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Local News

CCAV Offers Tax Assistance

The Coalition of Community Assistance Volunteers, a non-profit organization, has partnered with the Internal Revenue Service and has assumed the responsibility of overseeing the VITA (volunteer income tax assistance) sites in the community. The program is designed to assist low income, elderly, disabled, and non-English speaking income eligible taxpayers with the preparation of simple tax returns.

If you anticipate owing taxes, CCAV volunteers can prepare and transmit your tax return electronically and provide you with a payment voucher to send your payment before April 15th. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY!**

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Community Meetings

• Lubbock Area Client 2300th St. Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center • Hub City Kwanzaa, Every Thursday Night, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue Q • Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd Sunday 4pm • Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Sunday - 7:30 • Forgotten West Riders, First & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library • East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday 9:11 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St. • Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTT Market Center • Dunbar/Alumni bus trips: Neighborhood Association 4th Friday Third Thursday 6:00 pm, 1805 East 24th Street (at back center party house) • West Texas Negro American Association 1st Lack Suppers on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm. Educational presentations and demonstrations • Texas Juvenile Cultural & Historical Commission Lubbock Alliance Meet at T.J. Patterson Branch Library 2nd Thursday 7 pm • West Texas "Native American" Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Gateway Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 • West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center • The Parkway Neighborhood & Cherry-Park Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

We would like to publish your monthly meetings. If you would like for an announcement to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing by mailing it to:

Community Meetings CO: Southwest Digest
P.O. Box 2553
Lubbock, Texas 79408
or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at 902 East 23rd Street

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Old Business With a New Location

Brock's South Plains Funeral Home is eagerly anticipating state approval to open the 54,000 plus square foot facility, located at 206 East 19th Street, at the end of March.

Michael Brock, Funeral Director, is very proud and says, "City Bank of Lubbock really embraced our project and business plan by becoming a financial force and providing the capital to bring business to East Lubbock. The bank's team of Charles

Battin, Senior Vice President; Maurice Wilcox, Senior Vice President; and Mike Liner, Bank President, have all stood firmly with us showing their belief that we will create jobs and help economic development in East Lubbock."

Continuing Brock said, "Also, the expertise of Patrick Murfee, serving as Project Consultant, has kept all aspects on schedule. Finally, City Councilman T.J. Patterson, who's support

has helped to clear many hurdles."

Brock South Plains Funeral Home will take a new approach to the community by sponsoring programs of interest and educational value to all citizens.

The South Plains Funeral Home has been a tradition in the Lubbock Community since 1936. "Our prayer is to continue this time honored tradition that this community will be proud of," concluded Brock.

Dunbar International Alumni Association All-Class Reunion, July 8-11, 2004

Calling all Panthers - the time has arrived for all Panthers to make time for our All-Class Reunion July 8-11, 2004. The theme is "Once A Panther, Always A Panther".

hosted by your Dunbar International Alumni Association.

The schedule of events include:

July 8th
Registration, 12:00-5:00 pm at Dunbar Jr. High School
Bowling (registration & cost to be announced)

July 9th
Registration 10:00am-3:00 pm @ Dunbar Jr. High
11:30am-12:30pm Pep Rally
4:00pm - Barbecue
9:00pm - Maroon & White Night

July 10th
Registration 8:00 am-9:30 am

United Super Market
10:00am - 12:00 pm
Panther Vehicle Parade
12:30pm - Bus Tour of Lubbock
7:00pm - 1:00 am
Banquet & Dance

July 11th
Farewell Breakfast, Memorial Service and Business Meeting 8:30 am

Tickets for all events (except bowling) is \$75.00 for one adult, if paid by April 15, 2004 and \$100.00 after April 15th. Your cost for 2 adults is \$135.00 before April 15th and \$150.00 if paid after April 15th. Lifetime members pay only 1/2 the amount.

