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## Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr.: The people's champion

By Theodore M. Shaw

In a way, Johnnie Cochran, Jr., who died recently at 67, was reminiscent of Muhammad Ali.

Much in the way that Ali became the people's champion in the boxing ring, Cochran held that title in the courtroom. He was colorful, dynamic, and charismatic; he was a supreme strategist; his language was memorable; he could walk with kings and common people with equal comfort; and, most of all, as one of America's best trial lawyers he was one of the most feared opponents of his time.

Important, too, was the fact that Cochran's success, like that of Ali, somehow made the African-American community feel stronger and more powerful, and its life possibilities broader

and more attainable.

While many white Americans castigated Johnnie Cochran for his successful representation of O.J. Simpson against murder charges because they objected to the introduction of race as an issue, most black Americans, regardless of the issue of Simpson's guilt or innocence, understood that race plays a part in our criminal justice system every day, with black people more often than not on the short end of the stick. Johnnie won that case against seemingly insurmountable odds and in the face of intense national hostility, by dint of his legal acumen. More than the "not guilty" verdict, African Americans cheered Johnnie Cochran's brilliant performance.

Among Cochran's formidable legal skills was his ability to strike to the core of a case and connect with a jury's emotional center. Although his best-known courtroom statement—"If the glove doesn't fit, you must acquit"—has become part of popular jargon, it crystallized the



Cochran

decision-making process for the Simpson jury. It also helped to make Cochran famous.

Cochran was not the first African-American lawyer to become a household name. That honor went to his idol, Thurgood Marshall, who founded the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and became the first African-American Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Cochran's name recognition went even further. Simply, he was the best-known attorney, black or white, in the world.

Although much of Cochran's renown rested on his representation of celebrities like Simpson, Michael Jackson, and Sean (P Diddy) Combs, he was most proud of his work for the poor as a civil rights lawyer. He was inspired to become a lawyer by Brown v. Board of Education, the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court victory led by Thurgood Marshall that ended officially sanctioned segregation in public schools.

One of Cochran's early cases was a high-profile suit in which he represented the widow of a black motorist who was killed during a police stop. He lost, but he was determined to continue civil rights work. He said his happiest moment as a lawyer was getting the murder and kidnapping charges against Black Panther leader Elmer (Geronimo) Pratt overturned in 1997 because of prosecutors' misconduct. Initially, he had lost the case in

1972, but remained dedicated to gaining Pratt's freedom. Later, he helped Abner Louima, a Haitian immigrant who was brutalized by New York City policemen, gain an \$8.7 million settlement.

Over the course of his career, despite the glitter of celebrity trials, much of Cochran's work was spent helping average people with everyday problems like accident claims, job discrimination, and police abuses. His own words make it easy to believe that he saw himself primarily as a defender of civil rights.

"I love being an African American in this country," he said. "I don't think we have been given our due, and as long as racism permeates this country, we have a long way to go. But it's exciting to think about the future, where we should be. And I want to have a hand in pushing us along that road."

The author is director-counsel and president of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

### Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU 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 pr. sentations and demonstrations
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

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## Memorial tribute planned for Colfax massacre victims



A woodcut print shows the burial effort after the massacre of hundreds of Afrikaans by the Ku Klux Klan in Colfax, Louisiana. The murders occurred on April 13, 1873.

On April 13, 1873, violence erupted in Colfax, Louisiana. The White League, a paramilitary group intent on securing white rule in Louisiana, clashed with Louisiana's almost all-black state militia. The resulting death toll was staggering. Only three mem-

bers of the White League died. But some one hundred black men were killed in the encounter. Of those, nearly half were murdered in cold blood after they had already surrendered. The incident once again showed President Ulysses S. Grant how hard it would be to guarantee

the rights and the safety of blacks in the South.

Since the end of the Civil War, the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist organizations had been growing in strength in the South. Prior to the war, white Southern Democrats had enjoyed a

great deal of governmental power. But when the war ended, Democrats were no longer powerful. Northern Republicans controlled the nation's government. They placed federal troops in Southern cities to keep that control. Southerners deeply resented this imposition.

Two laws that Southern Democrats hated were the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. The Fourteenth Amendment granted citizenship to blacks and declared that no state was to deprive them of "life, liberty, or property." The Fifteenth Amendment prevented a state from denying the vote to any person because of their race. Together, these laws guaranteed blacks equal citizenship. Southern Democrats, however, feared that blacks would not only vote Republican, but would be considered equal to their white former masters.

Conflicts between Republicans and Democrats in Louisiana were particularly frequent in 1872. That year, the state election produced two governors, both claiming to be the legitimate one. When the federal government supported the Republican governor by sending federal troops to Louisiana, the white residents of the state refused to cooperate.

Louisiana whites formed their own "shadow" government and their own army, the White League.

The White League, similar to the Ku Klux Klan, intimidated and attacked Republicans and blacks all over the state. While the worst violence occurred in Colfax, other incidents were sparked in Coushatta, when the White League murdered six Republicans, and in New Orleans, when thirty were killed and one hundred more wounded.

In response to these incidents and others throughout the South, President Grant ordered federal troops to restore order. But most of the relief was temporary. After Colfax, the federal government convicted only three whites for the murders. In the end, they were freed when the U.S. Supreme Court declared that they had been convicted unconstitutionally. The battle over Reconstruction and the rights of blacks would continue.

The Committee to commemorate the Colfax Massacre Victims is sponsoring a tribute honoring the memory of these ancestors on the 132nd anniversary of this most tragic event. The event will be held at 2:00pm, Sunday, April 17 in Colfax, Louisiana at the Grant Parish Courthouse.

For more information, contact Diana Kimble by phone at (972) 276-7957, or via email at [dianamae11@netzero.com](mailto:dianamae11@netzero.com), or Odinga Kambui at (214) 421-9828 or via email at [odinga@juno.com](mailto:odinga@juno.com).

