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# Famed actor and social activist Ossie Davis dead at age 87

NEW YORK - Ossie Davis, an actor distinguished for roles dealing with racial injustice on stage, screen and in real life - and perhaps best known as the husband and partner of actress Ruby Dee - has died at the age of 87.

Davis was found dead on February 4 in his hotel room in Miami, where he was making a film called "Retirement," according to Arminda Thomas, who works in his office in New Rochelle, N.Y.

Davis, who wrote, acted, directed and produced for the theater and Hollywood, was a central figure among black performers of the last five decades. He and Dee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1998 with the publication of a dual autobiography, "In This Life Together."

Their partnership called to mind other performing couples, such as the Lunts, or Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy. Davis and Dee first appeared together in the plays "Jeb," in 1946, and "Anna Lucasta," in 1946-47. Davis' first film, "No Way Out" in 1950, was Dee's fifth. They shared billing in 11 stage productions and five movies during long parallel careers.

Both had key roles in the television series "Roots: The Next Generation" (1978), "Martin Luther King: The Dream and the Drum" (1986) and "The Stand" (1994). Davis appeared in three Spike Lee films, including "School Daze," "Do the Right Thing" and "Jungle Fever." Dee also appeared in the latter two; among her best-known films was "A Raisin in the Sun," in 1961.

In 2004, he and Dee were among the artists selected to receive the Kennedy Center Honor.

When not on stage or on camera, Davis and Dee were deeply involved in civil rights issues and efforts to promote the cause of

blacks in the entertainment industry. They nearly ran afoul of the anti-Communist witch-hunts of the early 1950s, but were never openly accused of any wrongdoing.

Davis, the oldest of five chil-

mingled with some of the most influential figures of the time, including the preacher Father Divine, W.E.B. DuBois, A. Philip Randolph, Langston Hughes and Richard Wright.

He also had what he described



Social activists and actors Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis spent time with Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X. The couple also acted on stage and camera throughout the years and had been married since 1948.

dren of a self-taught railroad builder and herb doctor in tiny Cogdell, Ga., grew up in nearby Waycross and Valdosta. He left home in 1935, hitchhiking to Washington to enter Howard University, where he studied drama, intending to be a playwright.

His career as an actor began in 1939 with the Rose McClendon Players in Harlem, then the center of black culture in America. There, the young Davis met or

in the book as a "flirtation with the Young Communist League," which he said essentially ended with the onset of World War II. Davis spent nearly four years in service, mainly as a surgical technician in an Army hospital in Liberia, serving both wounded troops and local inhabitants.

Back in New York in 1946, Davis debuted on Broadway in "Jeb," a play about a returning soldier. His co-star was Ruby Dee, whose budding stage career

had paralleled his own. They had even appeared in different productions of the same play, "On Strivers Row," in 1940.

It marked the beginning of a collaboration on and off the stage.

In December 1948, on a day off from rehearsals from another play, "The Smile of the World," Davis and Dee took a bus to New Jersey to get married. They already were so close that "it felt almost like an appointment we finally got around to keeping," Dee writes in "In This Life Together."

As black performers, they found themselves caught up in the social unrest fomented by the then-new Cold War and the growing debate over social and racial justice in the United States.

"We young ones in the theater, trying to fathom even as we followed, were pulled this way and that by the swirling currents of these new dimensions of the Struggle," Davis wrote in the joint autobiography. "Black revolutionaries fighting, just like the Russians, to liberate the workers and save the world, against the black bourgeoisie fighting, at the behest of rich white folks, to defeat the Communist menace and save the world."

Davis says he "had no trouble identifying which side I was on." He lined up with black socialist reformer DuBois and singer Paul Robeson, remaining fiercely loyal to the singer even after Robeson was denounced by other black political, sports and show business figures for his openly communist and pro-Soviet sympathies.

While Hollywood and, to a lesser extent, the New York theater world became engulfed in McCarthyism and red-baiting controversies, Davis and Dee - despite their leftist activism in causes ranging from labor rallies to saving the accused atom spies

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg - emerged from the anti-communist fervor unscathed and, in Davis' view, justifiably so.

"We've never been, to our knowledge, guilty of anything - other than being black - that might upset anybody," he wrote.

They were friends with baseball star Jackie Robinson and his wife, Rachel - Dee played her, opposite Robinson himself, in the 1950 movie, "The Jackie Robinson Story" - and with Malcolm X.

In the book, Davis told how a prior commitment caused them to miss the Harlem rally where Malcolm was assassinated. But Davis delivered the eulogy at Malcolm's funeral, and reprised it in a voice-over for the 1992 Spike Lee film, "Malcolm X."

Along with film, stage and television, their careers extended to a radio show, "The Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee Story Hour," that ran on 65 stations for four years in the mid-1970s, featuring a mix of black themes.

Both wrote plays and screenplays, and Davis directed several films, most notably "Cotton Comes to Harlem" (1970) and "Countdown at Kusini" (1976), in which he also appeared with Dee.

Other films in which Davis appeared include "The Cardinal" (1963), "The Hill" (1965), "Grumpy Old Men" (1993), "The Client" (1994) and "I'm Not Rappaport" (1996), a reprise of his stage role 10 years earlier.

On television, he appeared in "The Emperor Jones" (1955), "Freedom Road" (1979), "Miss Evers' Boys" (1997) and "Twelve Angry Men" (1997). He was a cast member on "The Defenders" from 1963-65, and "Evening Shade" from 1990-94, among other shows.

Both Davis and Dee made numerous guest appearances on television shows.

### 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.

- 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
- Danbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing. You can mail it to:

Community Meetings  
C/O: Southwest Digest  
P.O. Box 2553  
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or bring it by our office:  
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1302 Avenue Q  
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## Cotton Kings reclaim first place

LUBBOCK, TX - The Lubbock Cotton Kings lost a two goal lead but won in overtime 3-2 against the Amarillo Gorillas on Saturday night in front of 5,252 at



Fans scream as they try to win free pizza during the third period of a Cotton Kings game in Lubbock. Dominos Pizza is given to the section in the coliseum who is the loudest during the "Minute of Madness" at the start of the third period of the game.

Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. With the win, and a San Angelo loss in New Mexico tonight, the Kings are now first place in the Southern Conference.

The first period was dominated by the Gorillas who led in shots 17-11 but were down 1-0 at the intermission. On his 75th shot of the season, Mike Turner scored his first professional goal. Justin Keller took a feed on the right side of the ice by Matt Turek and ripped a canon from the top of the

circle. Goaltender Shawn Degagne made the initial save for the Gorillas but the rebound came to the backhand of a wide-open Turner 15 feet out. The

point. Emery Olason was in the box for a holding minor when Butler scored the power play goal to bring Amarillo within one goal. The Kings had the shot advantage by a smidge, 14-13, while the power play chances were even at two apiece.