You may purchase additional

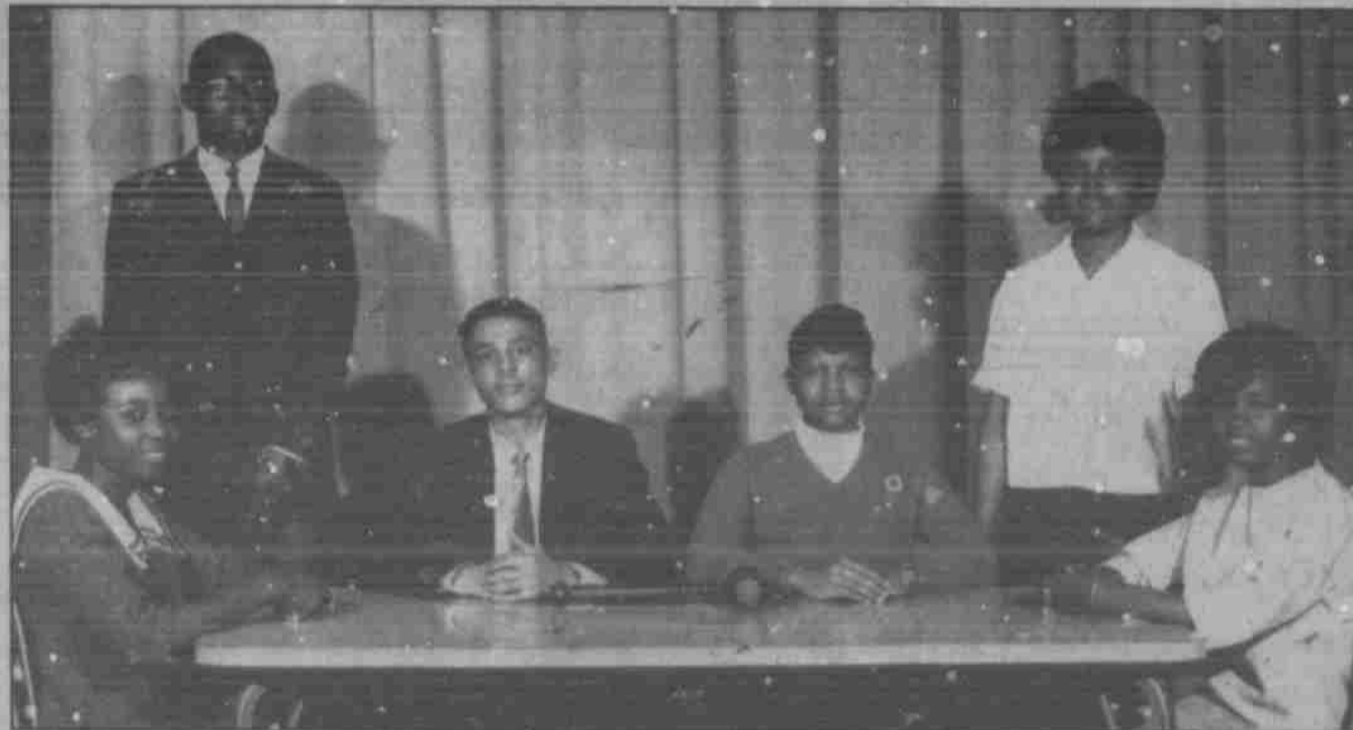
tickets for the barbecue at \$3.00 for children age 4-12 and all others \$7.00. Children below age 4 are free. Additional tickets for the banquet and dance are \$40.00. All tickets must be purchased when registration packets are picked up.

You may purchase a Memorial T-shirt during registration. Your cost is small to 1X - \$10.00, and \$12.00 for all sizes 2X and above. Please indicate your size with your pre-registration check.



Here's hoping to hear from you soon and see you at the Reunion!

Student Council Officers, 1962-63



LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEARS — A young Dunbar High School student, Frances Bolden Eddins, right, is shown with an unidentified child in July 1957. This photo could have been taken near Dunbar High School when it was located on Date Avenue.

If you look closely, one would see this street is not paved in 1957. Since then, many streets in this area of the City of Lubbock have been paved.

Paul Quinn College Concert Choir in Concert at Bethel AME Church Friday Night

The Northwest Texas Annual Conference will present the Paul Quinn College Concert Choir in Concert on Friday evening, April 2, 2004, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Driver beginning at 7:30 p.m.

With the theme, "A Past To Cherish And A Future To Fulfill", the choir will be direct-

ed by Mrs. Jowanda Jordan and Larry Willis is accompanist.

One of the anthems the choir will sing is "Lift Every Voice And Sing" and the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Special selections are to be sung by the Estacado High School Choir. A welcome will be given by Ms. Vanessa Levine. Senior minister is Danny Poe.



Comptroller Strayhorn Recommends \$28.5 Million Tobacco Settlement Fund Distribution, Counties and Hospital Districts to Benefit

(Austin)—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today announced that she is recommending a distribution of \$28.5 million from the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account.

The \$1.8 billion Fund, which was built up from payments under the state's tobacco settlement, provides annual distributions to Texas political subdivisions and hospital districts. The Comptroller is authorized to manage and oversee the Fund, with the advice and counsel of the eleven-member Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account Investment Advisory Committee.