## Clara Turner gets surprise birthday party



Ms. Clara Turner, left, is shown with her daughter, Phyllis Warren, right, during a surprise birthday party in her honor last Saturday.

Clara Turner was blessed to see her 65th birthday on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005.

The day before, her family and friends surprised her with a birthday party at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.

What made it surprising was the way her son, Darrell, coordinated the surprise. He will tell you he had a very hard time in getting his mom to the party. He had to

pretend he was taking her out to dinner at a fancy restaurant. Of course, she knew something was going on, and she became angry that she couldn't reach any of her children all day. Darrell, however, finally managed to convince her to and get dressed.

As part of the diversion, he drove her around Loop 289, and then ended up at the Parkway Neighborhood Center. Darrell

told her what was going on the parking lot of the center. At this point in the evening, she began to cry.

They were tears of joy. When she walked through the door of the center, everyone present yelled: "Surprise!" She was overwhelmed to see Pastor Fields, members of St. John Baptist Church, and out-of-town relatives.

A special program was held in honor of Mrs. Turner. It included a prayer from Pastor Fields, a welcome by Turner's daughter, Phyllis, and a history by her son, Darrell.

Kendrick Turner gave a memorial. Connie Westbrook and Jerry Turner gave special presentations.

Grandchildren Trishonna Crowther and Kendrick Turner and great-grandchildren Akia Wilson, Akashia Turner and Kyree Turner appeared on program with a special presentation.

Cynthia Turner gave a special thank you to all of those in attendance.

## Estacado's Lady Mats honored for achievements

Henderson named "Player of the Year"

Ever since LaVonda Henderson was a freshman at Estacado High School, she has had an impact on the Matador Athletics, whether it was on the basketball court, volleyball court or track field. Especially this past year as a senior, the Lady Matadors Basketball team was something very special as it earned its second District 4-4A Championship in three years, as they were undefeated in league play in school history.

Henderson, 5' 7" guard, led all area girl players in scoring 22.3 points per game during the regular season, and led the Lady Matadors to their first ever appearance in the Class 4A Region 1 Tournament. LaVonda is expected to be playing in an All Star Game at the TGCA Clinic in Austin, Texas.

LaVonda Henderson, you are an outstanding young lady, and we salute you! Wish you the very best.

Morgan named "Coach of the Year"

Under the tutelage of Diane Morgan, the Lady Matadors of the Estacado High School have become a perennial power on the South Plains of Texas when it comes to girl's basketball. After missing the play-offs last year, Coach Morgan guided the Estacado girls to its first ever Class 4-A Region 1 Championship. This was their first undefeated

District season in the school's history. By going 28 wins and 7 losses, Coach Morgan compiled a 111-64 record in six years with District titles in two of the last three years.

Congratulations, Coach Diane Morgan, for a job well done!

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Boys Mass Choir will be in rehearsal on Saturday afternoon, April 9, 2005, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 2510 Fir Avenue, beginning at 2:00 p. m. If there are young fellows who want to sing in this choir, they are invited to attend.

Parents, your help will be most appreciated. For more information, you may call Ms. Joan Y. Ervin, president of MLK Commemorative Council, at 763-0853.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be sponsoring a Bethel University Musical on Sunday afternoon, April 10, 2005; beginning at 3:30 p. m. Special guest will be the Wayland Baptist College Choir of Plainview, Texas.

The public is invited to attend this special program. Pastor Eddie L. Everline is attempting an effort to invite the academic community to participate in Bethel activities. For more information, call Pastor Everline at 744-7552.

Also, Pastor Eddie L. Everline, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, has announced an

upcoming Bethel Annual Revival set for April 26 & 27, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The name of the speaker will be forthcoming.

The public is invited to attend.

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, will celebrate its 79th Church Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, April 17, 2005; at 3:30 p. m. Special guest will be, Rev. Cleophus Marshall, III of the Fountain of Life Christian Center of San Antonio, Texas. The theme will be "Building A Personal Relationship With The Lord." St. Luke 17:15-16.

The public is invited to attend these services. Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, April 2, 2005, at the New Hope Baptist Church, the "Church Where The People Really Care," and where Rev. B. R. Moton is the pastor.

Services begun with Meditation and prayer, followed by the Praise Team who sung some very inspiring selections. Minister Martin read the morning scripture, and Minister Wilson offered the morning

prayer. The New Hope Choir was responsible for the musical selections of the morning.

Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "A Lesson We Should Learn." His scripture text was Romans 16:20 and Exodus 17:1-7.

After the invitation to discipleship, Sister Cleothia Quigley read the morning announcement. Sister Denese Jamerson welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. Among them include Sister Ruby Donaldson who is recuperating nicely from surgery. Sister Dorothy Nash is a patient in Covenant Health System, Heart Area, in Room 479. Sister Charlie Bell Pratt is still recuperating nicely at her residence.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Joan Y. Ervin of Dallas, Texas, Tyrone Ervin, is recuperating after surgery last week. Your precious prayers are most appreciated.

Funeral services for Walterine Nan Hall White were held at the Ossie Curry Funeral Chapel with burial at Resthaven Cemetery. Let us pray for this family.

## Former Dunbar High School basketball coach Mallory succumbs in San Antonio

A former Dunbar High School Basketball coach, Ernest P. Mallory, I, succumbed in San Antonio, Texas Tuesday, March 22, 2005.

Coach Mallory was born in Philadelphia, Pa. and was the



Mallory

only son of three children born to Isaac and Carrie Mallory on September 29, 1917. At the age of four, the Mallory family moved to San Diego, Ca. He attended San Diego High School where he played football, basketball, and was a high jumper on the track team.

Ernest was an offensive end when he played on the football team, and as a player on the basketball team. Where he was chosen All-City, All-Coast League and All-Southern California as a forward. Ernest played second base and the outfield on the baseball team.

Always referred to as "Coach," Mallory served two

and one-half years in the U. S. Army in the Armour Division 511. After serving his country, he received his college education and began coaching basketball at Dunbar High School in 1950. During his coaching career, his win/loss record was 305-54. His teams, Dunbar Panthers, were Texas State Champions in 1953, 1957, 1960, and 1961.