The Cotton Kings were 13-1-1 when leading after two periods coming into the contest and the record was tested in the third. The Gorillas out-shot the Cotton Kings 14-8 in the third and it paid off with a Ben Gustavson goal with just under five minutes remaining in the third. Anders Strome had just stepped onto the ice after serving a double minor and the Kings were not able to recover before the goal was scored. The game was tied 2-2 at the end of regulation and for the second time in the season series, a game entered overtime.

Strome was the hero in overtime with a blazing slap shot from the left side of the ice that flew by Amarillo's Shawn Degagne. Strome's overtime game winning goal occurred with only 4 seconds left in the game and puts him in a tie with Todd Marcellus (TUL) for the CHL lead in game winning goals with eight.

Leslie was nearly perfect on the night stopping 38 of 40 shots for his third win of the week. The Kings have now won three games for the first time since mid-December. Leslie has a 1.27 goals against average in the last three games and a .961 save percentage.

## Celebrating her first birthday!

Pretty little Erin Janae McCormick is sending a greeting from Austin, Texas as she says hello. She wants each of you to know she celebrated her first birthday on January 16, 2005.

She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John McCormick of Austin, Texas. Also, the granddaughter of Maxine McCormick and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Catherine McCormick, both of Lubbock, Texas.

Erin, "We Love You!"



## Who killed Mary Davis?

The Southwest Digest is still asking for your help in finding out who killed Mary E. Davis, who was known as the "Candy Lady."

She was killed in her residence at 2622 Globe Avenue on Wednesday evening, January 1, 2004.

A native of Bryan, Texas, she was a longtime resident of Lubbock. She was also known for her beautiful yard she kept, with beautiful flow-

ers.  
The Gandy's Dairies, Inc. put up a \$10,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in this murder.  
For more information, call Crime Line at 741-1000.



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

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Since this is Black History Month, this column ask some of our citizens of what they thought about Black History Month. If you have any comments, let us hear from you about their comments. You may do so by writing: Southwest Digest, c/o: Express Your Opinion, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas, 79408.

"Black History is everyday. The history of Blacks are too complex, and can't be told in one month. It should be celebrated January to December," said Ms. Joan Jones, Dunbar High School graduate and retired LISD teacher.

"Black History should be celebrated each day of our lives. One month cannot say enough about what we have done. What we are doing now and what we will do in the future in Lubbock, Texas. Let's just celebrate," said Marian Alien, a graduate of Estacado High School.

"To be honest, I never have given that much thought to Black History Month, because Black

people are still repeating yesterday," said Walter Crockett, a Dunbar High School graduate.

"The month of Black History is a joke at least for the benefit of Black people. Each day spent in our homes and how we live is Black History," says Tysha Williams who is a former resident and now resides Los Angeles, California. She also works for the King/Drew Medical Center.

No matter what you think of Black History Month, this writer would like to hear from you.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in in our community. There are so many. Your prayers, precious visits and telephone calls are most appreciative.

A very special program, "Build The Lord's House" will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, February 27, 2005, beginning at 4:00 p. m.

Guest speaker will be Rev. J. Jerome Johnson and the Mount Gilead Baptist Church. Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr. is pastor.

The public is invited to attend. Come and be blessed!

Every day, Monday through Friday, beginning at noon, there is preaching and teaching at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church, 2512 Fir Avenue. The pastor is Rev. J. Jerome Johnson. After the services, a meal is served in the S. R. Roberts Fellowship Hall.

"We invite the community to come and be with us," said Pastor Johnson. "There are large number of hungry people in our community, and we want to feed them physically and spiritually," says Pastor Johnson.

If you are unable to attend church services on Sunday morning, then tune into the New Hope Baptist Church Broadcast, from 11:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. over Radio Station KJAK, 92.7 FM on your dial.

## Valentine's Day celebrations

### Senior citizens to celebrate Valentines Day

Valentine's Day is for everyone no matter what your age! The City of Lubbock's Senior Centers will be hosting their annual Valentine parties and dances for Lubbock's seniors. There's an activity just right for everyone!

**Valentine's Sweet Treats Dance**  
Thursday, February 10, 2005 from 6:00-9:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$3.50 per person  
Lubbock Senior Center, 2001 19th Street  
Contact Paula Brown at 767-2710 for information

**Valentine's Dance**  
Friday, February 11, 2005 from 6:00-9:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$2 per person

**Valentine's Party and Valentine Bingo**  
Monday, February 14, 2005 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Free!  
Mae Simmons Senior Center, East 23rd and Oak Avenue  
Contact Olivia Solis at 767-2705 for information.

**Valentine's Dance**  
Friday, February 11, 2005 from 6:00-9:30 p.m. Cost: Free for Seniors age 50 and above! \$2 for persons under age 50

**Valentine Bingo**

Monday, February 14, 2005 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Free!  
Maggie Trejo Supercenter, 3200 Amherst  
Contact Olivia Solis at 767-2705 for information.

**Valentine's Day Party**  
Monday, February 14, 2005 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Free!  
Copper Rawlings Senior Center, 213 40th Street  
Contact Herminia Martinez at 767-2704 for information.

### Tennis Center to Host Valentine's Round Robin

The Burgess-Rushing Tennis Center is hosting a Valentine's Sweetheart Mixed Doubles Tournament on Sunday, February 13, 2005, with play beginning at 2:00 p.m. The tournament is open to all juniors and adults, and the cost is \$10 per couple. Register at the Tennis Center through Saturday, February 12, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. The format for the tournament will be a Round Robin. For more information call Jim Blacketer, Supervisor, at 767-3727.

The Burgess-Rushing Tennis Center is operated by the City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department and is located at 3030 65th Street. Hours of operation are Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m., Friday -

Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Sundays from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. The Tennis Center is open year-round and offers 12 lighted courts, a full-service pro-shop, memberships, lessons, clinics, USTA League play, tournaments, bleacher and ball machine rentals. For more information visit the Parks and Recreation website at: [www.playlubbock.com](http://www.playlubbock.com).

### Rawlings to Host Teen Valentine Dance

Copper-Rawlings Community Center is hosting a Valentine Teen Sweetheart Dance on Friday, February 11, 2005, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Teens ages 13-17 are encouraged to attend. Cost for the dance is \$2.50 per person, and Martin (Shi) Carrasco with Shining Star Karaoke will be spinning the tunes. Rawlings has begun hosting monthly teen dances on the 2nd Friday of each month to provide an activity for teens that is both fun and safe. Light refreshments will be provided!

