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Community Meetings

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

- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Mae Simmons Community Center
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU 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 pm.
- 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:

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Dupre Elementary students Stick With Reading thanks to Cotton Kings program



Cotton King Stacey Bauman takes time to pose for pictures with students from Dupre Elementary in Lubbock after his appearance.

Throughout the hockey season, the Cotton Kings players visit area schools to encourage reading in a program called *Stick with Reading*.

Defenseman and assistant team captain, Stacey Bauman visited Dupre Elementary in late November. He received some very enthusiastic praise from Library Teacher, Renee Haarmeyer. Haarmeyer teaches at Dupre and Wolfarth.

Haarmeyer said of Bauman, "Wow! Stacey was one of the best players ever to come and speak with our students. He was great with the kids and had a plan for the day. He brought his favorite book to share and signed autographs. His interaction with the kids was wonderful. Thanks for keeping the program going - the kids really enjoy it!" To find out about getting a Cotton King to appear at your school, call the Cotton Kings' office at 747-7825.

Eight Estacado teachers recognized

The following teachers have been nationally recognized as the most influential educators within the school. They will be featured in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2004. Pictured below are:

- Rebecca Ainsworth Bustillos
- Starla Ann Ewan
- Beverly Harris Finch
- Ernest Eugene Hopkins, Jr.
- Jason Matthew Levin
- Stephanie Monique Peoples
- Kelly O'Connor Williamson
- Garry Roland Wright



No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Aflac Incorporated pledges \$1 million toward construction of national MLK, Jr. memorial

COLUMBUS, Ga./PRNewswire-FirstCall / - Aflac Incorporated announced a gift of \$1 million toward the construction of a national memorial commemorating the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Aflac Chairman and CEO, Dan Amos made the announcement during his presentation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Award at the 19th annual MLK Unity Breakfast held at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center.

"We must always remember the magnitude of Dr. King's contribution to this country," Amos said. "Aflac is proud to support the building of the King Memorial as a tribute to Dr. King's untiring work for social change. This project is a wonderful way to honor his legacy and the sacrifices he made."

Following more than 10 years of lobbying before Congress, Public Law 104-333 was passed in 1996 authorizing the collection of funds to construct a national monument in Washington, DC honoring the revered civil rights leader.

Chartered in 1998, the Washington, DC Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation has raised more than \$33 million toward construction of the memorial. In support of its crusade, the organization will launch a new media campaign in February,

featuring Tavis Smiley, Morgan Freeman, and other celebrities in radio and television PSAs.

"The Washington, D.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation is honored to accept this significant gift from Aflac. This organization has shown its commitment to sustaining the legacy of Dr. King, as well as his vision for America, by honoring him with this substantial contribution toward the Memorial Project," said Foundation President, Harry E. Johnson.

The landscaped memorial covering a four-acre triangle will be built on the National Mall and located on the shore of Washington's

Tidal Basin. The monument will be constructed between the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and next to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial. The memorial is envisioned as a quiet and receptive space, yet powerful and emotionally evocative, reflecting the spirit of the message Dr. King delivered and the role he played in society.

The groundbreaking is scheduled for December 2006 with a goal of dedicating the Memorial in December 2008.

In 2002, Aflac donated \$1 million to the creation of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.

HBO's kicks off with world premiere of "Lackawanna Blues"

NEW YORK/PRNewswire/ - HBO is celebrating Black History Month with the world premiere of the music, dance and energy-filled HBO Films LACKAWANNA BLUES (Feb. 12, 8:00 p.m. ET), the story of an extraordinary woman whose strength and dignity made her the backbone of the community and a source of inspiration for those who knew her.

LACKAWANNA BLUES is based on the critically acclaimed autobiographical one-man show by Ruben Santiago-Hudson, who also wrote, executive produced and stars in the film adaptation. Directed by the Tony-winning director George C. Wolfe and co-executive produced by Oscar-winning actress Halle Berry, Vincent Cirrincione and Shelby Stone, the film features a stellar ensemble cast including S. Epatha Merkerson, Marcus Carl Franklin, Mos Def, Carmen Ejogo, Lou's Gossett Jr., Macy Gray, Terrence Dashon Howard, Delroy Lindo, Rosie Perez, Liev Schreiber, Jimmy Smits and Jeffrey Wright.

"HBO's 2005 Black History Month celebration pays homage to the ties that bind the Black community, especially its sense of family and music," said Olivia Smashum, executive vice president, affiliate marketing at HBO. "The film follows the HBO tradition of bringing stories that capture the heart and vitality of the African-American culture."

In keeping with the spirit of the film, HBO is offering an exciting music-fueled sweepstakes that gives consumers a chance to honor and celebrate Black music at the Essence Music Festival 2005, July 1-3 in New Orleans, LA. The grand prize will include roundtrip airfare for two, with accommodations for four days and three nights, and \$250.00 spending money. Two first prize winners will receive a "Lackawanna Blues" cast-signed Gibson guitar, courtesy of Gibson Guitar Corporation, and 50-second prize winners will receive a "Lackawanna Blues" Soundtrack CD, courtesy of Vanguard Records.

HBO is a sponsor of the festival. Consumers can enter the sweepstakes, which is only open to U.S. residents 21 years or older, between now and February 28, 2005, with a limit of one entry per person/household. To enter, consumers should visit www.HBO.com and click on the sweepstakes link and follow the onscreen instructions. Winners will be selected in a random drawing on or about March 4, 2005 and will be notified by mail. No purchase is necessary, but other restrictions may apply.

HBO and ESSENCE Magazine are also partnering to offer a free one-year magazine subscription to new HBO and ESSENCE subscribers. To be eligible, new subscribers must order HBO online or through a local service provider by March 15, 2005. For more information consumers can visit www.HBO.com/essence or call 1-800-797-7636.

Additionally, HBO Video will pay tribute to Black History Month with the re-pricing and promotion of

several historically significant titles from its DVD catalog including *Boycott*, *Tuskegee Airmen*, *The Josephine Baker Story*, *Introducing Dorothy Dandridge*, *Miss Evers' Boys* and *Soul of the Game*.

For more insight and background on HBO Films' LACKAWANNA BLUES, consumers can visit www.HBO.com or read the February issue of ESSENCE magazine.

Mrs. Willie B. Williams honored



Smith

The late Sister Willie B. Williams honored again at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church where she served as a faithful member for many years.

The Ladies Bible Classroom was named in her honor.

Sister Williams, a pioneer member shall always be remembered for her kindness, humble attitude and faithfulness to her church and the love she showed to everyone she met, especially to the children. She loved us all.

She was known by many as "Little Mama" and by her daughter, Sister Marie Long, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends in church and the community.

Well remembered and deserving so.