"I am pleased to announce that because of solid investment performance and oversight by the Committee and by my staff, this year I am recommending a distribution of \$28.5 mil-

lion, a 29 percent increase over last year's distribution," Strayhorn said. If adopted by the Committee, this would be the largest distribution from the Fund in its three-year history.

"Some communities and hospital districts—already stretched thin from more than \$1 billion in health care cuts made under this governor's administration—are now burdened with the responsibility of providing health care to the tens of thousands of children who have been dropped from the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) since just last September. These funds from the tobacco settlement will provide a shot-in-the-arm for these hospitals," Strayhorn said.

The Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account Investment Advisory Committee will meet Friday, March 26.

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



Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

Bag Blow Out

What is this seasons "IT" HAND BAG ?

After shifting through hundred of candidates, here's the prediction of some winners^ thats sure to be in the running. Some purses are classic pieces, they go beyond a momentary infatuation, improving with age.

Catch the hand bag craze a.....

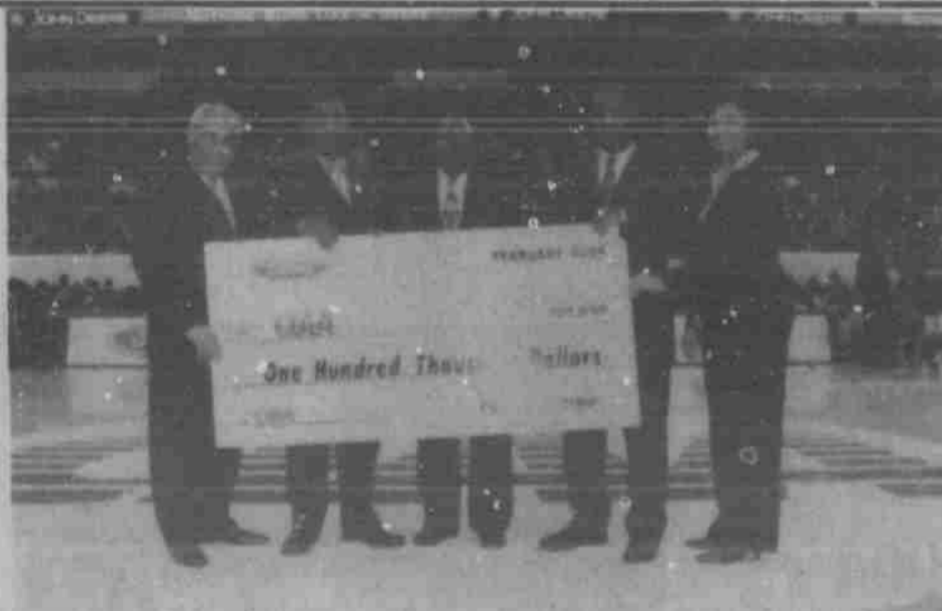
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Ladies, go ahead get noticed, turn some heads. You can tell a lot about a woman.....by the hand bag she carries. The



question is..... What do you want the world to know about you ?

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



Ford donated \$100,000 to the CIAA Scholarship Fund at the recent CIAA Tournament in Raleigh, NC. For more than forty years, Ford has supported Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) through various grants, donations and scholarship funds. The contributions over the years are at a multi-million dollar level.

Pictured (l-r): Chuck Morrison, Senior Vice-President Client Services, Uniworld Group, Inc.; Archie Kindall, Dealer Principal, Plaza Ford; Dr. Sunday Adesuyi, President, CIAA; Nat Mason, Multicultural Marketing Manager, Ford Division; Mary Campbell, Brand Communications Manager, Ford.



In an on-court recognition at the CIAA Basketball Tournament, the Ford Motor Company was saluted as the "2004 CIAA Corporate Partner of the Year." This marks the fourth consecutive year of Ford's partnership with the CIAA.

Pictured (l-r): Mary Campbell, Brand Communications Manager, Ford; Dr. Sunday Adesuyi, President, CIAA; Nat Mason, Multicultural Marketing Manager, Ford Division and Chuck Morrison, Senior Vice-President Client Services, Uniworld Group, Inc.

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CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

There have been two outstanding programs over the past week which will live for many months in the mind of many local citizens.

One was the Surprise Birthday party for Mrs. Gracie L. Sullivan when she celebrated her 100th birthday last Saturday at the Mae Simmons Community Center where at least 100 men, women and children were present. There was a short program and Mrs. Sullivan was presented a Special Recognition from the City of Lubbock and presented to her by City Councilman T. J. Patterson.

