Compiled and Edited by Dr. Michael Ward September 14 - September 20

It Happened...

Monday, September 14, the first lighthouse was lit in

the US, at Boston Harbor * Monday, September 14,

Working virtually nonstop, George Frederick Handel finished the "Messich" oratorio, after working on for just 23 days. The popular Christmasseason imisical treasure premiered in Dublin, Ireiand. Monday, September 14,

1782 The Great Seal of the United States was used for the first time

* Sunday, September 16, 1810 Mexico issues Grito de Dolores, the call for an end to Spanish. This came to be celebrated as Mexican Independence Day Wednesday, September 14,

1814

Francis Scott Key, a Washington DC attorney, was detained aboard a British vessel in Baltimore Harbor during the War of 1812. The warship was bombarding Fort McHenry. Key penned some words to describe his observations and feelings. These words became the 'Star Spangled Banner, which became the official US national anthem by an act of Congress in 1931.

 Wednesday, September 15. William Huskisson, an invited

guest at the official opening of the Liverpool & Manchester Railway in England, became the first person to be run over and killed by a railroad train. On

17th of the same year a race was held between a horse and an iron horse. "Tom Thumb," the first locomotive built in the US lost the race to a real horse when the train suffered a leaky boiler on the ninemiles course between Rile/s Tavern and Baltimore, MD

The first department store was opened in the US by Alexander Turney Stewart, in Garden City, Long Island,

Thursday, September 14,

New York Friday September 20, 1850 Slave trade in the District of Columbia was abolished by the US Congress, as part of a legislative package called the Compromise of 1850, Slave trade was prohibited, but ownership of some 3000 slaves was allowed to conturue in Washington, DC Thursday, September 15,

The first US woman was ordained a minister Antoinette Brown Blackwell, who finished the theology course at Oberlin College in Ohio in 1850 (she received a belated official degree in theology 28 years later), was ordained minister of the First Congregational Church in South Butler, New York More than 120 years later, on Thursday, September 16, 1976 the Episcopal Church first approved ordination of women as priests and bishops. Thursday, September 17,

Hampton University, founded originally as Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute then changed to Hampton Institute in 1924 and renamed Hampton University in 1984, was opened Hampton University today is made up of six schools and colleges. Early in the Reconstruction period, another historically-black institution, Atlanta University (now dark Atlanta University) had been founded on Monday, September 18, 1865. Thursday, September 15,

Wilbur Wright made his first airplane flight. Seven years later, on Suaday, September 17, 1911 the first transcontinental airplane flight was

completed, when C. P. Rogers flew from New York City to Pasadena, CA in 82 hours. Saturday, September 15, 1928 Scottish bacteriologist Alexander Fleming "discovered penicillin," when he found by accident that a mold had antibiotic effect. The drug was in raedical use by World War II, and Fleming won the Nobel Prize in 1945

 Friday, September 14, 1956
 Music chari-toppers were "Hound Dog" and "Don't Be Cruel" by Elvis Presley, "Whatever Will Be Will Be" (Que Sera Sera) by Doris Day, and "I Walk the Line" by Johnny Cash. On the same date in 1960 Chubby Checkers Twist hit

number one.

 Sunday, September 15 1963. Four black children were killed when the Ku Klux Klan bombed the black 16th Street Baptist Clarch in Birmingham, AL The young black girls were preparing their Sunday school lesson on The love that forgives. The horrendous act set off demonstrations and attracted world wide attention, which helped forward the civil rights movement. Decades later from 1977 through 2002, three of the four suspects in the bombing were tried and convicted of murder (the fourth suspect died in 1994)

Wednesday, September 17,

Publishing heiress Patricia Hearst was either rescued or captured the FBI in San Francisco, CA. She had been kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army in February 1974, and had apparently come to cooperate with her captors. Hearst participated in a bank robbery, for which she was convicted in March 1976. Her sentence was commuted to timeserved by President Jimmy Carter, and a full pardon was granted to her by President Bill Clinton on Saturday, January 20,

 Friday, September 16, 1983 Arnold Schwarzenegger, Austrian-born action actor and now candidate for governor of California, became a US citizen *Saturday September 17, 1983 Vanessa Williams, Miss New York, was crowned Miss America. She was the first black woman to win the title. Williams was forced to give up her crown during her reign when it was discovered that she had posed for nude pictures in 'Penthouse' magazine. Subsequently, she has had great success, however, as a singer and actress * Sunday, September 15, 1985 Willie Nelson's first Farm Aid concert was held at the University of Illinois in Champaign. Since then, Farm

Aid has raised nearly \$14 mil-

lion for farmers. In Sports History: . On Sunday, September 15, 1946 the Dodgers peat the Cubs 2-0 in 5 innings in the first and only major league baseball game called because of gnats. On Monday, September 15. 1947 black baseball pioneer Jackie Robinson was named "Rookie of the Year" * On Sunday, September 15, 1963 baseball's Dominican Republic-born Alou brothers (Felipe, Matty and Jesus) played together for the first time in the outfield, for the San Francisco Giante at Candlestick Park On Monday, September 18,
 1972 Art Williams appeared as the first black National League umpire, in a baseball game between Los Angeles and San

* On Thursday, September 20, 1973 women's tennis champion. Billy Jeen King defeated Bobby Riggs in the "Battle of the Sexes," a televised event for which Howard Cosell was the announcer, at the Houston Astrodome. King beat Riggs in three straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3. . On Thursday, September 14, 1994 att 28 baseball owners

 On Sunday, September 15. 1996 the great black shortstop Ozzie Smith of the St Louis Cardinals set a record of 1,554 double plays

Born...