Joyner's "Adventure" aims to raise more than \$1 million Black Colleges

DALLAS/PRNewswire/ - Tom Joyner, popular host of America's No. 1 urban radio program, has a couple questions for you: Would you prefer to be hovering over a smoky, hot grill on Memorial Day or partying all night long on one of the world's largest cruise ships in the middle of the Atlantic?

Obviously, the choice is clear. Joyner is planning on seeing you on the 2005 Fantastic Voyage(R). Now in its sixth year, the adult-only seven-day, six-night cruise, will set sail from May 29 to June 5th. The ultimate party with a purpose sets sail from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Partnering once again with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines,

this year the voyage will take place on the new Adventure of the Seas(R). For the very first time, the cruise will make stops in St. Lucia, St. Maarten and Barbados.

"Listen, there's no cruise like this on earth," said Joyner, host of the "Tom Joyner Morning Show", "that's right, on earth! Our fans will have the time of their lives and will be partying with a purpose. The more who people who sail with us, the more kids who will be going to college."

The cruise annually raises more than \$1 million for the Tom Joyner Foundation, which provides scholarships to help keep students in historically black colleges and univer-

sities, or HBCUs. Since 1998, the foundation has raised more than \$25 million and helped thousands of students stay in school.

This year, the cruise will feature a star-studded line-up, including Cedric the Entertainer, D.L. Hughley, musical guests Eddie (The O'Jays) and his son, Gerald "Teddy Bear" Levert, Brian "G.mimi" Knight, Regina Belle and Tyler "Mada's Party".

Activities include everything from a "you-won't-believe-it-unless-you-see-it" beach party, a Mardi Gras Party that rivals any Fat Tuesday event, poolside games, Bid Whist, Dominoes and informational and inspirational

seminars.

This year's sponsors include Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, Southwest Airlines, Anheuser-Busch, Procter & Gamble, Autozone, BC Powder and REACH Media Inc.

Of course, there are likely to be all sorts of surprises... because

"there ain't no party like a Tom Joyner party don't stop." Passengers can book their cabin today at BlackAmericaWeb.com or calling 972.980.SAIL (7245).

"What'chu waiting for?" Joyner asks. "Don't get left out. Get your cabin now."

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

Something new in the Chatman Hill area each noon day. The Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, the oldest Black Church in Lubbock County, is having preaching and teaching each day of the week - Monday thru Friday. This is a prelude to a Feeding Program daily beginning February. "We want to be about our Father's business as there are many in our community who need a nutritious meal," says Rev. J. Johnson, pastor.

So if you want to help this effort, come out at noon at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 2512 Fir Avenue. "Our doors are open, so come and worship with us, continued Rev. Johnson.

Help young people of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, as they will be selling chicken and fish this coming Saturday morning, January 29, 2005, beginning at 11:00 a.m. These young people are members of the Young People's Department of the church.

For more information, call 744-7552. Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr. is pastor; Sister Linda DeVaughn is youth sponsor.

One of our longtime residents will celebrate her 86th birthday on Saturday, January 29, 2005. A

birthday party is set for her at the Zenith Community Center, 515 North Zenith Avenue, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday, Sister Mary Tucker!

One of our citizens Venita Woods-Holmes, Lubbock Independent School Board of Trustee, will be honored Thursday morning, January 27, 2005, at the Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Luncheon of the Lubbock Area United Way. The affair will be held at the Lubbock Country Club, 3400 North Mesa Road.

Ms. Holmes will receive the Rita Harmon Volunteer Service Award.

If you drive east over the East 24th Street Overpass, you will see the new development of the Lubbock Housing Authority. It is just good to see this kind of a development in the area. It won't be long before many of our citizens will be moving into these quarters.

Let us continue to pray for our citizens who are sick and shut-in. Your precious prayers, visits and telephone calls are so important. Today, it is them. Who knows,

tomorrow it could be you. God is able.

Our prayers go out to those who have lost loved ones. Among them include the family of Robert Lee Avery, Sr., who passed away last Friday, January 21, 2005, and the family of Veda Smith who passed away last Saturday, January 22, 2005, at the University Medical Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberson of Tomball, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams of Houston, Texas attended the final rites of a relative, Mrs. Myrtle E. Scott-Smith of Slaton, Texas, last Friday morning. Also attending the funeral services was Ms. Francis Lampkins of Arlington, Texas. Mrs. Smith was the sister of Rev. Edwin Scott, Sr.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, January 23, 2005, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, where Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

Pastor Moton delivered a very strong sermon last Sunday morning. His subject was "Can You Hear Me Now?" His subject was Isaiah 55:1.

When an invitation to discipleship was extended, three united and two came for prayer.

Four Chaplains Memorial Service scheduled

The 19th District will be holding a Four Chaplains Memorial Service on Saturday, February 5, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. The service will be held at The American Legion Post 575, 6628 W 66th St. Lubbock. The public is invited.

The American Legion 19th District will celebrate a memorial service in honor of the four Army Chaplains who sacrificed their own lives to save others during World War II. The service is sponsored by The American Legion Post 575 of Lubbock. Officiating will be Post Chaplain, Father Thomas Diebel.

The epic story unfolded on February 3, 1943, when a German U-Boat sank the USAT Dorchester. As it sank, Coast Guard cutters rescued some 230 soldiers and crew. The troops, many of them badly injured, panicked in the rush to get into overcrowded lifeboats and rafts. The

four chaplains calmed the frightened men, distributed life jackets to those who had left their own behind, and blessed the soldiers as they went over the side. When the life jackets were exhausted, they removed their own and gave them to four soldiers who lacked life belts. They were last seen, arms linked, heads bowed in prayer, on the deck of the ship as it sank beneath the freezing waves. Many of the 230 troops who survived owe their lives to the selfless heroism of the four chaplains.

On June 18, 1961, Congress authorized, and the President awarded, a posthumous Special Medal of Honor for Heroism to the four brave clergymen. The nation still honors their gallantry.

An offering will be collected and all proceeds from the collection will be sent to the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia, PA. If you have any

questions contact your local American Legion Post or 19th District Commander Eldon Erickson (W) 806-761-4465 or (H) 806-763-5121. CONTACT: Patricia Erickson, 806-794-9922.

Longtime Slaton citizen, Myrtle E. Smith funeralized last Friday, January 21

Slaton - Funeral services for a longtime Slaton citizen, Myrtle Esther Scott-Smith, were held last Friday morning, January 21, 2005, at the Mt. Olive First Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Clifton C. Peoples, pastor, as eulogist. Rev. W. R. Bolton officiated.



Smith

Lubbock.

Active pallbearers were Eddie Scott, Joel Scott, Ted Scott, Esse Scott, Kenneth Scott, Scott Forman and Michael Gunner.

Honorary pallbearers were Allen Conwright, Jean Hill, Gregory Roberts, Jermaine Hall, Courtney Roberts, Herbert Wilburn and Lester Williams.

She passed away Sunday, January 16, 2005, at the University Medical Center.