Her daughters, Carolyn Gilbert and Maxine Sullivan-Burton, were responsible for this affair.

During the morning services last Sunday morning, March 28, 2004, Mrs. Burton, who resides in Oakland, California, was guest speaker at the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church in observance of "Women's History Month."

The other event was the 50th Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs which was held at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. Aside from the singing, a short program included a welcome by Ollie Coleman, secretary emeritus of the Federation of Choirs. Joan Y. Ervin gave a brief history. Linda Harvey gave the occasion. The theme of the afternoon was "It Over Flows." 1 Romans 15:13.

The following songs were sung by all church choirs: "Have Your Way," "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me," "You Can't Hurry God," "Something Good," "I Will Trust In The Lord," and "God's Got A Blessing."

A special thanks go out to the Anniversary Program Committee who worked to complete the work of the late Brother Samuel Curtis. Those members are Julia Lang, co-chairman; Rodney Collins, Lovie Cage, Michael Horton, Charles Hibdy, and Bennie Sims.

A Proclamation from Mayor Marc McDougal was presented by Mayor Pro Tern T. J. Patterson. The newly chosen City Manager Lou Fox was also present.

Brother Arlee Jackson is president of the Federation of Choirs.

The Paul Quinn College Concert Choir will appear at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, on Friday evening, April 2, 2004, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Rev. Danny Poe is pastor.

The theme for this program is: "A Past To Cherish And A Future To Fulfill."

The Holy Week Service at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is as following: Tuesday: April 6, 2004, 7:00 p. m. "The Word of Forgiveness and "The Word of Salvation." Wednesday, April 7, 2004, 7:00 p. m. "The Word of Affection" and

"The Word of Anguish." Thursday, April 8, 2004, 7:00 p. m., "The Word of Suffering," "The Word of Victory" and "The Foot Washing and Holy Communion." Friday, April 9, 2004, 7:00 p. m., "The Word of Contentment" and "The Nails of the Cross."

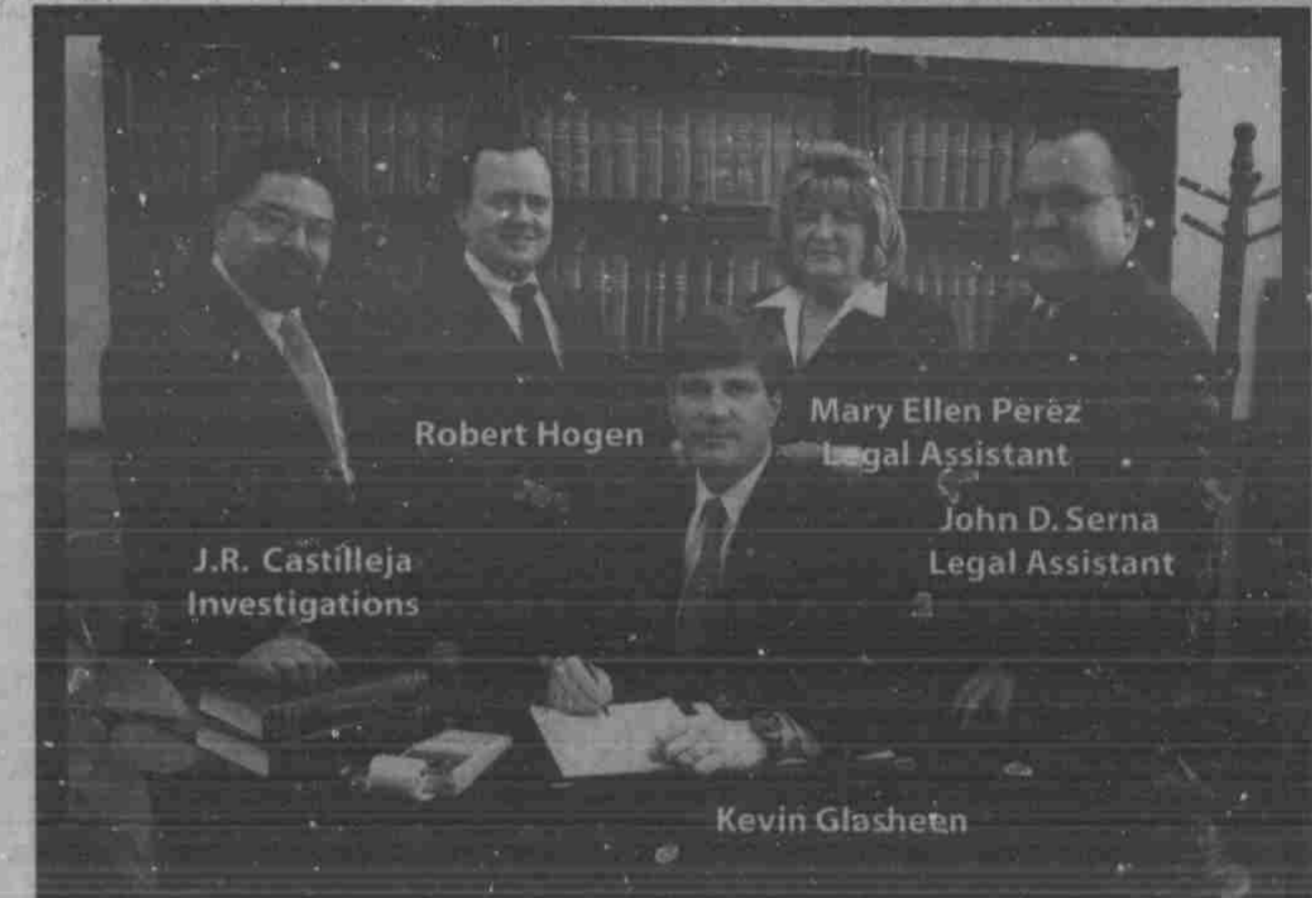
Danny R. Poe is Senior Minister.