Copper-Rawlings Community Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1:00-6:00 p.m., and the center is located at 213 40th Street (40th and Avenue B). For more information contact Herminia Martinez, Center Supervisor, at 767-2704.

## Can true love be found in a personal ad?

Chicago, IL (BlackNews.com) - When Chicago author, Carrie Carr, decided to spruce up her life with a little excitement, she knew exactly what was needed: romance, and lots of it. Armed with a positive attitude, she ventured into the world of personal ads. Her debut novel, "Single Black Female," mimics her own amusing experiences and fictionalizes the consequences of falling helplessly in love with a married man.

Though the main character makes a pact with herself to never date a married man, she falls in love with one, with disastrous and heartbreaking results. Not just about romance, "Single Black Female" touches on an array of issues, including bisexuality and interracial dating.

Carrie understands the frustrations of searching for that special guy and hopes women will be entertained and inspired by her novel in realizing that it's never too late for love even if you don't know where to look.

**About Carrie Carr**  
Like her protagonist, Carrie Carr entered the personal ad dating world with one guideline never

date a married man. With that golden rule in mind, she placed an ad in the Chicago Sun-Times which she still recalls this day: "I dream of you. Slim, thirty-something, black female, playful and intelligent, in search of tall, independent and affectionate single male to enjoy indoor and outdoor

activities with. Non smokers only." Carrie's search for Mr. Wonderful ended when she married him in January 2004.

"Single Black Female," is published by iUniverse and can be ordered at Amazon.com, iUniverse.com and most bookstores.

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## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

### Coral Fixation

What is it about a little something found in the deep blue sea that seems to appeal to us in the dead of winter? Coral, such as pearls, soft beach or vintage sunset, is found in a variety of styles that suit the fashion from glamour - think pleated knee-length skirts and Edwardian blouses, all the way to Mr. Va-Vu-Voom, you can build an outfit around coral.

play it in the details, or just splash it on as an accent shade in blue, white or brown. For accessories, think beads and belts, taking the coral hue back to its original, marine inspiration as a binding ray of sunshine, right when you need it. Coral, now on the fashion radar? Fixation Tip: Always wear a smile. FASHION. Just for the fun of it.



## In Remembrance

### JOHN LEWIS HARVEY, JR.

Funeral services for John Lewis Harvey, Jr. were held last Thursday morning, February 3, 2005, at Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church.

Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Harvey died in his residence in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on last Thursday, January 27, 2005.



Harvey, Jr.

He was born June 13, 1955 and was the oldest of four children born to the late John Harvey, Sr. and Cora L. Harvey-Gatewood. He united with Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church when he was very young. John graduated from Estacado High School in 1973. He was a veteran of the South Vietnam War, and was

honorably discharged.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his daughter, Brandy Harvey; his mother, Cora L. Harvey-Gatewood; a sister, LeDresta (Clendon) White; two brothers, Michael (Linda) Harvey and Reginald (Bria) Harvey; two nieces, Sharonda Bass and Janae Harvey; two nephews, Frank Isaac and Geoffrey Harvey; and two great-nephews, Johnny Johnson and Tyondrick Bass.

### ANNIE B. LOWE



Lowe

Funeral services for Annie B. Lowe were held last Thursday afternoon, February 3, 2005, at Rising Star Baptist Church.

Arrangements were under the direction of Ossie Curry

Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away in University Medical Center Friday, January 28, 2005.

She was born July 6, 1926 in Falls County, Texas to Willis Mose and Georgia Anderson. She attended public school in Chilton, Texas. She moved to Lubbock in 1943. She also worked as a homemaker until she married Leon Lowe.

In 1974, she worked at the Billy Meeks Center and retired after 13 years of service as the head cook. She was a faithful member of the Rising Star Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. William Bell, and presently under Rev. H. Culver.

She leaves to mourn her death: two step-sons; two step-daughters; a sister, Gertrude Homes of Lubbock, Texas; four brothers: Willie D. and Frank Anderson of Lubbock, Texas and Richard and Willis Anderson of Monahans, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

## Estacado alumni "Get together"

There will be a "get together" scheduled for July 1 thru 3, 2005 for the Estacado High School Alumni. Coordinators have been working hard to find ex-students and organizing a host of activities for the three day event.

In all of their efforts, the coordinators are really positive about the upcoming 2006-2007 "All Class Reunion And Forty

Years" of school history.

At this time, the coordinators are looking to have fund-raisers to help off-set the cost of the 2006-2007 All Class Reunion. In order to advise all former students of Estacado High School, an information kit has been developed. They will be located at the Alumni booths of activities at the Cinco de Mayo and Juneteenth Celebrations.

If you have any questions, you may write to: Estacado Alumni Association, P.O. Box 3013, Lubbock, Texas, 79452. Or you may call either of the Chairpersons: Linda Woods, 747-8389; Irene C. Silvas, 687-5424; David Carrizales, 632-6390; Michael Smith, 787-4832; Joyce Lacy, 763-1568; Nathan Cage, 763-8144 or Hillary Hutchinson, 747-6591.

## Contest seeks Christian poets from Lubbock

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by Christian Fine Arts Society, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all, including a \$1000 Grand Prize, totaling more than \$4,000.00.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 9588 Thornbush Lane

Fishers, IN 46038. Or enter online at [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com). The deadline for entering is February 26, 2005.

"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Lavender Aurora, the organization's Contest Director. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual

inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or poem of praise, one that inspires the reader.

Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

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Worship - 10:15am  
Evening Worship - 8:00pm

**Wednesday:**  
Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm

**God's Plan for Saving Man**  
All have sinned - Romans 3:23  
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:38  
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9  
How do we obey him?  
Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17  
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16  
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3  
Confess - Romans 10:10  
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38  
Be faithful until death - Rev. 2:10

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**Weekly order of Services:**  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening YPWW - 6:00 pm  
Tuesday Young Adult Study - 7:00 pm  
Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00 pm  
Thursday Praise Team & Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm

Bible ministry available.  
For college students, a meal will be provided.

May the God of hope fill you with a joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13



# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus A gentle giant has fallen

Written by Evangelist Billy L. Morrison, III • Your Brother in Christ Jesus' always!

MATTHEW 24:27. JESUS SAID FOR AS THE LIGHTNING COME OUT OF THE EAST, AND SHINES EVEN UNTO THE WEST; SO SHALL ALSO THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE.

WE ARE HERE TO DAY BY THE GRACE OF GOD, AND PEACE TO US ALL, ROBERT LEE AVERY, HE HAS ANSWERED THE VOICE OF GOD'S CALL.