Ernest was also a Little League Coach, and a baseball umpire. In 1962, the Quarterback Club in Houston

named him "Coach of the Year" in Class AA Basketball.

Coach Mallory is survived by his wife of 56 years, Vernice; a son, Ernest, II; daughters, Carrie and Theresa; four grandchildren: Michael, LaVern, Leila, Ernest, III; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Beth; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Carrie; sister, Mattie; and son, Michael. His remains will be interred in the Fort Sam Houston Mausoleum in San Antonio.

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## FASHION FUN

By Shirley Roberts

### Shoes, stepping pretty

At any time fashion-conscious women needed only three pair of shoes, black, navy and bone, with these basic colors you could successfully coordinate any outfit in your closet. Life was plain and simple, not at all affected by the expectations and demands of society. As the old saying goes, time changes things, it certainly does. Shoes, fashion and time changed coherently.

Ladies, spring is here bringing with it blue skies, sunshine and heat waves. Everything is clear, hot, bright, light and quite colorful, and that is exactly what this season shoes reflects. Have you been shoe shopping recently? shoes will put a smile on your face and joy in your heart, its like being in a fantasy world, so much to see, choose from, try on

and shoes enhances your ability to exercise the art of matching.

Dressy or casual, sandals or pumps, the correct selection of shoes will by all means complement your total look. Don't settle for plain, regular shoe necessities.

Get busy have fun, this summer the simplest styles in shoes are heavily decorated, air brushed, hand painted, hand stitched, nail heads, clear and colored stones, brilliantly sequenced...scrap less, back less, sling backs and flip flops, square toes, rounded toes, pointed toes, opeared and closed toes and in between the toes.

Flats, semi-flats, high heels, low heels, heels that are wide, narrow, rectangular and triangular, shoes, shoes, shoes, beautiful, gorgeous, dazzling shoes.



Colors far beyond your imagination. Where ever you're going, what ever you're doing, the right shoes will let you do it in style.

Don't leave home half stepping. Step proudly, step boldly and remember to always step pretty.

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

## In Remembrance

### Henry Charles Lee "No Wheelchairs In Heaven"

Funeral services for Henry Charles Lee were held Monday afternoon, March 7, 2005, at Agape Temple Church of God in Christ with Minister Ben Alexander officiating. Bishop W. H. Watson, pastor, was the eulogist.

Burial was held in Marianna, Florida under the direction of Van Funeral Home. Local arrangements were under the direction of Griffin Mortuary, Funeral Home and Chapel of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Jack Bibbs, Eddie Tate, Johnny Bibbs, Deryne, Robinson, Dustin Clements, and Raul Molina.

Although he was confined to a wheelchair, his theme was "No Wheelchairs in Heaven." He was born to the late Tommy Lee and Lucy Gibson Lee on January 2, 1950 in Jackson County, Florida. At an early age, he became a faithful and active member of McChapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. As a child, he attended public school at McChapel and Union Grove High School Greenwood, Florida. He received a certificate in area of electrical repair. He was the father of two children, Frederick and Cheryl.

In 1969, Henry lost both of his legs in an automobile accident. He often told the story of

how this accident changed his outlook on life. For two years,



Lee

he thought much about his life. He attended a rehabilitation center in Warm Springs, Georgia where he was taught how to live and how not to turn back regardless of your circumstance in life. This center taught me how to hold on to life and never turn back on what had happened to me.

In 1980, he met and married his soul mate - his Nubian Queen - Libby M. Robinson in Panama City, Florida. Shortly after then, in 1982, they moved to Lubbock, Texas with their two children, Chisa Chantale and Charles Valentino. As a proud family, he united with The Tree of Life Sanctuary Church of God in Christ. As a devoted Christian, he visited the sick and shut-ins where he would share his faith and personal experiences. One of the favorite things he loved doing was to inspire those who had lost a limb.

In the late 1990's, he transferred his membership to Agape Temple Church of God in Christ where he served faithfully until God called him home.

His loving mom, Lucy Nickles, has always been devoted to his well-being. He was

blessed to have a wonderful stepmother, Lovonia Lee Dupont, and a wonderful mother-in-law, Vernell Tubbs Hickson. Although, he had no sisters and brothers, he was blessed to have four sisters-in-law: Glenda Williams, Gilda Willis, Lisa Lash and Tyra Ward; and a brother-in-law, Drexel Robinson, as they received him as their brother. His mother had three sisters: Bessie Milton, Rosa Hye and Mary Gibson. His father had four sisters: Dela Ponds, Lucille Golden, Beatrice Dixon and Allie Mae Boykin. He has five uncles, on his mother's side, Otis, Willie, Kenneth, Mervin, and Robert Gibson. He had an uncle on his father's side, Fred Lee. He also has several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

### Keyibra Kyndrence Thomas

Funeral services for Keyibra Kyndrence Thomas were held

last Saturday afternoon, April 2, 2005, at the First Progressive Baptist Church.

Burial for the eleven-year-old was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

She was a student at Preston Smith Elementary School.

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# Church News



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

### Economic slavery: Illegal immigrants

The vervets are primates from the family of Old World monkeys. These monkeys are only found in sub-Saharan Africa with their range extending from Senegal to Ethiopia down to South Africa. A small population of vervets that traveled with "enslaved" Africans as pets, lives on the Caribbean island of Saint Kitts (formerly St. Christopher) some 300 miles southeast of Miami.

The top side of the fur of the vervet monkeys appears gray-green, while the lower portion and the hair ring around the face is whitish yellow. The face is hairless and black.

The vervets are not forest dwellers; rather, they prefer open areas such as savannah. However, they must drink daily and are dependent on water, so they are never far from rivers or lakes. These monkeys do not have a fifth hand or prehensile tail (A prehensile tail is the tail of an animal that has been adapted for use as a "fifth hand"). The vervets are diurnal, and are particularly active in the early morning and in the later afternoon or early evening.