Mrs. Smith was born September 25, 1930 to Robert and Bessie Scott in Liberty, Texas. She moved to West Texas, attended public school, and graduated from Duntar High School in Lubbock.

She met and married Essie Smith. She was a member of Mt. Olive First Missionary Baptist Church where she faithfully worked in several positions: Church Secretary, member of the Senior Mission, Inspirational Choir, Educational and Benevolent Committees. She chosen as "Woman of the Year" at her

church, and was recipient of the "Citizen of the Month" of Slaton in 1995.

A domestic worker, she later began a career with the Slaton Independent School District and retired after 25 years of service. In the community, she was well known for her baking techniques of cakes and pies which helped support her family financially.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Ella Roquemore; six brothers: Lawrence, Alvin, Maurice, James, Beno and Sylvester Scott; and a son, Lawrence.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: two sons and two loving daughters-in-law, Wheeler (Mary) and Milton (Brenda) of Slaton, Texas; three daughters and a son-in-law: Lena Hall and Glenda Ellis, both of Slaton, Texas and Brownie (Sharon) McAdoo of Arlington, Texas; a niece, Barbara Roquemore of Lubbock, Texas; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters-in-law: Edw. in (Pearline) Scott of Lubbock, Texas, Leo (Piney) Scott of Abilene, Texas and Verline Scott of Slaton, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and many friends.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

Opera Length Necklaces

AWINGERS- How low can you go? Opera length necklaces hang way down, flirting exuberantly with the navel. They originally gained fame when spotted dangling from around the most fashionable necks in the opera houses of the late 19th century. Today they can be draped over any look to add a

shot of sophisticated glamour, some great examples are fine gold chain pendants, with semi-precious stones. Wear one (OR MORE) over a button front shirt and a structured blazer, a shimmering sweater or a slinky black dress to see them really sing. Fashion Tip... Always wear a smile!



Hopkins set to deliver sermon



Ernest E. Hopkins, Jr., member of the Mt. Olive First Missionary Baptist Church of Slaton will deliver his first sermon on February 6, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Olive.

Mr. Hopkins was born in Athens, Georgia and retired from the US Army with 20 years of service. He moved to the Lubbock area in 2002 and is employed by LISD as a JROTC instructor at Estacado High School.

He is currently attending Wayland Baptist University to further his studies.

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Bible Class - 9:00am
Worship - 10:15am
Evening Worship - 5:00pm
Wednesday:
Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm

God's Plan for Saving Man
All have sinned - Romans 3:23
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 1 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:38
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 23:1; 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

Nomogenerian

Mrs. Mittie Wallace, a resident of Lubbock since 1949, celebrated her 96th birthday on January 18, 2005. Mother Wallace is a resident of Dunbar-Manhattan Heights and wants to tell everybody, "If you miss me from praying down here and you can't find me nowhere, just come on up to bright glory for I'll be singing there, 'cause I got Jesus on my mind. This poem was written two years ago in her honor.



JESUS ON MY MIND

I'm so glad I got Jesus on my mind
Other things have been left so far behind
Why I'm all of ninety-four!
And I can still stand and look out my front door!
My walker keeps it from being too big a chore,
If you pass by and see me,
There's one thing I want you to know,
I GOT JESUS ON MY MIND

My children's names and faces
They come and go,
And so many of my neighbors,
I hardly even know anymore.
But I can still on occasion,
get out in my yard with my hoe,
cause I got JESUS ON MY MIND
I've seen the dark clouds rise in my life,
Many stormy winds blow.
I said goodbye to many loved ones,
and suffered heartaches too!
There were days when I just felt
a little blue, (and so will you)
But I kept JESUS ON MY MIND

And now I can walk, I can talk,
I can see, (and if you come close,
and speak slow) I can hear too!
All these blessings, are still mine
you see, because the Bible told me
long ago, that God "so loved" little ole me!
That's why I keep JESUS ON MY MIND.

He promised never to leave me
and never forsake me, neither has He!
when I was blind He saved me,
and now I can see!

One day He will call me Home
and I'm just waiting to Answer,
Can't wait to see Him,
My Lord and Master!
Oh how I want to see Him, and look upon His face,
So I can bow down before Him
and thank Him for His mercy and
His "Amazing Grace,"

So if by chance you can't know Him,
Better take care of it today,
ninety-six million not be on your life's journey,
So Don't Delay!
You'll never regret it
Getting to know my Jesus so kind,
and then one day, you can say,

"I knew that I can make it, come what may from day to day,
I left the world and all it's pleasures behind,
THANK GOD, I GOT JESUS ON MY MIND!"

Dedicated to my grandmother Mittie Adams Flowers Wallace, Born January 18, 1901 and now resides in Lubbock, Texas.

Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Ant that America

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

JEREMIAH 8:6,7. THE LORD SAID, I HEARKENED AND HEARD, BUT THEY SPOKE NOT RIGHT, NO MAN REPLIED HIM OF HIS WICKEDNESS, SAYING, WHAT HAVE I DONE? EVERYONE TURNED TO HIS COURSE, AS A HORSE RUSHING INTO THE BATTLE, YEA, THE STORK IN THE HEAVEN KNOWS HER APPOINTED TIMES, AND THE TURTLE AND THE CRANE AND THE SWALLOW OBSERVE THE TIME OF THEIR COMING; BUT MY PEOPLE KNOW NOT THE JUDGEMENT OF THE LORD.

AMERICA WAS FOUND ON THE WORD OF GOD; IT WAS HER GUIDE LINES, THEN PEOPLE WANTED THEIR RIGHTS, LIKE ADAM; THEY WANTED TO USE THEIR OWN MINDS!!!

JOHN 8:31,32. JESUS SAID, IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THINE ARE YOU MY DISCIPLES; INDEED, AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.

AND PEOPLE WANTED TO BE FREE, AND LIVE THEIR WICKED, WICKED WAYS, THE DEVIL HAVE GIVEN OUT HIS RIGHTS NOW, AND THEY ARE NOW HIS SLAVES.

*** ANT THAT AMERICA ***

JOHN 8:34,35. JESUS SAID, VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, WHOSOEVER COMMITTEES SIN IS THE SERVANT OF SIN, AND THE SERVANT ABIDES NOT IN THE HOUSE FOR EVER; BUT

THE SON ABIDES FOR EVER, WHEN THE CHURCH MARCHED, AND DIDN'T OBEY THE LAW; THE POLICEMAN, THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF ALL OF AMERICA'S TROUBLES, IN THIS WHOLE LAND!!!

1 PETER 2:13-16. SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO EVERY ORDINANCE (LAW) OF MAN FOR THE LORD'S SAKE, WHETHER IT BE TO THE KING (PRESIDENT), AND SUPREME; OR UNTO GOVERNORS, AND UNTO THEM THAT ARE SENT (POLICEMAN) BY HIM FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF EVILDOERS (MARCHERS), AND FOR THE PRAISE OF THEM THAT DO WELL; FOR SO IS THE WILL OF GOD, THAT WITH WELL-DOING YOU MAY PUT TO SILENCE THE IGNORANCE OF FOOLISH MEN.