The Tenth Episcopal District Ushers & Nurses Association of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will hold its annual meeting and scholarship banquet on April 23-24, 2004. Bethel AME Church is host church.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, March 28, 2004, at the New Hope Baptist Church, "The Church Where The People Care, and Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

The morning scripture and prayer were offered by Rev. Merzell McCutcheon. After several selections by the New Hope Choir, Pastor Moton delivered a sermon entitled "Prayer Can Move God To Turn Your Situation Around." His scripture was Isaiah 37:14-20. It was another outstanding sermon.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. Among them include Brother Harry Stokley, a patient at Covenant Health System, Room 873-S; and Brother James Beaty, who is home at this report recuperating.



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CHURCH DIRECTORY



WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS
"JESUS IS THE ANSWER"

ISAIAH 55:67. SEEK YOU THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND. CALL UPON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR; LET THE WICKED FORSAKE HIS WAYS, AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS THOUGHTS; AND LET HIM RETURN UNTO THE LORD, AND HE WILL HAVE MERCY UPON HIM, AND TO OUR GOD. FOR HE WILL ABUNDANTLY PARDON.

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WITH WHAT IS CALLED: BIG PROBLEMS OF TODAY. THEY'RE NOW COMMITTING SUICIDE, EVEN BLACKS; SAY, THAT IS THE ONLY WAY.

JOHN 14:6, JESUS SAID, I AM THE ONLY WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY ME.

PEOPLE DON'T KNOW: EVERY PROBLEM HAS AN ANSWER, AND JESUS IS NOT HARD TO FIND THEY NEED TO TALK WITH HIM: AND HE WILL GIVE THEM PEACE OF MIND.

MATTHEW 11:28-30, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YOU THAT LABOUR (WEARY) AND ARE HEAVY LADEN (OPPRESSED), AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE (THE BIBLE) UPON YOU, AND LEAN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART: AND YOU SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.

ALL MEN NEED TO HUMBLE THEMSELVES; GET ON THEIR KNEES AND PRAY, GOD IS THE GOD FOR THIS WORLD, AND HE KNOWS EVERY WORD YOU WILL SAY.

JEREMIAH 23:23,24, THE LORD SAID, AM I A GOD AT HAND, AND NOT A GOD AFAR OFF? CAN ANY HIDE HIMSELF IN A SECRET PLACES THAT I SHALL NOT SEE HIM? SAID THE LORD, DO I NOT I FILL HEAVEN AND EARTH?

MAN CAN SAY, YAK'AA-UYHHG'PIJNH: SPEAKING IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUES, GOD KNOW THE HEART OF ALL MEN; HE KNOWS WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.

1 SAMUEL 16:7b. FOR THE LORD SEETH NOT AS MAN SEETH; FOR MAN LOOKETH ON THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE, BUT THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART.

MANY DON'T KNOW JESUS; THE ONLY DOCTOR K'DOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, HE IS YET SOLVING PROBLEMS; FOR MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS.

JOHN 3:17, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON (JESUS) INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM, MIGHT BE SAVED.