These primates live in large groups. They have a group hierarchy and the females take on role of mothers in their group. They are also territorial and omnivores.

What struck this writer was the similar characteristic behav-

ior of these primates and some supposedly intelligent homo sapiens. Theoretically the vervets did have a choice to stay in their native African territory like their Ape cousins. However, these fairly intelligent primates allowed themselves to become a pet of Africans who were officially enslaved. Because they did not have an ape nature, they were brought thousands of miles into another environ in the Caribbean Islands and took on the nature of a New World monkey.

Ironically, the enslaved African Homo sapiens who brought these primates to the island of Saint Kitts and Nevis gain their freedom. On September 18, 1983, at the time of its independence from Britain, St. Kitts and Nevis hoisted the current flag. It has green (for fertility), red (for the struggle against slavery and colonialism), and black (for African heritage). The yellow flanking stripes are for sunshine, and the two stars, one for each island, are for hope.

When I look at the picture of the enslaved African who rose from slavery and become rulers of Saint Kitts and Nevis and the vervets of Africa who allowed themselves to become pets for the enslaved for grasses and fruits, I am reminded of the flow of illegal immigrants to this country for economic gain for the rich and big business. I see poor human beings who are treated as

political and economic vervets by the ruling class of the Latino countries and especially Mexico. The very body and souls of these humans are sacrifice by Mexican President Vicente Fox and others to perform cheap labor for wealthy corporations and a compassionate conservative president who openly alludes to the cleaning up of mamure by their kind because American workers are not available.

Some writers have said the behavior of the ruling class of Mexico and other Latin and Asian countries, the attitude of the George Bush administration and the attitude of United States businesses toward its workers is on a collision course to disaster that will eventually make the United States like to a third world country.

It also has been pointed out that the effects of illegal immigration has already begun to cause a financial hardship on American Hispanics, Black Americans and poor and middle class White Americans, respectively. One could say rich Americans, regardless of race, creed or color are "laughing all the way to the bank."

Will Americans give in to such behavior or will conservative America, Black Evangelicals and cultural Hispanic Americans awake from their vervet slumber? Awaken to the fact you are being used by the establishment!



## We Thank God for Jesus "Don't Follow That Swallow"

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

Matthew 23:37 - Jesus said, O' Jerusalem (Church), O' Jerusalem (Church), you that kill the prophet, and stone them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gathered my children together as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not!

No mystery about old king alcohol, it has been around for centuries. There is nothing new under the sun, that's for you and me.

America has glamorized alcohol to the highest as "men of distinction" in advertising it is placed on TV in front of our children during all the sports events, in movies for our children to see. Alcohol is always alcohol, whether it is consumed in wine, beer, whiskey, vodka, or what; it has the same chemical effect upon the human system.

\*\*\* Will The Leaders Rob God? \*\*\*

It can take a Preacher's sermon, he will forget what he was to say, and it can take a seasoned Deacon, and make him forget what to pray!

Matthews 23:37 - Jesus said, woe cursed unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites! For you are like unto white sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and all uncleanness.

(Alcohol is a poison. It is all about money, money, money!!! It is not milk or meat. It is a chemical that is marked for thirst. It enters the stomach walls, and into the liver, spinal cord, the reproductive organs, and all the most sensitive nerve center of the human body and it will kill them!!!)

\*\*\* The Brains Are Not In Control \*\*\*

The children watch the adults say they are having fun, but it is blind leading the blind, and the day will soon come!!!

Luke 6:39 - Jesus said, can the blind lead the blind? Shall they both fall into the ditch?

(I have a single shot wire on some fence post around the field to keep my horses inside. It only takes one time for them to touch

it, and they will not do it again! Because it's a hot shock. It burns them and they are smart. But we call them dumb animals. I remember the first time I took a drink and it burned my mouth, and sent shock waves through my body. Chills came over me and I screamed. That was my shock, and I was too dumb to learn that alcohol was not for me. But man is dumb to alcohol, and he will return again, again, again!!!)

Proverbs 6:6 - Go to the ant, you sinner (Lazy Minded). Consider her ways, and be wise.

(The liquor bottles have cost America more damage money that every poor person could have a new home with the money that it cost behind that drug).

Young Children started out drinking at a young age of 10, but Mother and Father are the main suppliers. This is ever so cold!

Proverbs 20:1 - Wine is a mocker, strong drinks are raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning, April 2, 2005, at 9:00 a. m. in the home of Sister Roberta Hightower. Devotion was led by Sister Christene Burleson and Sister Elnora Jones. Sister Annie Day, who sang "If It Wasn't For The Lord, Tell Me What Would I Do," and Sister Burleson who sang "Because He Lives, I Can Face Tomorrow", sang two solos.

Sister Elnora Jones taught the morning lesson. Her subject was "The Awesomeness of God." Her scripture text was James 1:2-4; Isaiah 40:31; Psalms 25; II Timothy 3:1-7 and I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

Is there anything too hard for God? What is your struggle? Now, these are personal questions. What are your answers? Isaiah 40:31 - "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles."

James 1:2-4 - "My Brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. He did not say it was joy, he said, count it all joy!

II Timothy 3:1-7 - "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self control, brutal, despisers of good traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying its power, and from such people turn away, for of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins led away by various lusts always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 - "But I do not want you to be ignorant, Brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope."

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with him those who sleep in Jesus, for this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep, for the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord, therefore comfort one another with these words!

Thanks, Sister Teacher, for this lesson The hearing helped us. Sister Roberta Hightower prepared the delicious breakfast. She is one of the best cooks in these parts.

Let's keep those drive-by prayers going. Super People. Pray for those who are sick in our community. Pray also for those bereaved families as well, even those who are in trouble. Christ Is The Answer!

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

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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

Co-Publisher given surprise birthday party  
Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher of the Southwest Digest, was given a surprise birthday party last Saturday afternoon, April 2, 2005, in the home of Ms. Faye Brown. Her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Birdell Dunn, sponsored the affair.