WHEN THE CHILDREN WATCHED THE LEADERS, THE POLICEMAN THEY DIDN'T OBEY, THE CHILDREN NOW USE THE, ITS MY RIGHTS; TO BE DISOBEYANCE TO PARENTS TODAY!!!

1 CORINTHIANS 5:6,7. YOUR GLORYING IS NOT GOOD, KNOW YOU NOT THAT A LITTLE LEAVEN LEAVENEDS THE WHOLE LUMP? PURGE OUT THEREFORE THE OLD LEAVEN, THAT YOU MAY BE A NEW LUMP, AS YOU ARE UNLEAVENED. FOR EVEN CHRIST OUR PASSOVER IS SACRIFICED FOR US, AMERICA IS NOW BRINGING FORTH HER FRUIT; IT IS THE SIN OF HER LABOR, MY

RIGHTS THING; TO RAPE, KID, KILL THE FAMILY, AND IT MIGHT BE YOU A NEIGHBOR!!!

*** ANT THAT AMERICA ***

GALATIANS 6:7,8. BE NOT DECEIVED (FOOLED); GOD IS NOT MOCCED (LAYED WITH); FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH PLANTS, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP (GET IN RETURN), FOR HE THAT SOWETH TO HIS FLESH (RIGHTS) SHALL OF THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION (SIN); BUT HE THAT SOWETH TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING. AMERICA IS RAISING A NATION OF LIARS AND KILLERS; LIKE ADAM AND CAIN, AMERICA IS OVER RUND WITH DRUGS; THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS GOING INSANE!!!

*** ANT THAT AMERICA ***

PROVERB 14:34-29-2. RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTS A NATION; BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE, WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN AUTHORITY, THE PEOPLE REJOICE; BUT WHEN THE WICKED BEARETH RULE, THE PEOPLE MOURN.

WE CAN SEE THE SIGNS OF TIME, GOD IS REAPING THE LAND; AND CALLING HIS ROLL, EVEN THE CHURCHES ARE IN TROUBLE; BECAUSE OF ITS LOVE NOT FOR SOULS, BUT GOLD!!!

*** ANT THAT AMERICA ***

LUKE 19:46. JESUS SAID, IT IS WRITTEN, MY HOUSE IS THE HOUSE OF PRAYER; BUT YOU HAVE MADE IT A DEN OF THIEVES.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith The division of races and ethnic groups

Part 2

Continued... Among the many things that was offensive and insulting in this article was the statement "And some day, I don't know how long it will be, most of the kids will educated in Southern Baptist Schools or home."

This writer's theological view (Aminia) and well as countless million of the same do not share this Calvinist view. We believe the vilification of public schools is cruel; and the brain-child of persons in the business of privatizing for personal satisfaction, whether it is religious, racial, financial or other forms of gain.

These "sacred cow" like creatures who have "gone off the deep end" so to speak, by lobbying the buffle-heads within their ethnic booby hatch are promoting the idea that public schools are failing, teachers are lazy, education bureaucracies are unresponsive, and their pristine brand students are being cheated and America as a result is at risk.

If the truth was really brought to fruition, one would find what these exhorters of falsehood and their predestines followers really craved for. This craving would be the more than 500 to 600 billion dollars that is used to fund public schools. It is

obvious the smooth talk of "empowering minorities" is the "pour oil on troubled waters" to gain control of the public education system in a "Calvinist" way.

In fairness to the majority of Southern Baptists, the intent of the resolution to dismantle the public school system was not supported. However, a dangerous provocation has been set into motion that could involve America in a racial insurgence that would make what is happening in Iraq at the present look like a game of high school football.

There is a new generation of minorities in America. Their mindset is unlike their biological predecessors. Their panoramas of life is not seen in the same light as this writer's generation. An act such as the likes of Gamble's and Samuel Jared Taylor could reduce America to the breaking of many of our hearts to a third rate country, Gamble and his kind cast a negative image of religion, which is helping to bring about the division of races and ethnic groups.

A warning to all minorities and especially blacks. While one may criticize the action of President Bush, there is a man and many more like him who are more articulate and dangerous

than President Bush would ever attempt to be. I have mentioned one is this article.

The mentioned one believes, the notion that intelligence is based on one's race, and that African Americans are at the low end of the intelligence counter. He also says "some form of racism are justified ... and there is nothing wrong with eugenics. It's a perfectly respectable idea." Because of this, he supports such measures as racial profiling.

Taylor has expressed in his magazine "why racism is so readily accepted as the explanation for Black failure is that there appears to be no acceptable alternative. If whites are not forcing Blacks into misery, they must be bringing it upon themselves. If whites are holding blacks down, it might be because they have "risen" as far as their inherent limitations permit. The possibility of Black inferiority is the goblin that lurks in the background of every attempt to explain Black Failure."

As much as we would hope it not to be, the division of races and ethnic groups are alive and well. No wonder Gamble and his ilk are rearing their ugly heads in disguise from their real intent.

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1 John 5:14 - "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

In this modern day, we would read this verse this way: "This is the confidence, trust that we have in God, that, if we ask anything according to God's will, God hears us."

God hears us if we ask anything according to God's will. He hears us. It is obvious that since God is making his rule, and is the one requiring us to ask according to his will. He is obligated to make his will known to us. He has to put his will within our reach since he requires us to ask according to it.

Thought: "We're in spiritual warfare, and because we are the

Children of God, Satan and demons forces seek to bring greater pressure upon us, and yet the things that are brought against us are common to mankind. Satan plays the same tricks on the Christian as he does on the world, but we're not ignorant to his devices. (Are you?)

Let's do a new thing this year. Let's really, really, really lift Jesus up for men to see, and what happens don't claim the Glory for yourself.

For all of you who are not feeling well today, don't forget we're praying for you as we write this report. Believe the Word! For those of you who are bereaved, only God can heal a broken heart. Call him up!

Thanks for reading and believing. Saints, and praying for those you don't know in grocery stores, car wash, cleaners, neighbors, enemies, and those you love.

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

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Many believe that as a society, our efforts to prevent crimes against children have not kept pace with the increasing vulnerability of our children. However, many crimes that are committed against children can be prevented. The most effective key to child safety is effective communication with your child.

"Communities are often unaware of how serious this problem is and are not informed on steps they can take to keep children safer," said Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC). "Because they are disproportionately affected, NCMEC is especially concerned about child safety in minority communities," he added.

More than 797,000 children were reported missing in 1999. "Statistics show that one in five girls and one in 10 boys will be sexually victimized before reaching adulthood," said Allen.