MATTHEW 24:40. JESUS SAID, THEN SHALL TO BE IN THE FIELD; AND ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER ONE LEFT. GOD ALLOWED HIM ALL 81 YEARS, TO SHARE LOVE WITH YOU AND ME, AND HE TRIED TO DO JUST THAT, JUST AS GOD ALLOWED IT TO BE.

HE WAS ABOUT 5'8" BUT HIS BIG HEART MADE HIM TEN FEET TALL, GOD PUT INTO THAT LITTLE BODY ENOUGH LOVE FOR US ALL.

HE WAS GENTLE, PATIENCE, SWEET AND EVER SO KIND, HE WAS GOOD TO ALL PEOPLE; AND THIS RACE THING WAS NOT ON HIS MIND.

GOD PUT IN HIM, WHAT SO MANY PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TODAY, IF TO WORK FROM SUN UP, TO SUN DOWN; WITH HIM THAT WAS JUST OK. JOHN 9:4. JESUS SAID, I MUST WORK THE WORKS OF HIM THAT SENT ME, WHILE IT IS DAY: THE COMES, WHEN NO

MAN CAN WORK. HE SAID, WHAT HE MEANT, AND WITH A SOUND VOICE, MEANT WHAT HE SAID. I CAN HEAR THAT FIRM VOICE EVEN NOW, CAN BE HEARD INSIDE MY HEAD.

HE DIDN'T HAVE NO ENEMYS, AND AGAIN THAT MIGHT NOT BE TRUE, BUT EVEN IF HE HAD ONE, IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE OF YOU!!!

LUKE 6:27. JESUS SAID, I SAY UNTO YOU WHICH HEAR, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THEM WHICH HATE YOU.

IF YOU PASSED HIS WAY, YOU MET UP WITH A BIG HEARTED MAN, NOW ONE OF GOD'S; BEST IS GONE OUT OF THIS OLD LAND.

ROBERT GAVE HIS HEART MIND AND SOUL TO THE LORD, ONE DAY, HE KNEW HIS TIME WAS NEARING; JESUS CHRIST WAS ON HIS WAY.

MATTHEW 24:43,44. JESUS SAID, BUT KNOW THIS, THAT IF THE GOODMAN OF THE HOUSE HAD KNOWN IN WHAT HOUR THE THIEF WOULD COME, HE WOULD HAVE WATCHED, AND WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFERED HIS HOUSE TO BE BROKEN IN. THEREFORE BE YOU ALSO READY; FOR IN SUCH AN HOUR AS YOU THINK NOT THE SON OF MEN WILL COME.

ROBERT AND HIS WIFE VEIKORSTEN WAS MARRIED, FOR SOME 37 YEARS, HE HAD A VERY LOVING WIFE AND NURSE, DOING HIS SICKNESS OF FOUR YEARS.

PROVERB 31:10. WHO CAN FIND A VIRTUOUS WOMAN? FOR HER PRICE IS FAR ABOVE RUBIES.

HE WOULD TELL ME WHAT A GREAT FATHER HE WAS, AND WAS IN MANY WAYS, AND GOD SAW IT WAS HIS TIME, SO HE CALLED HIM HOME 2-21-05 ON THAT DAY. IT IS SAID, THE BEST WAY TO MEASURED A TREE, IS WHEN IT'S DOWN, THIS TREE CAN BE MEASURED NOW, BECAUSE IT'S NOW ON THE GROUND!!!

AND IF YOU DIDN'T GET TO ENJOY HIM; GOD GAVE YOU PLANTY OF TIME, YOU CAN'T DO IT NOW; BECAUSE GOD SAYS: HE IS ALL MIND!!! JOHN 14:1-3. JESUS SAID, LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED; YOU BELIEVE IN GOD, BELIEVE ALSO IN ME. IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY Mansions; IF IT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU, AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME AGAIN, AND RECEIVE YOU UNTO MYSELF; THAT WHERE I AM, THERE YOU MAY BE ALSO.



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Black Americans and illegal immigration (Part 1)

In 2004, Vicente Fox, the President of Mexico, visited with President Bush. The two spoke on immigration reform. However, in the same year, Mr. Fox visited one of the northern cities in the United States with an overwhelming number of illegal immigrants and showed his true colors on how he felt about Mexican citizens entering the United States illegally.

This writer was insulted for President Bush on both occasions and would have been pleased if two F-18 jet fighters would have escorted President Vicente Fox in his smoking jet to the United States-Mexico border and ask not to return to the United States until he had a political attitude adjustment toward immigration. Of course, this writer at the moment did not know the President had an unannounced plan as to why he was "kissing up to Fox."

In President Bush's State of the Union speech, the immigration issue was raised when he said the American immigration system is no longer suited to America's economic needs or values. He proposes allowing people to come to the United States to work, for a while, without granting them the right to stay.

Mr. Bush said, "We should not be content with laws that punish hardworking people who want only to provide for their families, and deny businesses willing workers, and invite chaos at our border. It is time for an immigration policy that permits temporary guest workers to fill jobs American will not take, that rejects amnesty, that tell us who is entering and leaving our country, and that closes the border to drug dealers and terrorists."

Lou Dobbs (Money and Business) says President Bush has again vowed to spend his political capital to grant legal status to the millions of illegal aliens who live and work in this country. The President rationalizes his guest-worker program by constantly referring to the nation's need to match willing workers with willing employers. The president's "proposed reform" has already met stiff resistance from the 109th Congress, which is apparently ready to finally take on the critical important issue of illegal immigration.

"The American people don't want open borders; they don't want amnesty," says Rep. Tom Tancredo, a Colorado Republican. "It's a message

that is beginning to get through to the Congress. We've just got to get it through to the president."

Black Americans and legal Hispanics should be offended by President Bush's defacto amnesty plan. His plan would substantially increase the incoming flow of low-skilled workers. His proposal would reward millions of foreign nationals who have broken the immigration laws of the United States by granting them temporary work visas and, subsequently, U.S. citizenship. To add insult to injury, naturalized, legalized migrants could petition for their extended families to immigrate to the United States, thus adding unlimited numbers of low-skilled workers to burden the economy and government budgets like food stamps, healthcare, legal services and social security.

Black Americans are well aware and are daily reminded the policy toward woolly hair Haitians has been to turn their vessels that are not sea worthy around in the Atlantic Ocean with the attitude "sink or swim." However, anything else with fair skin and straight hair will be reward for breaking immigration laws. Part 1

## City-Wide Ushers will meet Saturday

Once again, all Ushers are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the City-Wide Ushers at the Community Baptist Church, 220 MLK Blvd., Saturday evening, February 12, 2005, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Larry Brooks is host pastor.