Present were friends of Richardson who spoke briefly about him. Several birthday cards and a special strawberry cake were made for him.

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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

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services began last Sunday morning, April 3, 2005, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday school. Sister Luella Harris, Superintendent, was in charge. It was good to see Sister Harris back in service.

Sister Harris taught the morning lesson, and it was reviewed by Rev. Edward Canady, pastor. It was another inspiring lesson for all in attendance.

The morning worship hour began with the devotion at 11:15 a. m., and was led by Deacon Edward Williams. The Senior Choir was responsible for the morning selections. Again, the choir members sang out of their souls. The spirit was very high! What a time we all had singing God's praises!

Pastor Canady delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Have You Seen The Hand Writing On The Wall?" His scripture text was Daniel 5:5-7. Praise God for the word!

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Missionary Society will be sponsoring a "Bake Sale" on Saturday morning, April 9,

2005, in front of Kings Food & Gas, East 19th Street and MLK Blvd. They will have some delicious homemade cakes, pies and other goodies. It will begin at 9:00 a. m. Come one, come

all! Don't miss your treat!

Thought of the Week: "Look at the wonder of Creation, and say, what a wonderful God!"

Intercessory Prayer 8:30am

Church School 9:30am

Morning Worship 11:00am

Wednesday Bible Study

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# HEALTH ADVISORY: Free HIV clinic for teens continues during April 2005

The Health Department will continue special clinics for HIV testing and will test at-risk teens on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM during April 2005. Testing fees at the Lubbock Health Department will be waived for students or families during this investigation. The City of Lubbock Health Department continues to investigate reports of an HIV-infected student who may have had unprotected sex with other students in the City of Lubbock and Lubbock County junior high/high school teenage population. This advisory is to increase your awareness of the potential spread of HIV in adolescents and to recommend the appropriate screening and testing for sexually active youth.

mands testing for HIV and STDs among sexually active individuals regardless of age. The intrusion of HIV in the adolescent population must be identified early to prevent further spread of the disease and to offer intervention and treatment.

For a full STD exam there is a fee of \$10. The regular STD Clinic hours are Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; a late clinic on the first Thursday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and, all other Thursdays from 8:30 am- to 3:00 p.m. Please note, in Texas, persons under 18 years of age may give permission to receive treatment/testing and/or counseling for HIV/STDs without obtaining permission from parents or guardians.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus

(HIV) is sexually transmitted through oral, anal or vaginal contact. Junior high/high school students may be exposed if they are engaging in any sexual activity (vaginal, anal or oral). We do not know how many students may have been exposed at this time. The problem may be more widespread than we know for a variety of reasons: infected persons who have no symptoms may be unaware of their infection and may potentially expose their partners; symptoms may take up to 15 years to become full-blown; sexually-active teens typically do not get tested routinely for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs); sharing drug paraphernalia may contribute to the spread of HIV; and it may take newly infected persons 3 to 6 months to develop detectable anti-

bodies. HIV attacks the body's immune system rendering it ineffective at fighting illness and infection. During the early stages of the infection, a person may experience flu-like symptoms, which eventually go away on their own. The infected person looks and feels fine and once infected symptoms may not show for many years. Untreated HIV infection eventually destroys the immune system, and the person becomes an AIDS case. Some warning signs of LATE infection of HIV (i.e. AIDS) include: Rapid weight loss, dry cough, recurring fever or profuse night sweats, swollen lymph glands in the armpits, groin, or neck or diarrhea that lasts for more than a week.

## Texas group The Eli Young Band releases their debut album *Level*



Nashville, TN - Carnival Recording Company is proud to present *Level*, the debut album from the Eli Young Band released on April 5. The band comprised of Mike Eli on vocals, James Young on lead guitar, Jon Jones on bass and Chris Thompson on drums hails from Denton, TX and is quickly becoming a crowd favorite opening for the likes of Jack Ingram, Pat Green, Reckless Kelly and Cross Canadian Ragweed.

The unique slant of their music can be attributed to both their Texas roots and varying musical influences. *Level* is already drawing comparisons to the Jayhawks and the Counting Crows from critics on tracks like "When It Rains."

The band is currently touring across the Southeast, winning over fans one audience at a time. Last week after their first performance in Nashville, CMT chose them as "the new band" to follow into South By Southwest (SXSW). The band performed at the SXSW Music Festival on March 18th as the headliner at Mother Egan's.

Their lead single "Small Town Kid" is currently impacting radio on the Texas Chart. Their album will ship to AAA, Americana, and Coliege radio later this month.

With roots firmly planted in the fertile musical soil of Texas, the Eli Young Band are a little bit country and a helluva lot of guitar-driven rock & roll. *Level*, finds them poised to bust out of the Lone Star State and bring their brand of music to a wider audience.

The band was formed almost five years ago by Mike Eli who grew up just outside of Houston and James Young who hails from Irving, TX. After playing together as a duo they were later joined by drummer Chris Thompson and bassist Jon Jones, who all met while students at the University of North Texas at Denton, about 50 miles north of Dallas/Fort Worth. After graduating the group decided to stay in Denton and to this day make their home in the town.

Late in 2003 producer Frank Liddell attended a show where EYB was playing. He was

impressed with their live show and wound up signing them soon after. This April, Eli Young Band will release *Level*.

The band members, all in their early 20s, have proven to be adept at blending their musical influences into a cohesive sound on this effort. You can hear the heartland rock of John Mellencamp... and the grinding blues of the Black Crowes.

"Our sound is a blend of all of our influences. For example, I was raised on blues and rock, guitarists like Stevie Ray Vaughan, Joe Perry, Jimmy Page [Lenny Kravitz]... all the greats."

"Musically speaking we all come from different places says Eli. "We really wanted to stretch and push ourselves," says Eli about the band's approach to recording the album, co-produced by Texas native Erik Herbst in his Denton studio as well as JJ Lester.