NCMEC's Minority Outreach Program was created to increase awareness of problems associated with missing and exploited African-American and Hispanic children. Goals are to educate



A new outreach program is helping parents keep their children safer from abduction and abuse.

families on ways to keep children safer from potential predators and offer help on what to do should a child become a victim. The program helps families and individuals recognize suspected cases of sexual exploitation; encourages them to listen to their children; and provides information on what to do, who to call, and other ways to address the needs of their children.

"The sexual exploitation of children is largely unrecognized and underreported. We need to shed light on this crime so victims can be identified and child predators can be stopped," said Allen.

NCMEC offers services for families and professionals in the prevention of abducted, endangered and sexually exploited children. To request information on the Minority Outreach Program and tips on how to talk to your kids, visit www.missingkids.com or call 1-800-THE-LOST.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, January 23, 2005, church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were very inspiring. Everything begun with Sunday School, beginning at 10:10 a.m.

Superintendent Sister Luella Harris was presiding. The morning lesson was entitled "Giving Your All." The lesson was taught by Sister Nina Davis, and it was reviewed by Pastor Edward Canady.

The morning worship begun at 11:15 a.m. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Williams.

The St. Matthew Baptist

Church Senior Choir, which is always at its post of duty, sung out of their hearts and souls. What a time all had singing God's praises.

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "If It Ain't One Thing, It's Another!" His scripture text was Job 1:14-19. The message was well received by all in attendance.

The St. Matthew sick and shut-in list include Sister Barbara Johnson, Sister Louise Tillman, Sister Katy Bolden and Rev. Monty Smith.

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Attorney General to defend Texas' Ten Commandments monument at high court



Greg Abbott
Attorney General of Texas

The national debate over displaying the Ten Commandments came to Texas two years ago when Thomas Van Orden filed suit, contending that a 44-year-old granite monument on the Capitol grounds was an unconstitutional establishment of religion. The lower courts have ruled that the Ten Commandments monument can stay where it is.

Now, the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to take up the case, as it should. Clarity is needed because federal appeals courts are deeply divided on whether Ten Commandments displays are permissible.

I look forward to defending the Texas monument when I argue the

case to the Court, and I hope the Court will apply the U.S. Constitution as it has in the past — and as the Constitution was intended.

The First Amendment was never intended to remove all religious expression from the public realm. "Such hostility toward religion is not only not required; it is proscribed," the court of appeals noted in its decision upholding the monument.

If the Supreme Court allows the Ten Commandments monument to remain on the Capitol grounds, then it will reaffirm the longstanding position that it is entirely permissible for government to acknowledge God in the public square. Removing the monument, however, would rip an important page from the story of Texas and would send the troubling message that government must remove every reference to religion from the public domain.

The U.S. Supreme Court has never embraced such a radical view of the Constitution, and it has repeatedly upheld government displays that contain religious elements, so long as the entire display — in context — does not constitute an official endorsement of religion.

Indeed, the Court has long upheld Christmas Nativity displays on government property and even

the traditional practice of government chaplains opening legislative sessions with prayer. The standard is the Supreme Court's "endorsement test," and every federal judge who has considered the matter — the district court judge and all three judges on the court of appeals — has agreed the Texas monument satisfies that test.

The Ten Commandments are undeniably a sacred religious text, but they are equally undeniably a foundational document in the development of Western legal codes and civilization. The Legislature recognized this fact when it accepted the monument from the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which donated the monument in 1961 as a way to combat juvenile delinquency and promote a personal code of conduct for youths, resulting in "liberty, peace and justice."

Indeed, the legislative record shows that lawmakers accepted the Ten Commandments monument to commend the Eagles' efforts in fighting juvenile delinquency — a constitutionally secular reason in the eyes of both courts that have ruled on the issue. As such, the monument deserves a place on the Capitol grounds among the other 16 statues and memorials to the people, ideals and events that have shaped Texas' diversity, history and culture.

Appropriately, the U.S.

Supreme Court itself recognizes the historical importance of the Ten Commandments. Visitors to the U.S. Supreme Court can find an image of Moses holding the Ten Commandments carved into wall of the courtroom and on the outside of the Court building. Depictions of the Ten Commandments also appear on gates and the courtroom door inside the building.

These sculptures and the Texas monument are all constitutional, and I hope the Supreme Court will make that clear when it rules next year.

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Salazar named to new, unique position at American State Bank in Lubbock

LUBBOCK - W.R. Collier, President and Chairman of the Board of American State Bank, has announced the promotion of Victor Salazar to Vice President of Multi-cultural Marketing and Business Development. The position is unique to American State, with no other financial institution in the region offering such market-specific leadership.

Salazar is a native of Lubbock and received a master's degree from West Texas A&M in 1997. His bilingual abilities will assist in the promotion and implementation of cultural-specific marketing and business development opportunities for ASB.

He has most recently been coordinator of Sales Development for American State Bank. Prior to that position Salazar served as a Personal Banker.



Salazar

Salazar's duties will include the coordination of ASB's multi-cultural strategic marketing plan and the Bank's involvement in multi-cultural activities and projects in the West Texas area.

Spring Turkey Hunt permit drawing on March 21

The City of Lubbock will be holding a drawing on March 21, 2005, for Spring Turkey Hunt permits for the Wildlife Mitigation Area (WMA) at Lake Alan Henry. Two permits for Garza County and two permits for Kent County will be issued for a total of only four permits per each 3-day weekend. Permit fees are \$75 per Lubbock residents, \$100 for non-Lubbock residents, and \$150 for out-of-state residents. Hunt dates are April 8, 9 and 10, and April 22, 23 & 24. Drawing winners must purchase their permits by March 28 and April 8 respectively to reserve their space.

To enter the Spring Turkey Hunt drawing, complete the 2005 Entry Form and return it to the Parks and Recreation Office by noon on March 21. Entry forms are available online at www.lakealanhenry.org or at the Parks and Recreation Office at 1010 9th Street, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Entry forms can be faxed to 806-775-2686 or mailed to Parks and Recreation PO Box 2000, Lubbock, TX 79457. For information, call 806-775-2673.