We always enjoy our meetings. Don't forget to bring your non-perishable canned goods for the holiday season. There are still among us who need our help and assistance.

The more of us Ushers in attendance, the merry it will be.

for all of us. The more who will come, the better we are learning to work in God's House. So come, and remember God is Love!

Sister Sarah Bunton, president, and Sister Minnie Darthard, reporter.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### "Forsaking False Pride To Receive A Blessing" II Kings 5:1-5; 9:15a

In the Holy Bible, there are scriptures we all can acquire a lesson which worth passing on to others. This scripture, II Kings 5:1-5; 9:15a, is about Naaman, a Syrian, who was one of the great military leaders of Syria who played a role in beating back the army of Israel. He became afflicted with leprosy, a skin disease for which there was no known cure. During one of his battles with Israel, Naaman's army had captured an Israelite girl and brought her to the home of Naaman to be a servant to his wife. The girl, who knew of the healing powers of the prophet, Elisha, recommended that Naaman go to the prophet to be healed of his leprosy. Naaman sought permission from his king, who gave it along with a letter of introduction to the king of Israel, as the Israelites were somewhat under the control of the Syrians at this time in history.

The King of Israel rejected the request assuming that the Syrian king was asking him to personally heal Naaman. Elisha, upon hearing about the matter, requested that Naaman be sent to him for healing.

Now when Naaman arrived at Elisha's home, Elisha, instead of coming out to meet him personally, sent directions out by the servant, telling Naaman to go to the Jordan River and wash in it seven

times. At this time, Naaman's pride enter into the picture instead of using common sense. "After all," he thought, "I am a great general, a personal favorite of the king of Syria. I have brought very expensive gifts to pay for my healing: Much silver and gold, and ten outfits of clothing! The prophet should come out and minister to me in person!"

After his servants advised him to do as Elisha had directed, Naaman changed his mind and went to the Jordan. He was healed of his affliction immediately. Naaman returned to Elisha and, with great gratitude, offered him a gift in payment and appreciation. After Elisha refused the gift, Naaman asked permission to take a load of Israel's earth back to Syria. Upon this earth he would build an altar to Israel's God and worship Him above all gods.

In this lesson, there two kinds of pride. One is the Positive kind in which one holds up his head in dignity and respect for the good qualities he possesses. It is good to be "Proud" to be a Christian. This means, we hold up, without apology, the principles of Jesus Christ as taught to us in His word.

The other kind of pride is Negative. It is false pride because it assumes that one is superior to others by reason of birth, position, title, or achievement. This is strugness and arrogance and should be avoided by every Christian.

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast

believe in the positive pride. God is able.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. No matter where they are, God is able. Also, remember those who have lost loved ones.

Don't forget your drive by prayers as they are still needed as we drive by our schools, churches, businesses or other places in our city.

Thanks for reading. Saints! Looking forward to you reading our report next week. Praise God for each of you!

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

### "Women in Red Banquet" set for Friday

The Women's Missionary Society of the New Hope Baptist Church will sponsor its "Women In Red Banquet" Friday evening, February 11, 2005 at 7:00 pm at the McInturf Center at UMC.

For ticket information, call either Sister Colquitt at 747-8065 or Sister Dyer at 765-7572.

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, February 6, 2005, was another day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services begun at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School with Superintendent Sister Luell Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught by our teacher, Sister Nina Davis. The lesson was reviewed by Pastor Canady. It

### MLK Boys' Choir performs February 19th

The Martin Luther King Boys' Choir will perform Saturday evening, February 19, 2005 at 6:30 pm at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 2512 Ft. Ave.

This is a special Black History program, and is sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee.

Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, Pastor, is the director of the Boys' Choir. Mr. L.V. Andrews is adult sponsor. Ms. Joan Y. Ervin is president.

The public is invited.

was another dynamic lesson, and well received by all in attendance.

The morning worship hour begun 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 with all choir members singing out of their hearts and souls on the first Sunday morning in February.

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "A Prepare! Place For A Prepared People." His scripture text was St. John 14:1-3.

It was another dynamic sermon for all in attendance.

Let us not forget those who are on the sick list this week. Among them are Rev. Monty Smith and Sister Katy Bolden.

Last Sunday morning, St. Matthew Baptist Church had four visitors. They expressed how they enjoyed being among the Saints of St. Matthew. They enjoyed themselves very much. Praise God!

Thought For The Week? "Why pay the high price for this world's bargains. When eternal life is free?"

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# Lubbock resident, Connors signs book contract

If you ask a Lubbock woman, Michelle D. Connors, what happened significantly in her life Thursday, January 20, 2005, she would probably say, "It was the signing of a book-publishing contract with Publish America, L.L.C." Her first book, which is entitled "My Run Was In The Thicket", was inspired through different trials and tribulations she encountered during her adult life.

In the Book of Genesis, Chapter 22:1-19 NIV, which explains how God tested Abraham, influenced the

title. It was an inspiration to Ms. Connors, because even though things seemed bleak for Abraham, he still trusted God enough to know things would work out for the better some how. When she gave her life to Christ, it gave her the courage to trust Him, and look to the thickets for her way out of situations that seemed to have no end.

A native of Lubbock, Ms. Connors graduated from Estacado High School in 1987. She recently returned to Lubbock after spending two years in North Carolina. Ms.

Connors has two wonderful daughters: Ayesha Wain, age 17; and Breanna Ingram, age 12.

During the time of writing her books, her daughters were very supportive throughout the long process. Also, between working a full-time job as well as being a full-time parent, Ms. Connors has managed to write two other books, which unlike her first book, are based on fictional events and characters. The spiritual needs are still her main goal in her writings, and you can look forward to reading other books by Ms.

Connors in the near future.

She chose to make her first book an autobiography, because she wanted to reach individuals and share with them her struggles and pains. She wants to live her life as an example of how good it is to be a Christian as well as inform others how wonderful it is to live for Christ. Her struggles may not be the same as others, but it does not matter how

big or small, it is the end result that counts. Her book is not to gain sympathy or glory, but it is to glorify God and how He can turn even the worst situation into something good.

If you would like to contact Ms. Connors, to find out more about her books, you can email her at [michelle@michelleconnors.com](mailto:michelle@michelleconnors.com) or [connorsmichelle@hotmail.com](mailto:connorsmichelle@hotmail.com).

## Legendary singer Marion Anderson returns to Constitution Hall on U.S. Postage Stamp

WASHINGTON - Operatic and concert star Marian Anderson will be commemorated on a new United States postage stamp on Jan. 27, 2005. The stamp honoring Anderson is the 28th in the Postal Service's popular Black Heritage series.