MANY PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD ARE LOST; THINKING THEY ARE ALL ALONG, THEY'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT JESUS, SETTING AT THE RIGHT OF GOD'S THRONE!!!

HEBREWS 4:16, LET US THEREFORE COME BOLDLY UNTO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY, AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.

IN THIS OLD WORLD'S HOG PEN; PEOPLE SAY: THEIR LIFE IS SO HARD, BUT THE WAY OUT OF IT IS; HUMBLE YOURSELF, AND HAVE A TALK WITH GOD.

*****I'M JUST A 'NOBODY, TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY, ABOUT SOMEBODY, WHO DIED ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY; FOR EVERYBODY!!!!*****

ISAIAH 55:1, COME NOW, AND LET US REASON TOGETHER, SAID THE LORD: THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET, THEY SHALL BE AS WHITE AS SNOW; THOUGH THEY BE REDD LIKE CRIMSON, THEY SHALL BE AS WOOL.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B. MORRISON I, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Do the Democratic Party Have the Black Vote in Hand?

Recent polls have indicated John Kerry has the Black vote in his back pocket. The implied analysis is the black vote is safely locked in the Democratic Party political vault until the election in November.

This safety net the liberal left has kept through the promise of politically sacrosanct programs is not a sacred cow in the modern day black American's world. Blacks who have their "head screwed on right" so to speak or think for themselves, no longer follow the traditional political one party modus operandi.

Many of you have read the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk." This is a children's story Jack, a poor country boy, trades the family cow for a handful of magic beans,

which grow into an enormous beanstalk reaching up into the clouds. Jack climbs the beanstalk and finds himself in the castle of a giant. The giant sense Jack's presence and cried. "Fee, fie, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman!" Jack being a boy with a degree of high intelligence was able to outwit the giant, and retrieve many family goods that had once been stolen from his family, including an enchanted goose that lays golden eggs. Jack escapes the giant by chopping down the beanstalk. The giant, who is pursuing him, falls to his death, and Jack and his family prosper ever afterward.

The analogy of this children story as it applies to today's black Americans and the leadership of the party of John Kerry is Fee, fie fo, fum, you smelt the blood, sweat and tears of black Americans." The

same old political promise "pie in the sky" may appear to be to your benefit, but the enchanted goose that lay, the golden eggs have been stolen for a great number of years and Mack the Black" might just escape your political grip by chopping down your beanstalk with the voting for George Bush.

Armstrong William's wrote a column on how Condoleezza Rice, the present National Security Adviser, told what the meaning of life meant to her. Rice said, "To me, the meaning of life is the people that God puts in your path. And every night I thank God that I had the parents that I had. ... Early on, my father engaged me in the intellectual life. My mother was an elegant lady, and she gave me music."

William's quoted Rice saying, "We lived in a completely segregated life in Alabama I didn't have a

single white classmate until we moved to Denver when I was in the 10th grade." He continues, "Her teachers taught Rice that she had to be twice as good as white boys and girls just to make it in this world. These lessons cultivated a fierce tenacity."

The party of Kerry need to understand that President George Bush looked beyond the negative social thought and placed qualified black Americans like to Rice, Powell and others in key positions of leadership in the most powerful country in the universe. These black Americans play a role in the lives of peoples of the world because of President George Bush.

The party of John Kerry needs to understand that black Americans "can see the forest through the trees."

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"Jesus Was Rejected At Nazareth - Some Reject Him Today!"
St. Luke 4:16-20; Isaiah 61:1-2

When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on Saturday, and stood up to read the scriptures. The Book of Isaiah, the prophet, was handed to him. And he opened it to the place where it says "The spirit of the Lord is upon me." He had appointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted and to announce that the captives shall be released and the blind shall see. That the down trodden shall be freed from their oppressors, and that God is ready to give blessings to all who come to him.

He closed the Book and handed it back to the attendant and sat down. While everyone in the synagogue gazed at him intently then he added these scriptures come true today.

Jesus quoted this verse from Isaiah 61:1-2, stopping in the middle of verse 2, just before "and the day of his wrath to their enemies". He did this because the time of God's blessings is fulfilled in Jesus' first coming, but the time of God, wrath awaits his second coming. His hearers were expecting just the opposite of the Messiah. They thought he would crush their enemies first, and then usher in God's blessings.