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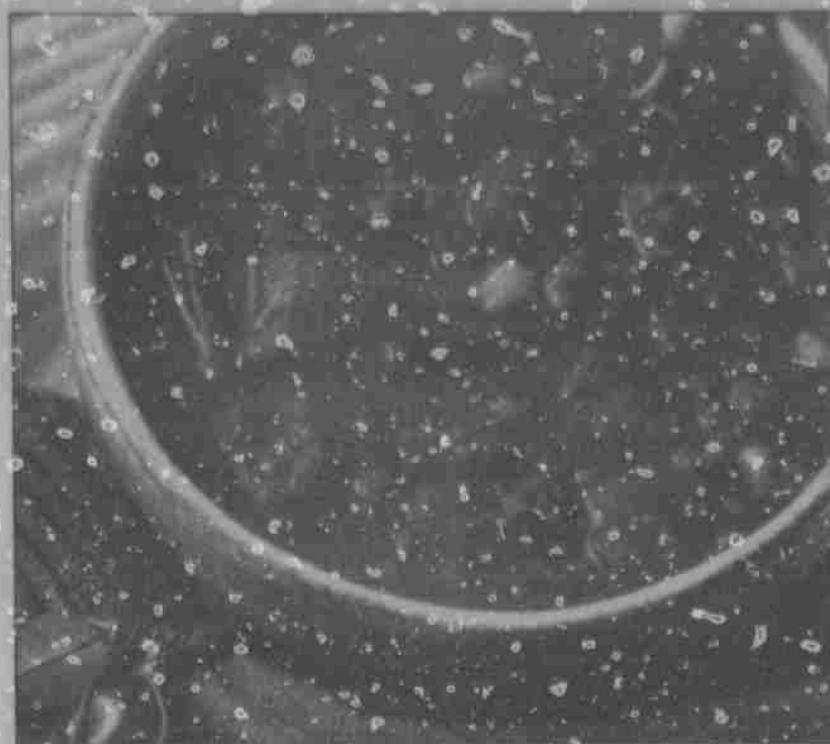
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The culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand suggest you minimize your time in the kitchen by purchasing canned juice, canned

already-diced tomatoes, and frozen mixed vegetables to simplify this recipe. The no-fat gravy mix provides the perfect base, while onion, celery, tomatoes and other mixed vegetables add great nutritional value and color. Serve this soup each time you want to have a satisfying meal that is rich in nutritional value but without the extra, unwanted calories.

Low-Fat Italian Vegetable-Beef Soup

This healthy home-style beefy tomato soup will warm your body and soul.

- 1 large onion, finely chopped (about 2 cups)
- 2 cups thinly sliced celery
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 lb. 90% lean ground beef
- 1 can (46 oz.) tomato juice
- 2 can (14.5 to 16 oz. each) diced tomatoes with basil and oregano
- 1 package (1 lb.) frozen mixed vegetables
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 package (1.6 oz.) brown gravy mix (Pioneer Brand recommended)
- 1/2 cup cool water

1 large zucchini or Dutch oven, cool and stir onion, celery and garlic in oil over medium heat until onion and celery are translucent. Add beef; cook and stir until browned. Stir in tomato juice, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, sugar and Italian seasoning; heat to a boil. Dissolve gravy mix in water; stir into boiling mixture until thickened. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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The Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy is looking for volunteers to tutor adults who need to learn to read, to prepare for the GED test or to speak English. Tutor training will take place at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 5 at Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street.

The Literacy Coalition is also looking for men and women willing to help dyslexic adults learn to read. Volunteers are needed either as one-on-one tutors or as classroom facilitators using The Scottish Rite videotapes of master teachers. Because the Literacy Coalition is the only facility offering help for dyslexic adults in our area, the need for tutors and facilitators is great. Please call 747-7323 for information on either session.

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Russell Simmons is NO answer to NAACP's woes

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

The buzz is that hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons should take over the top spot in the NAACP. An NAACP national search team is currently interviewing candidates to succeed outgoing NAACP president Kwesi Mfume.

Some veteran NAACP watchers and critics publicly tout Simmons because they think he can appeal to the younger generation. At first glance, that seems plausible. The standard knock against the nation's oldest civil rights organization is that it's too old, staid, and hopelessly out of touch with young blacks. But it will take much more than Simmons' dynamism, and purported youth savvy to revive the flagging fortunes of the NAACP. The problem is not an aging membership, but the NAACP's disconnect from activism, failure to address the problems of the black poor, its embrace of showy, symbolic fights, and its repeated bash by NAACP Chairman Julian Bond of President Bush, and its blatant push of any and all Democrats.

The NAACP can't drum up new members, old or young, because it has been missing in action in recent years on many of the crisis issues that tear black communities. A near textbook example of this is the Confederate flag fight. The organization wasted valuable time, energy and resources fighting with South Carolina officials over whether the flag should be removed from the statehouse. But the flag removal would not have saved one black farm, improved failing public schools, increased funds for historically black colleges, created more jobs, or reduced poverty for South Carolina's blacks. The NAACP's penchant for show-

piece battles that attract much press attention, but do nothing to solve the far thornier problems of the black poor did not begin with Mfume.

The collapse of the civil rights movement in the late 1960s marked the turning point for the organization. It became the political springboard for the newly emergent black middle-class. It fought hard to get more upwardly mobile blacks into corporate management, in elite universities, in front of and behind TV cameras, elect more black Democrats to state and national offices, secure more business loans, and, of course, rally against the Confederate flag.

These battles, however, did not have the slightest bearing on the plight of the black poor. They have grown more numerous, more desperate, are trapped in segregated or re-segregated neighborhoods, shuttle their children off to abominably failing public schools, are plagued by crime, drugs, and gangs, and are stuffed into bulging jail cells. Meanwhile, the wealth and income gap between the black haves and have-nots has widened even farther.

NAACP leaders have found themselves trapped in the middle by the twisting political trends and shifting upward fortunes of the black middle-class, and downward of the black poor. A tilt by them toward a hard-edged activist agenda carries the fearful risk of alienating the corporate donors and the Democratic politicians that the NAACP leaders carefully cultivate. But an activist tilt also would draw even more fire from the growing legion of pro-GOP leaning blacks that think the NAACP has squandered any political juice it had with its relentless name calling attacks on Bush.

The irony is that polls show that many of the young persons that Simmons' NAACP backers expect him to appeal too have either expressed their disgust with Democrats, are hopelessly alienated from both political

parties, or openly say they like the pro-business, self-help, family values pitch of GOP. That has not been lost on the GOP strategists. They are wooing, courting, and dumping millions into youth and education programs at black churches through Bush's faith based initiative program to appeal to young blacks.

Mfume recognized the folly of continuing to escalate the stealth war with Bush. Before his departure, he asked for and got a meeting with him. Some critics accused Mfume of cozying up to Bush, but that missed the point. The meeting had nothing to do with pandering, kow-towing, or endorsing any part of Bush's agenda. Before, during and after Mfume's meeting, he and NAACP officials remained miles apart from the Bush administration on school vouchers, Social Security, universal health care, affirmative action, the controversial judicial appointments, the Iraq war, and the Bush administration's continuing infringement on civil liberties protections. The meeting was simply a smart, and practical move that recognized that like it or not, Bush not Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry won the election. He will be in the White House for four years, and there are issues such as greater funding for HIV/AIDS programs, public education and health care that both sides might be able to find common ground on.

Simmons, or whomever the NAACP search committee eventually pegs to run the organization, will have the tough task of trying to figure out some way to bridge the gaping class and political divide among African-Americans, craft credible programs to tackle black poverty, and find a working accommodation with the Bush administration. A youth movement is not the answer to those problems.