Indeed, *Level* is a search for higher ground after years of playing before larger and larger audiences, both on their own and opening for bigger acts. In five short years the Eli Young Band has gone from small club dates to playing in front of 6,000 people at a time opening for the likes of Jack Ingram, Pat Green and Cross Canadian Ragweed.

"Whether I'm having a bad day or going through a difficult time, writing has become a way for

In the end, the Eli Young Band is about going out on the road and playing their music for their fans.

"There are a lot of ups and downs being on the road in a working

## Local church celebrates 84 blessed years

A celebration for the 84th Anniversary of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church will be held Sunday afternoon, April 17, 2005, beginning at 5:30 p. m. The church is located at 306 E. 26th Street in Lubbock.

Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, invites the public to attend. "We are going to have a great time celebrating the Church's 84th Anniversary, and we want you to come and help us celebrate," said Rev. Ford.

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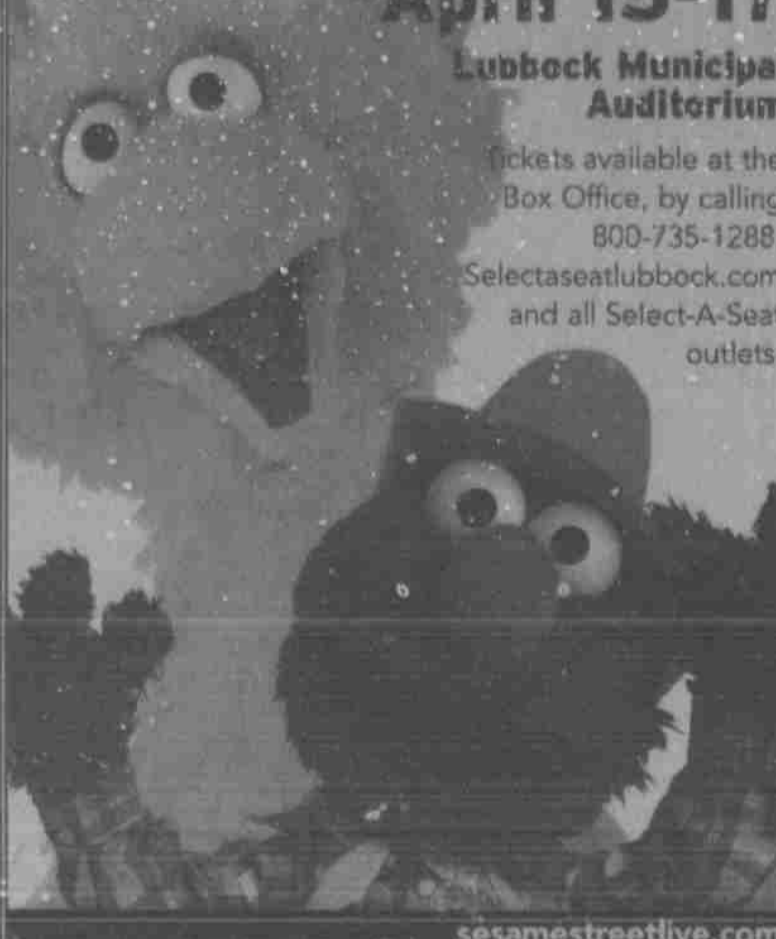
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Pastor S.E. Fields and First Lady Louise Fields will be honored and recognized for their Christian dedication and service to St. John over the past eleven years.

You are invited to join the members and guests of St. John at this blessed event! We hope to see you as we praise God for this anointed couple.

*Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.*  
-1 Corinthians 9:14-

**Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
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**Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Forums**

For The  
**Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization's**  
**FY 2006 - 2008 Transportation Improvement Program**  
And  
**Amendment to the FY 2004 - 2006 Transportation Improvement Program**

**Comment Period Ends April 12, 2005**

Residents of the Cities of Lubbock and Wolfforth and Lubbock County citizens living within the Metropolitan Area Boundary of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are encouraged to review and comment on the FY 2006 - 2008 Transportation Improvement Program and an amendment to the FY 2004 - 2006 Transportation Improvement Program. The Transportation Improvement Program is a short-term (3 years) listing of projects designed to meet the future transportation needs of the Lubbock Metropolitan Area and includes public transit system projects.

Drafts of the FY 2006 - 2008 Transportation Improvement Program and amendment to FY 2004 - 2006 Transportation Improvement Program can be found at the locations listed below or on the MPO's website <http://mpo.ci.lubbock.tx.us>

Citizens are encouraged to attend the public meetings and offer comments on the Transportation Improvement Program. Comments may also be made in writing to the MPO at the address below or via email to [swoods@ci.lubbock.tx.us](mailto:swoods@ci.lubbock.tx.us)

**PUBLIC MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS:**

<b>April 5, 2005</b> 5:00pm to 6:00pm Goedcke Library 6601 Quaker Avenue Lubbock, Texas	<b>April 7, 2005</b> 6:00pm to 7:00pm Patterson Library 1836 Parkway Drive Lubbock, Texas	<b>April 12, 2005</b> 8:30am Transportation Policy Committee Meeting 1625 13th Street, Room 103
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**Locations of Draft FY 2004 - 2006 Transportation Program and FY 2004 - 2006 amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program:**

Lubbock MPO Office 916 Main, Suite 706 Lubbock, Texas 79401	Lubbock City Hall Public Information Office 1025 13th Street Lubbock, Texas 79407	Lubbock County Bldg Main St. 2nd Texas Avenue Main Lobby Lubbock, Texas 79408	Wolfforth City Hall 328 East Hwy 62/82 Wolfforth, Texas 79382
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## Texas Tech Center for Addiction and Recovery recognized

Texas Tech University's Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery will receive a Mission Accomplished award April 1.

The award, given at the 22nd annual Waggoners Foundation Speaker Series Spring Luncheon featured Lou Gossett, Jr., and recognized the center for "its outstanding efforts in providing students in recovery an opportunity to learn and grow in an environment free of the stigma often attached to addiction/recovery."