To know Christ is to know the truth, and knowledge of the truth, is what this world needs. Many people today are confused and lost. If we want people to turn to God, we will have to let them see the truth that is within us. Is your life so full of Jesus' love that others know it by your words and actions? Even Jesus was not accepted as a prophet in his own hometown. Just think if it happened to Jesus, what about you?

Mel Gipson, "Passions Of The

Christ" movies are being showed to the world once again that our Lord suffered for this world. And the extent of that suffering is shown through the movie. Many still reject him. He (Jesus) said: "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me."

He (Jesus) has the power to lay down his life, and pick it up again. This is laid before the whole world through this movie. To those who are suffering, tell Jesus!

Thought of the Week: "No one killed Jesus. He gave his life for all of us."

The next meeting of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday morning, April 3, 2004, in the home of Sister Annie Mae McBride, 402 Walnut Avenue, beginning at 9:00 a. m.

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



Saint John Baptist Church

S.E. Fields, Pastor

1712 East 29th Street

Lubbock, Texas 79404

Dear Friends, Family, and Guest Pastors and Churches:

Pastor Solomon E. Fields and the St. John Baptist Church Family want to just say *thank you*. What a mighty God we serve. It is not often that you leave an anniversary celebration revived, renewed and regenerated. The Holy Spirit met us at every event. Several attendees have stated that it seems as if we have been in a revival instead of an appreciation service.

Sunday March 14, 2004 Assistant Pastor Joe Williams from Berea Baptist Church Fort Worth, Texas blessed our hearts both morning and afternoon by rightly dividing the Word of Truth. Our Youth Department was ready and in-charge all day. They did a beautiful job demonstrating their love for Pastor and Sister Fields. Our afternoon guest pastors and churches came in large numbers and we were all blessed by their participation.

On Wednesday March 17, 2004 the Love Festival for Pastor and Family was wonderful. It included several individualized demonstrations of love toward our Pastor and Family. The program called for an "Old One Hundred." Sister Ruth Jones Wright led us in the call and answer version of "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" as well as "Take Your Burdens to the Lord and Leave Them There." Sister Mary Doss stood and recited, from memory, a poem titled "Your Neighbor." Sister Heidi Jeffery of Crane, Texas blessed us with her gift of song. Sister Angela Love drove all the way from Odessa, Texas just to say thank you to Pastor and Sister Fields and LaTina. Pastor Fields and family received several beautiful gifts from church members and auxiliaries. The crowning touch at the Love Fest was a very nice sterling silver necklace and bracelet set presented to Sister Louise Fields in honor of the 10th Appreciation Celebration donated by Dr. Ken Brooks and Wayland Baptist University, Lubbock Campus.

The 10th Appreciation Celebration of Pastor and Sister Solomon E. Fields culminated on March 21, 2004. During Morning Worship, a very special guest Rev. Floyd Fields of Houston, Texas, Pastor Fields father, blessed us by singing a soul-stirring rendition of "Jesus Loves Me This I Know." Then Minister Norris Harris I, Lubbock, Texas blessed our hearts preaching from the scripture text Leviticus 24:1-4 with emphasis on verse 2. Led by Sister Mary Roberts, the Food Services Committee fed our morning guest, Pastor Fields and Family, and the church family a delicious lunch.

The Appreciation hour came and we were blessed. Our guest Pastors and churches helped us fill the church sanctuary, praise the Lord and shout for joy. Pastor and Sister Fields were announced and entered the service as Bro. George Love, an Assistant Principal at Estacade High School, performed a trumpet fanfare and solo. The women of St. John did a touching floral parade giving Sister Fields her flowers while she can enjoy them. Pastor J. H. Ford, Pastor of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas came to preach, worship, and praise and that he did. Pastor Ford preached our theme text Nehemiah 6:3 with a Holy Spirit filled, easy to understand hermeneutical style. The day ended by sharing refreshments with our guests prepared by Sister Mary Doss and Sister Patricia Jeffery.

Thank you all, we could not have done it without you, and your participation will never be forgotten. We look forward to worshipping and praising the Lord with you again in the future.

Sincerely grateful,

Solomon E. Fields, Pastor
Bro. Arlee Jackson, Finance Chair
Sis. Helen Vizer, 10th Appreciation Chair
Sis. Joanie Lethridge, Co-Chair
Sis. Evelyn Rising and Sister Angela Mosley, Program & Decorations

St. Matthew Baptist Church News

It was another glorious day that the Lord made last Sunday morning, March 28, 2004, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, where the Rev. Edward Canady is pastor.

Morning worship services began last Sunday morning at 10:00 a. m. with Sunday School. The morning lesson was taught by Minister Nina Davis, and was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a. m. with the Brothers in charge of the morning devotional period.