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



The Iraq tours of duty which were to last a few weeks have lasted almost two years. Every week, young, talented, bright men with a possible positive future are sent over to Iraq and Iran to fight unknown enemies. Too many of them lose their lives and leave an empty space in the heart of those whom they love and left behind. They felt that they were doing a service for their country. Many family members are now wearing the magnetic ribbons saying "God Bless America" and "Support Our Troops."

It is noble that we support our troops, especially in worthy causes. The war in Iraq ceases to be a worthy cause. The main thing is that most Americans have not yet learned the cause. Some of us have great ideas about the cause and do not truly know because we have yet to be told. We know for sure that the reason behind the cause which we were told from the outset is not now, nor has it ever been the real cause! Consequently, we have continued to follow

the original path set before us for the reasoning behind American involvement in Iraq. There are thinking people in America and it would seem that someone in Congress thinks about what they have been a party to regarding this war. Aside from there being thinking people in Congress, there are thinking people in the populace. It would appear that some thinking people would contact their Congressmen and attempt to make an impact on them to put a halt to the assault in Iraq. Some e-mail groups have an idea which they believe will make an impact. This idea has also been spread in other means of communication.

The latest bright idea is to boycott businesses on inauguration day by not spending a dime for anything for that twenty-four hour period. It is hoped that the impact on business will call attention to the need to stop the war in Iraq. This may cause an impact, but the degree that it will cause some reaction to stopping the war will probably be of no significance. Congressmen MUST realize the damage that the war is doing to the moral of the average American and put the wheels into motion to withdraw funding for the war. Without

funding, it will be difficult to continue to pursue this endeavor. We need to get "in cinque" and bombard our Congressmen with our desire to stop the war in Iraq! The addresses of Senators and Representatives are available on the internet and in the public library for anyone who desires to have them.



Think About It!

It has to be us, by us!

by Eddie P. Richardson

For our long denied communities to become the competitive marketplaces, the leadership and initiative must come from inside the community by us for us.

Our first step should be becoming competitive at the market place with our goods and services. In this day and time, people spend their money where it gets the best results.

We must learn to love, respect, and trade with each other and help them in anyway we can. Don't expect people to spend their hard earned money with us just because we are or we are friends. We must earn it! WE DO NOT ALWAYS LOOK ACROSS TOWN to get first class goods and services, but instead, we look

for the best deal for our money.

On the other hand, we do not have to look for the goose that laid the golden egg when it could be in our own backyard. That golden egg could be the school cafeteria worker, janitor, bus driver, teacher, preacher or neighbor. It does not have to be an athlete or entertainer. It could be someone close to us who sets a good all around example.

We need people who look like us in our everyday life to help advance our images, such as carpenters, brick layers, policemen, firemen, bankers, lawyers, professionals, blue collar workers, and every walk of life.

We, especially, need Black male role models across the

board. This is a posture our young Blacks do not see in large numbers. The women are around, but we badly need positive Black male role models. The saying: "It takes a whole village to raise a child," is so true. At this date and time, there is a must for us to get back to community and family. As some have said, "We must go back to the old landmark."

Thought of the Week: "For life to be better for all of us, we must learn to love, respect, and trust each other for a better world for all of us."

Here's wishing the best for all of you in 2005!
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DEVELOPMENT LOOKING REALLY GREAT! THIS N THAT is very happy over the new development ... by the Lubbock Housing Authority... at the north end of the... GREEN-FAIR MANOR APARTMENT COMPLEX ... This is very needed effort ... and will not only benefit the neighborhood ... but enhance much to WHEATLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and DUNBAR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. It is just good to see and will add much to the NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. Keep on doing what you're doing ... LUBBOCK HOUSING AUTHORITY ... as it is really working.

SISTER VERDA SMITH WORKED HARD FOR EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT wants the family of SISTER VERDA SMITH to know that she made an OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION to East Lubbock over the years. She worked real hard and wasn't afraid to stand up for what she believed was right for all citizens. At age 87 ... she passed away last Saturday, January 22, 2005 at University Medical Center. Many are reaping some of the benefits ... fought for by our sister ... VERDA SMITH! No doubt about it ... she will be missed.

WANT TO FEED THE HUNGRY! THIS N THAT attended a noon service at the MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH last Friday and learned that this effort was begun to RAISE FUNDS to feed those who are hungry in our neighborhoods according to REV. J. J. JOHNSON ... pastor. hopefully, this effort will continue as others hear about it. For sure ... there is some very positive teaching during the noon hour. Why not go by Mt. Gilead this week. Go by and encourage Pastor Johnson and members to continue. Shouldn't we be about the business of helping our own?

NAME CHANGED! THIS N THAT received information, that

the office of COMMUNITY & MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS ... on the campus of Texas Tech University ... has been changed to OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS. This office has been developed to represent and advocate the interests of the Texas Tech University System community-based organizations and professional associations ... locally statewide and nationally. For more information contact CATHY H. ALLEN ... Vice Chancellor or Cayce C. Noble, Senior Administrative Assistant at (806) 742-8671.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "When at times you seek to present the TRUTH ... some will become upset ... but if you attempt to become involved with an ARGUMENT you will only multiply it ... and this you cannot afford to do. HOLD fast to your TRUTH!"

HAVE YOU VISITED A PUBLIC SCHOOL? THIS N THAT has been asking the question "HAVE YOU VISITED A LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL?" Now this question is being asked because we need to BECOME MORE INVOLVED with our local schools ... but most important ... OUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN need to see us on their campus. And hopefully ... they will see some

of us in their cafeterias having lunch with them. School is almost out!

WHAT ABOUT A COMMERCIAL FOR NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK? THIS N THAT is still dreaming about GOOD THINGS for North & East Lubbock. What about a COMMERCIAL telling the story about these areas of the city. Perhaps there are companies in Lubbock who would fund such an effort. When you keep things on the mind of people things will happen. If you agree, then give John Hall at call at City Hall.

IF YOU SEE A DRUG HOUSE, TURN IT IN! THIS N THAT is hoping if you see a DRUG HOUSE in your neighborhood ... you will call the Lubbock Police Department and give them the necessary information about your discovery. Do it today! Don't be afraid.

GETTING READY FOR JUNETEENTH! THIS N THAT learned that EDDIE P. RICHARDSON ... Board of Director Member of the Juneteenth Historical Commission ... was in Austin, Texas this week getting information for the upcoming celebration. State Representative Al Edwards ... founder of the Texas State Holiday ... JUNETEENTH presided over the meeting. More on their developments in near future.

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Lubbock (CHCL) is fortunate to have one of these programs locally. The Primer Paso Promotors Program was started in 2002 through funding from the State of Texas Innovation Project and use to continuing funding from the Department of Health and Human Services Community Diabetes Project. CHCL has been able to continue the program. Ten of the Promotors have already graduated from the extensive 160 curriculum that requires 1600 volunteer hours. These Promotors include: Emrina Martinez, Pilar and Berta Martinez, Toni Martinez, Katie Parks, Maria Reyes, Connie Cantu, Sylvia Martinez, Trinidad Mendoza and

Mary Paul. Five new Promotors are currently in training. The program currently includes a total of 14 Promotors working in the community to educate about the devastating effects of diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular disease and other chronic conditions.