* On Friday, September 14. 1849, Ivan Pavlov Russian physiologist and developer of Paylov's deory of conditioned behavior The 1904 Nobel Laureate in Medicine died in February 1936 On Sunday, September 14, 1879, Margaret Sanger, nurse,

feminist, birth control advo-

cate. Sanger was the 1st president of International Planned Parenthood. She died in September 1966 On Tuesday, September 15. 1925: B. B. ('Blues Boy') King, legendary African American blues musician. In the mid-1950's a fight broke out among members of the audience while King was performing in Twist, Arkansas. The fight, it is said, was over a woman named Lucille. Fire erupted, and King returned to the building to retrieve his guitar. From then on he named all

gutars 'Lucille.' On September 18, 1971, Jada Pinkett, acclaimed black actress

 On Friday, September 18, 1970, Jimi Hendrix, African American rock music legend, of an apparent drug overdose, at age 27.

On Tuesday, September 14. 1982, Grace Kelly, Hollywood movie star who became

Princess Grace of Monaco

when she married Prince

Ranier III in 1956, of injuries sustained in a car crash, at age On Wednesday, September 17, 1997, Red Skeleton, comedian and television star,

at age 84 Sign of the Zodiac VIRGO (August 23 to September 22), the sixth sign of the zodiac, symbolized by a virgin. The planet Mercury rules Virgo, which is an earth sign. Astrologers believe that Virgoans are more concerned with doing their jobs well than with personal acclaim. They also can be perfectionists and worry when projects or situations do not meet their high expectations. Professions typically associated with the sign Virgo include nursing, health and nutritien, jobs in service industries. secretarial and office administration, teaching, and editing

It's A Fact: Although a movement toward Mexican overthrow of Spanish rule had already been in progress since Napoleon's defeat of Spain, Mexico's dec-Laration of independence came shortly before dawn on Sunday, September 16, 1810. Approaching sixty years of age, Miguel Hildalgo y Costilla, a Catholic priest in the village of Dolores, ordered the arrest of native Spaniards. He urged the exploited and embittered members of Mexico's lowest classes to revolt. Violent struggle led to Mexican independence from Spain. For his shout and his leadership Kildalgo is revered as the father of Mexican independence. "El Grito de

The holiday of Cinco De Mayo, The Fifth of May, commemorates the victory of the Mexicans over the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It is celebrated in many US cities with aigmificant Mexican. American populations. Cinco De Mayo is not. as many people think, Mexico's Independence Day, which is actually September

Dolores" is celebrated each

All-New Bear in the Big Blue House Live Opens Sept 19

LUBBOCK, Texas - It's a celebration of triumphant firsts as Bear and his cuddly sidekicks return to the stage with an all-new Bear in the Big Blue House Live show. "A First Time for Everything" explores the wonders and challenges of first-time feats and emphasizes that the journey is just as rewarding as the accomplishment. Bear in the Big Blue House Live "A First Time for Everything," based on the hit Disney Channel show by Jim Henson Television, will play from Friday, Sept. 19 through Sunday, Sept. 21 at Lubbock Municipal Auditorium. Tickets for five fun-filled performances are now on sale.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

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NOT YOUR AVERAGE BEAR

Children will enjoy singing along with the hit songs from the Disney Channel television series in Bear in the Big Blue House Live 'A First Time for Everything," including 'What's That Smell,' 'Bear Cha-Cha-Cha' and 'Goodbye Song.' More than just a stage

show, Bear in the Big Blue House Live bursts through the theatrical fourth wall' with state-of-the-art audience participation as roving performers capture audience comments on live cameras, instantaneously projecting them to an on-stage video screen.

BEAR CONQUERS THE WORLD

More than 350,000 fans attended the 2003-2003 live tour, making it the biggest birthday bash of the year! Bear and all his friends have been met with overwhelming critical acclaim and have performed in sold-out theaters throughout the U.S. The "Surprise Party" tour has entertained fans from Bahrain in the Persian Gulf, Canada and the United Kingdom.

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It's a celebration of triumphant firsts as Bear and his cuddly sidekicks welcome you to Woodland Valley in an all-new production of Bear in the Big Blue House Live "A First Time for Everything"



Doc Hogg and Bear discuss how they can help Hugh Mann fix his car so that the family can get back on the road in Bear in the Big Blue House Live "A First Time for Everything."



Bear and his friends welcome the Mann family into the Big Blue House when they become stranded in Woodland Valley in the allnew Bear in the Big Blue House Live "A First Time for Everything."



Tutter makes new friends during his first day at Woodland Valley Mouse School as Bear in the Big Blue House Live "A First Time for Everything" takes you through an all new adventure.

THE "BEAR" NECESSITIES

Bear in the Big Blue House Live "A First Time for Everything" What:

Lubbook Municipal Auditorium Where: 1501 Sixth Street Lubbock, TX 79401

When: Friday Sept. 19 7 p.m. Saturday 10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m. Sept. 20 Sunday Sept. 21 1 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$12, \$15 and \$18. A facility fee of \$0.25 will be added to all ticket prices. Additional fees and discounts may apply. To charge tickets by phone, please call Select-A-Seat at 806-770-2000 or 800-735-1288. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.selectaseatlubbock.com. For information online, please visit our Web site at www.bearinthebigbluehouselive.com.

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