A gifted vocalist, Anderson was one of the greatest classically trained singers of the 20th century and an important figure in the struggle of black Americans for racial equality. Singing a varied repertoire in her rich contralto, Anderson opened doors for other black artists.

"It is an honor to celebrate the life and legacy of Marian Anderson," said Postmaster General John E. Potter, who will dedicate the stamp. "Her powerful voice and quiet determination helped in bringing down the walls

of attention to the eloquence of the many voices urging our nation to overcome prejudice and intolerance," said DAR President General Wagener. "The Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to participate with the U.S. Postal Service in celebrating the issuance of the Marian Anderson commemorative stamp."

Washington, DC, as host to the event, holds the unique distinction of being the only city in the nation where the stamp will be available on Thursday, Jan. 27. The stamp will be available at Post Offices and Philatelic Centers nationwide on Friday, Jan. 28.

Marian Anderson was born February 27, 1897, in Philadelphia, PA. She started singing early in life and at the age of six, joined the family's church choir. Recognizing her talent and her need to study with professional teachers, members of her community took it upon themselves to raise the funds for her musical training.

Anderson once said, "The faith and confidence of others in me have been like shining, guiding stars."

Classical musicians of that era rose in professional stature at home by studying and performing in Europe. Anderson made her first journey to Europe in late Oct. 1927. In 1930, she was awarded a fellowship that allowed her to study in Berlin. Her time abroad was immensely important to her emotional and artistic growth, enabling her to deepen her understanding of the languages she sang, to make professional connections, and to escape many of the constraints of black life in America.

After American producer Sol Hurok heard Anderson sing in Paris, he began to represent her in the United States, where his business practices effectively made her the equal of white concert artists. On December 30, 1935, he presented Anderson at Town Hall in New York. The concert was a grand success and a New York Times critic hailed Anderson as "one of the great singers of our time."

Aware of Anderson's growing reputation, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt invited her to sing for guests at a White House dinner party in 1936. Eleanor Roosevelt subsequently praised Anderson's performance in a newspaper column.

Three years later, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), refused to make its Washington venue, Constitution Hall, available for Anderson's Easter concert due to a "white artists only" policy. As a result, Eleanor Roosevelt resigned from the DAR, and on Easter Sunday, 1939, Anderson gave a historic and highly symbolic per-

formance on floors before 75,000 people at the Lincoln Memorial. Her performance was broadcast via radio nationwide.

Anderson became the first black singer to appear on the stage of New York's Metropolitan Opera. In January 1955, she sang the role of the sorceress Ulrica in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera." The following year, she published a successful autobiography, *My Lord, What a Morning*. She performed at an inaugural ceremony for President Dwight D. Eisenhower's second term and for the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy.

As she neared the twilight of her career, Anderson's activities encompassed more than music. The State Department named her a goodwill ambassador to Asia. In 1958, she was appointed a delegate to the thirteenth session of the United Nations.

At the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in August, 1963, Anderson again sang at the Lincoln Memorial. The following December, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Anderson won the United Nations Peace Prize in 1977 and her 75th birthday, in 1972 was marked by a gala concert at Carnegie Hall, where she received New York City's Handel Medallion and a congressional resolution of congratulations delivered by First Lady Rosalynn Carter. Many more honors were bestowed upon Anderson including the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Springarn Medal for outstanding achievement by a black American. In 1991, she received a Grammy Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Anderson died on April 8, 1993, in Portland, OR, where she had moved to be with her nephew.

The stamp art shows an oil painting by Albert Clark of Ajax, Ontario, Canada, based on a black-and-white photograph, believed to have been made by Moise Benkow in Stockholm circa 1934. Richard Sheaff of Scottsdale, AZ, is art director and designer of the stamp.

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of inequality and injustice during a time of great challenge for our nation. It was Anderson's spectacular combination of talent and perseverance that made her such a powerful messenger for America's civil rights movement."


The first-day-of-issue ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. at DAR Memorial Continental Hall at Constitution Hall, O'Byrne Gallery, 17th & D Street, NW, Washington, DC. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

Scheduled to join Potter for the stamp dedication ceremony are Presley Merritt Wagener, President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution; mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves; Allan Keller, musicologist and author of the biography, *Marian Anderson: A Singer's Journey*; Anderson's nephew, Oregon Symphony music director James DePriest; and performers from the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. Renowned soprano Kathleen Battle and a representative from the University of Pennsylvania will be among the many honored guests.

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M. Roy Wilson, M.D., president of the Health Sciences Center, said age issues are personal to everyone.

"What we must learn about aging is while it is inevitable, as health professionals we

have a responsibility to improve, not just extend the life span," Wilson said. "With this endowment today, Mr. Garrison will help us educate future generations of health care professionals to provide the best in geriatric care and improve the quality of life for older Americans."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates in the next 10 years, 75 million baby boomers will begin to reach the age of 65. Fifty-five million people in the United States are more than 55 years of age; 34 million are more than 65 and that figure will double by 2030.

Paula Grammas, Ph.D., executive director of the Garrison Institute on Aging, said as the numbers grow with older adults, the demands on the public health system and medical and social services will grow.

"With Garrison's support and generous gift, the institute will develop and implement comprehensive geriatric programs in education and clinical services and also recruit world-class research faculty to focus on the development of novel strategies for the prevention and treatment of age-related diseases," Grammas said.

The Garrisons have a distin-

guished history of supporting initiatives involving aging and long-term care, including the 2000 establishment of the Mildred and Shirley L. Garrison Geriatric Education and Care Center, a 120-bed, five-wing teaching nursing home on the Health Sciences Center campus. The Garrison Center is a collaboration between the Health Sciences Center and Sears Methodist Retirement System Inc.


In April 2003, the Garrisons presented the first endowed professorship in the School of Nursing, the Mildred and Shirley L. Garrison Professor of Geriatric Nursing. And in

June 2004, the Health Sciences Center accepted a gift of \$1 million to endow the Mildred and Shirley L. Garrison Chair in Aging and an additional \$500,000 to support the Institute for Healthy Aging.

"It is the goal of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to make the Garrison Institute on Aging a source of cutting-edge education, research and care for the elderly across Texas and the nation," Wilson said. "Through Mr. Garrison's continued generosity, we can find better ways to keep our aging population healthy and become major participants in the quest to find

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Each exhibitor and dog team will be judged at one of the three different levels of competition; Novice, Open or utility. These dogs will be demonstrating their proficiency in such exercises as heeling, high jumps, broad jumps, retrieving and scent discrimination. The dogs are working towards various AKC obedience titles and obedience trial

championship points. There are also Non-Regular class competitions such as Veterans and PreNovice. Dogs that compete in the Veterans class must be 7 years old or older. In Brace competition one exhibitor works with 2 dogs and Team class has 4 exhibitors working with their dogs in unison.