The luncheon is held to benefit The Council on Alcohol and

Drugs and took place at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston. Awards are presented to individuals or institutions that help keep the community healthy, productive and safe by providing services and information to all who may be adversely affected by alcohol and drugs.

"Texas Tech University stands out over any other university in terms of its commitment to students in recovery," said council President and Chief Executive Officer William M. "Mel" Taylor. "The center provides a positive environment for students in

recovery during one of the most critical periods in a young adult's life, and we want to recognize its efforts and the impact it makes on our future leaders."

The series was created by June and Virgil Waggoner in memory of their son, Jay, who died of alcoholism at 36 after battling the disease for several years.

"We are grateful for the council's very gracious recognition," said Kitty Harris, an associate professor in the Department of Applied and Professional Studies and director of the center. "We serve a lot of students from the

Houston area, and anytime a program receives this type of recognition there is a real sense that you have accomplished something in someone's eyes."

Goals of the center include providing education on addiction, quality long-term recovery for students and helping develop resiliency in students who often lack the personal, social, academic and professional skills needed to be successful.

## Banquet to feature former U.S. Education Secretary

Seats are available for the Lauro Cavazos and Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program's Third Annual Scholarship Banquet to be held from 6-8 p.m. April 25 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall.

The event will feature Cavazos, the former U.S. Secretary of Education and Texas Tech University president. Proceeds will fund scholarships for the program.

The mentoring program was introduced in fall 2002 to enhance the retention of students from underrepresented groups within the university. Students, or proteges, are paired with faculty and staff mentors according to their academic, professional and cultural interests.

Tickets for the banquet cost \$30 for general admission - \$13 of which is tax deductible - and \$17 for children or students with a valid ID. Tables can be reserved for \$400 and a table with a scholarship sponsorship can be purchased for \$600.

Cavazos served as the U.S.

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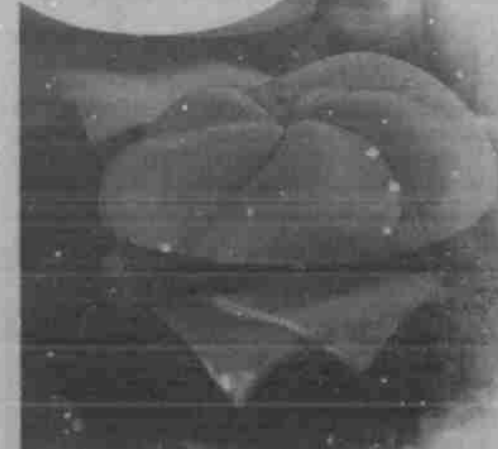
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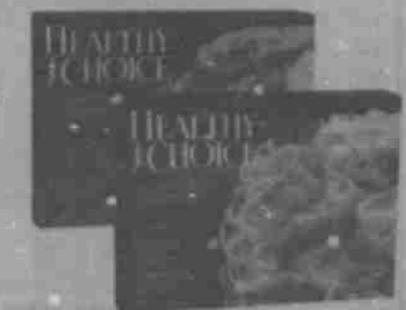
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## THIS 'N' THAT

**JOHNNIE COCHRAN WILL BE MISSED! THIS N THAT**, along with millions of African Americans and others across the United States of America, will miss him tremendously. He was a man ... with his positive beliefs ... wanted to do something about the justice system in this country.... His primary concern was to see that people of color were treated in a fairly manner in this country.... Of course, he won some and lost some. His high profile case had to have been the O. J. Simpson Murder trial. But also was very successful while defending high profile entertainment stars in the Black community. A man like Johnnie Cochran came along to let those in power to know that it shouldn't be the way it is. And we need to keep hope alive here in Lubbock. Anyway, **THIS N THAT** didn't know him, but is most appreciative that he came this way. Thank you, **JOHNNIE COCHRAN**, for all you did to make America a much better place for all of us. May you rest in peace. **LUBBOCK CITY ATTORNEY BURGESS SPEAKS ABOUT COCHRAN!** **THIS N THAT** asked Lubbock City Attorney **ANITA BURGESS** to comment on the death of **JOHNNIE COCHRAN**. She gave the background of him through a case filed against the City of Lubbock. Background: **HAMPTON UNIVERSITY**

sued the City of Lubbock regarding an incident involving the **HAMPTON UNIVERSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL COACHES**. **JOHNNIE COCHRAN** represented the University and the coaches. The case was ultimately resolved in favor of the city. In her words, she said, "It is with sadness that I received the news of the passing of **JOHNNIE COCHRAN**. Mr. Cochran was a fierce advocate for his clients, and a man of great focus. He lived his life with high purpose and dedicated his talent toward equality for all before the law. He believed deeply in the American system of jurisprudence and set a standard of excellence in the representation of his clients." **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS:** "Let us never forget that it is very **IMPORTANT** for us to do unto **OTHERS** as we would like for them to do unto **US!**" **SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE WANTS TO HELP! THIS N THAT** learned from **JULIA BLACKSTOCK**, the Special Services Program Director at South Plains College, that she wants to help young people are trying to make up their minds about attending college and some of the hurdles you may have. She has some resources to overcome those obstacles. Why not give her a call at (806) 885-3048, ext. 4615.

**LUBBOCK AREA CLIENT COUNCIL WILL MEET! THIS N THAT** received information from the **LUBBOCK AREA CLIENT COUNCIL** who will be meeting on Saturday afternoon at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive at 1:00 p.m. Speakers for the meeting will be **YSIDRO GUTIERREZ**, Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 3, and **RUSSELL HARRIS** Community Outreach Specialist Center for Independent Living. **OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE ROSE WILSON, President, FRANKIE HOOPER, Vice President, EUNICE WHITE, Secretary, JEAN ANDERSON, Treasurer.** Ms. Wilson also serves as a board member of the LANWT. For more information, call (806) 763-4557. **SCHOOL IS ALMOST OUT! THIS N THAT** is still asking as many who can to visit **PUBLIC SCHOOL** before the doors close for another year. Why not go by and surprise our children with your presence. Surely they will be glad to see you. What do you say, will you go by and see what they are doing. These are our precious little beings, and if ever there was a time, it is now, because these young people need our support. So go by a school today.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

By now, everyone who listens to the radio, watches TV or read the newspaper or news magazines has heard that gasoline is scheduled to increase in price from the two dollar (\$2.00) mark to approximately two and one half plus dollars (\$2.50-\$2.65) per gallon by summer.