Through the Primer Paso Promotors Training Program the Promotors are able to seek certification by the State of Texas. Currently we have one Promotora, Emrina Martinez, who has applied for this certification. Debra Flores

is the program coordinator and has recently received her certification as a Promotors Instructor from the State of Texas. She is only one of 22 in the state that has been able to qualify for this certification.

The Promotors educate the community through presentations and health fairs. They are anxious to share their knowledge with the community by doing home visits to clients with diabetes to provide one-on-one education in the home to include a healthy cooking

demonstration. CHCL is very proud of the dedication and commitment that the Promotors have in their quest to decrease the effects of diabetes on their families and as well as their neighborhoods.

If you would like more information about the Primer Paso Promotors Program, please contact Debra Flores, Program Coordinator at 765-2609 ext. 228, Estela Salazar, Outreach Educator, ext. 239, or Christina Cavarrubio, Outreach Nurse, ext. 253.

Samuel Gravely Jr., pioneering black U.S. Navy Admiral, dies at 82



Gravely

Courtesy of Jet Magazine

Retired Vice Admiral Samuel Lee Gravely Jr., the first Black naval officer to become an admiral and to command a warship and a fleet, recently died after a stroke at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda,

MD. He was 82.

Gravely began his 38-year Navy career as a fireman apprentice in 1942. In the 1960s, he became the first Black to command a Navy warship as executive officer and acting commanding officer of the destroyer USS Theodore E. Chandler.

During the Vietnam War, he commanded the destroyer USS Taussig and then the guided missile frigate USS Jouett. This made him the first Black to command a major naval warship.

In July 1971, while commanding officer of USS Jouett, Gravely was promoted to Rear Admiral. He was the first Black to achieve Flag Rank in the Navy.

Subsequent assignments included command of a cruiser destroyer group, the 11th Naval District and the Third Fleet in the Pacific. He also made history as the first Black to command a U.S. fleet, the Third Fleet.

From 1978 to 1980, he was director of the Defense Communications Agency in

Washington. He retired in 1980.

Gravely joined the Naval Reserve after his second year at Virginia Union University. A native of Richmond, Gravely entered the Navy's college V-12 program in 1943. As part of his V-12 training, he attended the University of California in Los Angeles, Pre-Midshipman School in New Jersey, and Midshipman School at Columbia University in New York City.

In 1944, Gravely successfully completed midshipman training, becoming the first Black commissioned as an officer from the Navy Reserve Officer Training Course.

During Gravely's illustrious career, he was honored with such awards as the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Survivors include his wife, Alma; two children and two brothers.

Admiral Samuel Lee Gravely Jr. made history as the first Black naval officer to become an admiral and to command a warship and a fleet.

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To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREE, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2005. Or go online to arborday.org.

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Guidelines:

1. Ages 12-18 years of age.
2. Entries must be 500 words or less.
3. Suggested essay topics: Dr. King as a family patriarch, Dr. King as a preacher or Dr. King as a peacemaker.
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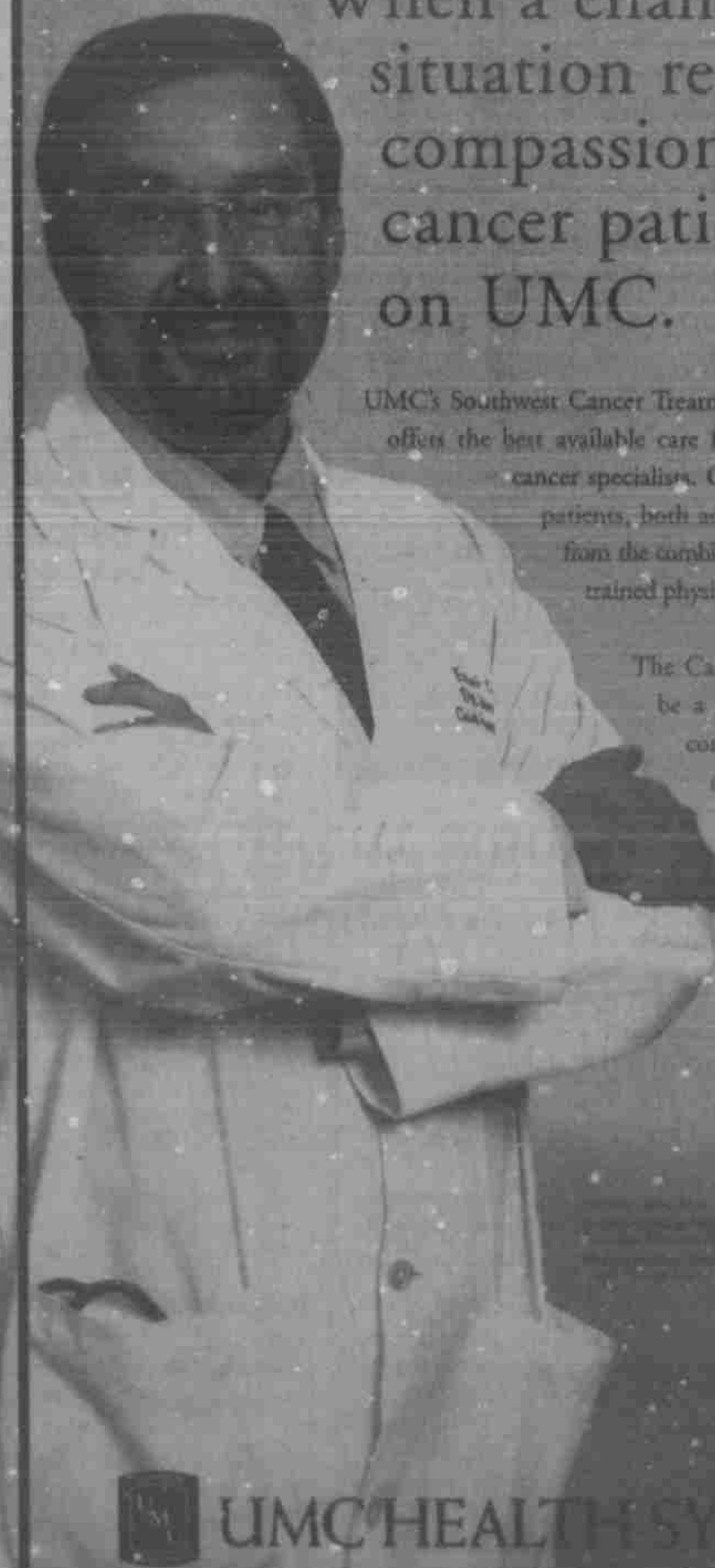
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