The newly approved AKC obedience class, Rally, will be debuted at this trial. Each dog and handler team competing in Rally obedience will complete a routine filled with a variety of modified obedience exercises which includes 360 and 90 degree turns, jumps, heeling backwards, etc... Each routine is new and different each day.

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## Lincoln / Douglas Tea scheduled

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## Black History Month in Focus: Making it matter to young people

By Sherrel Wheeler Stewart  
BlackAmericaWeb.com

In 1965, at the age of 25, John Lewis, now a prominent member of the Congressional Black Caucus, was beaten in the head in his first attempt at crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge in a Selma, Alabama march for voting rights.

Two years prior, hordes of youths in Birmingham, Alabama faced fire hoses and dogs as they marched for civil rights. And throughout the country, hundreds of college students staged sit-ins at lunch counters in protest of legal segregation during a pivotal, explosive time in black history.

As the observance of America's annual Black History Month begins, it is these images — of brave, determined, politically-active young people — that help capture the hearts and minds of countless blacks seeking renewed pride in how far we've come. The concern among our community now, some say, is and whether black youth today are as eager to commemorate the past and in some settings, focus on their prospects for affecting change in the future.

Black youths and young adults were a driving force of change in America in the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Scholars and young leaders maintain that today many in Generations X and Y still have that

spirit, and a desire to change the world, although their battles and their battlegrounds are different than those faced by black youths in the past. Today's young people remember, honor and emulate their forebears' focus and commitment, they say, not only during Black History Month, but year-round.

"We must not believe the hype about black youth," Carroll Hardy, president of the Stuart Educational Leadership Group, told BlackAmericaWeb.com. "Look beyond the clothes and the hairdos, and listen to what they have to say."

Each year in January, Hardy brings together about 1,000 black college students from across the country to fellowship with people whose names figure prominently in black history, such as political strategist Donna Brazile and C. Delores Tucker of the National Political Congress of Black Women.

"It's important for them to see and hear the people who helped change history in America, so they will know [they are part of their legacy]," Hardy said. "When I look at these students, I see another John Lewis. I see another Shirley Chisholm."

Inspired by the toils of past and present black leaders, a group of students who came together in 2004 through Hardy's leadership

conference have since formed the Neo Underground Railroad, an activist organization aimed at confronting issues of concern to its young membership.

"The original Underground



Railroad involved setting up a network to free people from slavery. Post modern slavery is an entrapment of the mind," said Wesli Spencer, a student at James Madison University and a founder of the Neo Underground Railroad. "We want to free minds from the shackled places and the crafted images sold to our identities."

At 21, Spencer, who is majoring in political science and musical theater, has decided not to focus only on himself and his career.

"When you look in our neighborhoods today, you see injustices. I may not have grown up there, but I know what's there," he told

BlackArmeniaWeb.com. "I am not free unless everyone else is."

On Thursday, Feb. 23, during Black History Month, NUR plans to launch a major initiative to draw attention to a major issue facing



their generation — negative black images in the media. They're starting a letter-writing campaign aimed at media corporations, their leaders and major voices in the black community. The mission, Spencer says, is to bring awareness to the detrimental impact of media images on youths in the black community.

"I have younger sibling," he said. "I don't want them to grow up thinking they can only be a rap star or dance in a video. I want them to have real aspirations."

Brandon Neal, director of the NAACP Youth and College Division, said the growth of activism among young blacks is

evident in the growing number within that historic organization.

"Our youth constituency has grown to about 70,000 members, 185 college chapters and about 500 youth councils," Neal told BlackAmericaWeb.com.

Neal said young NAACP members are drawn by the energy behind specific issues. Young leaders within the organization encourage activism and achievement during Black History Month and throughout the year, he said.

"We had thousands of young people going door-to-door last year to register voters," Neal said, "and in Georgia, it was the youth division of NAACP that led vigils and rallies on behalf of Marcus Dixon."

At the age of 18, Dixon, a star football player and honor student in Rome, Georgia, was accused of statutory rape involving a white female student who was three months shy of her 16th birthday. Dixon maintained that the relationship was consensual. He was convicted of statutory rape and aggravated child molestation, a charge that carried a 10-year sentence and no hope of parole. The case sparked a national outcry, and Dixon spent more than a year in jail before the Georgia Supreme Court said the laws had been misapplied in his case.

"Those who think young people don't care about what's going

on should just open their eyes," Neal said.

By Arthur Davis, (D-Ala.), elected to Congress at age 35, said he often is asked when talking to school children about black history and the civil rights movement.

"They think of it as being a long time ago," Davis told BlackAmericaWeb.com. "We don't think of a 40-year-old person as being old, so certainly the civil rights struggles of the 1950s and 1960s were not so long ago."

Davis grew up in Montgomery, Alabama, the infamous city where Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white man, touching off the Montgomery Bus Boycott and propelling the Rev. Martin Luther King to the forefront as a civil rights leader.

"The ceiling of opportunity for blacks is as high today as it has ever been," said Davis, a Harvard-educated lawyer, serving in his second term in Congress. The challenges for blacks today, he stresses to young people, come in closing the gap in the community.

"There are two black Americas," he said. "One has opportunities similar to whites and other races. The other lives in a segregated and separate world."

"As a community, we have to begin to deal with that," he says, "so that all will have equal opportunity."

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# In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

It is ironic that only a few days following the Presidential Inauguration that President Bush is requesting another



\$80,000,000,000 (eighty billion dollars) from Congress to continue the war in Iraq. War, not peace is called for in the early days of this new term of office. The "fix it" speech is not yet cold. Very little is said about peace anywhere these days. It seems that there are enough natural disasters in the world for us to do more in concentrating on peace in 2005.

Late Fall of 2004, we had numerous natural disasters in the southern states of the United States in the form of tornados, hurricanes and violent electrical storms. Just recently, the Tsunamis have taken the lives of millions in the countries where it was felt the most, along the

shores of those countries bordering the quake in the sea, from parts of the Orient to Africa. At the same time, parts of the United States, California to be precise, experienced mud-slides that were just as devastating as the Tsunamis. Currently, snow in proportions never seen before is falling on areas of the United States where it has been unheard of, such as the extreme southern part of the state of Texas. This is an area accustomed to fierce hurricanes, not snow. The areas of the United States which are accustomed to snow are experiencing more than usual: where usual is 4 to 6 inches, they are seeing 8 to 12 inches. With all of these things occurring, why do we need more war and more war on the pocketbook of the average American?