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The cost of gasoline is going up, but Congress recently defeated a bill to increase minimum wages. At the same time, Chairman Greenspan is now saying that there needs to be some changes to Social Security. He previously advised that Congress should take it slow if they make any changes, and he is slowly increasing interest rates which is good news for the buyer but disastrous to the investors who are getting nearly nothing for their investments. What do these changes mean in our economy? It means that the rich

are going to still be comfortable if they do not get richer, but that the poor will be even more poor if not destitute, with the direction that our economy is taking. A person earning slightly above minimum wage is not going to be able to afford to fill up an average gas tank that holds twenty-five gallons of gas at \$62.50 per week if he travels an average of 50 miles per day to and from his place of employment. That is \$250.00 per month for gas alone. He still needs car insurance and upkeep and if the vehicle is not already paid for, there will be a car note which can average about \$300.00 per month, at least. Then there is shelter, food and clothing and medical needs to care for. The person earning \$6.00 per hour for a 40 hour week, will gross about \$1100.00 per

month. After deductions for income taxes, social security and medical insurance the wage earner may see a net income of about \$800.00 per month. There is no way to sustain life on such an income with the high cost of gasoline. Natural gas follows the trend for home heating and it is already too high. It is time that we get "in cinque" and insist that our Congress pass laws to make it possible for all Americans to work, live and play in this country without existing in poverty. There is money in the national pool for federal grants for almost anything you can imagine that you want to do, if you know how to ask/or it. There should not be a long quagmire of questions for hardworking or retired people to go through, to live a decent life in this country.

## TRIO Achiever speaks out about her dreams and goals

By Venisha Henderson

Wiggins, Mississippi can be proud of Alicia Walls. As a young girl, Alicia has always had dreams and goals in her life and was very determined to reach those goals. Her determination has made her dreams possible and has opened the door for many more. Alicia came to Lubbock, TX at a very young age with her mother Lena Walls. Ms. Lena Walls instilled in Alicia to have a strong faith in God and to never give up. Alicia was first introduced to the Upward Bound Program while still a junior at Monterey High School. Alicia graduated high school and went on to pursue her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Texas Tech University. She became certified in Elementary Education in 1999 and received her Masters of Counseling from Texas Tech in 2003. Ms. Walls has been a teacher at Wheatley Elementary for six years. She encourages her students to go after their dreams and don't let anyone stop them. "Every dream is attainable with a lot of faith and persistence."

While in college, Alicia was very involved with various organizations. She was a member of Chi Sigma Iota, a counseling honor society and Visions of Light, a college gospel singing group. Her talent and love for singing has made her voice well known in the Lubbock Area. She is a current member of Community Baptist Church and serves on the Praise and Worship Team. Future goals for Alicia include taking her music career to the next level, which would be recording in a studio and starting a foundation for single unwed mothers. She hopes to travel and see the world. She contributes her success to her mother Lena Walls and her aunt Dorothy Phea-Norville. Her only regret in life is not pursuing her singing career at an early age. Alicia believes that anything is possible. May the sky be the limit for you Alicia! Thank you for paving the way for future Upward Bounders.

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# "Chasing the Crown": Behind-the-scenes look at a very different beauty pageant

**It's Not Your Mother's Beauty Pageant**

JERICHO, N.Y., March 21 /PRNewswire/ -- WE: Women's Entertainment presents a new view of the American beauty pageant with "Chasing the Crown," an original one-hour documentary premiering April 10 at 7:00pm ET. Hosted by Kate Shiidle, Miss America 1998, the special takes an inside look at the Ethnic World

International Pageant. Abandoning clichés and embracing ethnic beauty the program showcases the cultural diversity and inner beauty of today's woman.

In a country where "thin is in" and "blonde's have more fun" is the rule, the Ethnic World International Pageant provides an outlet for women of all sizes, shapes and colors to showcase their beauty. From the introductory interviews, through the

grueling rehearsals, to the excitement of the crowning moment, "Chasing the Crown" follows contestants through a weekend of activities and emotions. In that time viewers get to know beauties like Caressa, Chanel, Jessica and Yvette through candid moments and personal interviews. By pageant day you know the tears and smiles of these women are truly from the heart.

The inaugural Ethnic World

International Pageant was held in October of 2004 in Washington DC with sixteen women of color, including African-Americans, Mediterraneans and Hispanics, competing for the crown in three categories -- Ms., Miss and Teen. Pageant founder and organizer Yolanda Makle-Rodriguez created the pageant to promote cultural diversity, tolerance and understanding. And while it's not your mother's traditional pageant, it has become an ideal outlet for

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## Inaugural banquet scheduled for Watson

An Inaugural Banquet for Bishop William H. Watson has been scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza. This banquet is to celebrate the elevation of Bishop Watson to the elected position of First Vice Chairman of the Board of Bishops of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. In order to attend this gala affair, one must give a donation of \$60 or for VIP seating a donation of \$100 will be needed.

Bishop Nathaniel Wells, General Board Member, is the guest speaker for this event.

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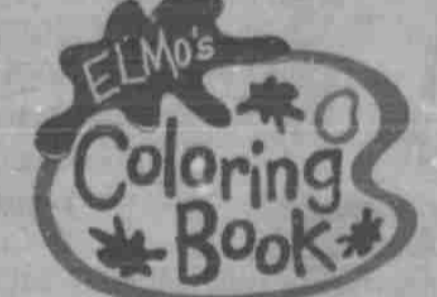
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