Just think. How is a president who wants to fix Social Security and wage an \$80,000,000,000 war, going to fix Social Security? Who is going to be fixed? The average working citizen of this United States? It seems that we will be in a fix! The only way to fix Social Security and Medicare is for Congress to refuse to spend another

dime on war, especially in Iraq. It would be something different if the people of Iraq really welcomed the so-called help that our country is providing them, but there seems to be more there who do not want us there than there are who do. Consequently, our military personnel who are engaged in the war have no way of knowing who their enemy is and their chances of getting back to the United States alive is grossly narrowed.

Many cars are seen every day

with those magnetic bows saying "Support our Troops." Some of us do not fly flags on our cars or display the magnetic signs, yet we do support our troops in an effort to see them brought home alive, for good, instead of risking their lives on a daily basis for naught. The oil will cost us. We cannot take it. We need to keep the eighty billion so we can buy it! It is time to get 'in cinque' and let our Congressmen KNOW how we feel. They should not have to second guess us.

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# INSP pays tribute to Black History Month with four original specials

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Black History Month will be celebrated on INSP-The Inspiration Network with four original "I Gospel" music programs throughout the month of February, 2005, honoring the contributions of traditional gospel singers and showcasing the outstanding performers of today, among them Kirk Franklin.

These "I Gospel" Black History Month specials will air at 10:30 p.m. Eastern Saturday, Feb. 12, 19 and 26. "I Gospel" is an exciting, original urban gospel series on INSP, hosted by recording artist Alicia Williamson and singer Rev. Robert Lowe.

On Feb. 12, Alicia and Rev. Lowe will discuss Gospel music past, present and future and compare styles of the forerunners with

today's up and coming artists. Among the legendary performers are Troy Ramey, Tommy Ellison and the Mighty Clouds of Joy. Soul artists of today will include Donald Lawrence, Maurice Brown and Smokie Norful.

On Feb. 19 and 26, "I Gospel" celebrates Black History Month in concert with multiple-platinum artist Kirk Franklin, Dorinda Clark Cole and Byron Cage.

Kirk Franklin, winner of several Grammys, has become one of the pivotal forces of gospel music, bringing together several music styles - R&B, rock, hip-hop, pop and traditional gospel to create his own sound. The songs are from his latest work, "The Rebirth of Kirk Franklin," called "another

triumph for Franklin" by music critics. Among the songs from "Rebirth" are "My Life, My Love, My All," "Brighter Day," "Always" and "He Reigns."

Byron Cage, known as The Prince of Praise, brings his soulful tenor and skills as a music minister to his songs, sung during concert at Bishop Eddie Long's New Birth Cathedral in Atlanta, GA. Among the repertoire of this praise and worship singer are the stirring "Magnify Him," "Glory Song, Yet Praise Him, Snabach" medley, "Thou Art a Shield for Me" and "Never Too Busy." The minister of music at Ebenezer AME Church in Fort Washington, MA, Cage's talents are backed up by his nine-vocalist group Purpose.

Dorinda Clark Cole of the renowned, The Clark Sisters has a stunning solo turn with her distinctive voice, singing, among others, "If It Had Not Been for the Lord," "No Not One," "You Can't Hurry God" and "I'm Still Here."

"These Black History Month 'I Gospel' specials demonstrate INSP's continuing commitment to the best in inspirational and music programs featuring high quality artists," said Ron Snapping, Senior Vice President of Programming, The Inspiration Networks.

The Inspiration Networks includes cable television networks INSP-The Inspiration Network, digital Inspirational Life Television (i-LifTV) and Inspiration Network International, which launched Jan. 1, 2005. INSP is on more than 2,500 U.S. cable systems with 22 million households. The network targets the millions who embrace inspirational values. It features original music programs, children's shows, and teens' programs, and a variety of respected

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## Alpha Kappa Alpha to celebrate Founders' Day

The Eta Delta Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will host a banquet on Saturday, February 26, 2005. All Pan-Hellenic sororities and fraternities are invited to participate. Each sorority and fraternity will be



given an opportunity to honor those members who have made significant contributions to their respective sorority or fraternity. Each group may also choose to honor community members who have contributed to their successes.

The banquet will be held at the historic Lubbock Inn beginning at 7:00pm. Tickets for the banquet may be purchased from any Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority member or

by calling 765-9274 or 799-3014. The public is invited to attend.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University. Eta Delta Omega, the local chapter, was chartered in Lubbock in 1956. Since being chartered, Eta Delta Omega has raised and returned to the community thousands of dollars. The sorority is a service organization. Reva Alexander reigns as the president of the local chapter.

## Sharp named to LISD public information position

Recently, Lubbock Independent School District Superintendent Wayne Havens announced the addition of Nancy Sharp to the LISD staff. Sharp will assume the role of Director of Public Information following the retirement of Skip Watson. Watson, a 12-year veteran of LISD and well-known Lubbock journalist, will be retiring at the end of the present school year.

For the past two years, Sharp has worked in 90 counties of Texas as the West Texas Regional Director for United States Senator John Cornyn. She served in a similar capacity for Texas State Senator Robert Duncan for more than seven years. In addition, she has served as marketing director

for South Plains Mall and on the staff of a regional advertising agency.

"Skip Watson has been a tremendous asset to this district in getting information to our parents and community so that all of our partners have had the opportunity of really being informed through the knowledge he has been able to provide," said Wayne Havens. "Nancy brings an expertise in building community relationships to the district and a new perspective on state and federal legislative processes. We are excited about the opportunity to have her in our district," noted Superintendent Havens.

A Lubbock native, Sharp graduated from Monterey High

School and from Texas Tech University with a degree in advertising. Further she is a graduate and distinguished alumni of Leadership Lubbock, as well as a graduate of Leadership Texas. She is married to local attorney Scott Sharp and they are the parents of Travis, a junior at Texas Tech, and Sara, a junior at Lubbock High. "I have a long history with LISD as a student, a parent, and a PTA volunteer," Sharp commented. "Also, my father served on the LISD Board of Trustees in the 1970s and my mother had a continuous 30-year membership in the LISD - PTA. This is a great school district and I am thrilled to have an opportunity to serve it."

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## Christ The King students recognized for healthy habits

Texas Tech University Health Science Center's Healthy Lubbock initiative recognized students from Lubbock's Christ the King School, with certificates for their participation in health events for their student body.

Last Thursday, February 3, students from Christ the King School met in their school cafeteria to be recognized for their healthy lifestyles. Representatives from Healthy Lubbock arrived and presented certificates to the students.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, obesity rates have increased for children during the past 20 years.

Healthy Lubbock, a community-wide initiative to combat obesity in the Lubbock area, is working to educate children and parents about healthy lifestyles.