The Senior Choir provided the morning selections and again sang out of their souls.

The morning message was delivered by our Pastor, Rev. Edward Canady. His subject was "Who Is Your God?" His scripture text was I King 18:17-21.

The Sunday School Department will sponsor a Musical on Saturday evening, April 10, 2004, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and hear some outstanding singing. Among special guest are New Light Baptist Church Senior Choir, Voices of Faith, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Male Chorus, The Golden Voices, and The Gospel Highlights.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. If you are interested, please call Rev. Edward Canady at (806) 744-2445.

Thought For The Week: "Instead of grumbling because you don't get what you want, be thankful you don't get what you deserve."

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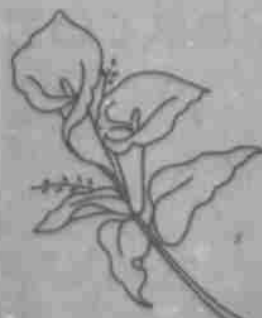


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Celebrating Cesar Chavez

5th Annual recognition of his contributions, a public celebration honoring Cesar Chavez will be held on

Sunday, April 4, 2004 at 2:30 p.m.

The event will begin with a Rally at Cavazos Jr. High (in front of school) 210 North University

The people's march will lead participants to Biddy Holly Park, at Canyon Lake Drive, for the Cesar Chavez Festival.

This year's theme is **"VOTE WITH HOPE"**

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Only 300 tickets, priced at \$40 each, will be sold for the event, which benefits the Food Bank's Kids Cafe program. Tickets may be purchased through the Food Bank at 763-3003.

The tour will take participants to the distinguished kitchens of four Lubbock homes. Each kitchen will serve samples of a different phase of a gourmet menu: appetizers, seafood grille, Country Italian, and desserts. Presiding over each kitchen will be a professional chef: Chris Wilson of United Supermarkets, Lemuel Arroyo of Carino, Steve Purdy of Rockfish, and Sam Armstrong of Kids Cafe.

The hours will be 4 pm to 7 pm and the visitors get additional treats in the forms of wines, coffees, decorations, commemorative cookbooks, souvenir aprons, and the chance to win door prizes.

During the tour, officials will draw the winning ticket in the current raffle for a classic bicycle—a lovingly restored, authentic 1952 Schwinn Black Phantom, worth more than \$1,000. Those tickets are also on sale from the Food Bank.

Each week, Kids Cafe provides more than 1,000 nutritious after-school meals in safe environments to Lubbock youngsters in need.

Letter Carriers Plan Special Stop at Your House -- To Collect Food Help Ease South Plains Hunger

Every day in this country, too many people have to make almost impossible choices between the essentials of living, such as paying the utility bills, making the rent or mortgage payment—or buying food. Residents of Lubbock and other communities throughout America can help by supporting the 12th annual Food Drive of the National Association of Letter Carriers on Saturday, May 8, 2004.

In Lubbock and three other cities of this area—Levelland, Plainview, and Muleshoe—the drive will continue through May 15. Letter Carriers will collect non-perishable food items, placed in bags beside residential mailboxes, and deliver them to the South Plains Food Bank.

Last year, the local campaign collected 86,650 pounds of food to help ease hunger in this region. In 12 years, the NALC's national food drive has gathered more than half-a-billion pounds of food, becoming the largest single volunteer event in America each year. Joining the Letter Carriers in sponsoring the drive will be the United States Postal Service, Campbell's, America's Second Harvest, the AFL-CIO, and the United Way.

Lubbock Letter Carriers spokesman Eddie Odle says it is urgent to help restock the shelves at the South Plains Food Bank at this time because the summer months to come are especially difficult for children facing hunger. Most school lunch programs are suspended and youngsters must look elsewhere for nutrition.

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Yes, I Can!

by Eddie P. Richardson

"Yes, I Can," was the title of a book written by the late Sammy Davis, Jr. after his release from the military service with a bad taste of the military after receiving some bad experiences before President Harry S. Truman integrated the Armed Forces.

This holds true today as there are always obstacles and stumbling blocks. A person can do or be anything he or she wants to be if they are willing to work hard and pay the price. Nothing or anything as well as anybody can keep us from succeeding if we want the end results to be positive for us.

Look back in history and check the archives, and you will see so many of our

forefathers of all races, cultures and backgrounds who had to overcome huge odds to become successful. They, no doubt, had faith and believed in themselves, worked harder, gave more because they believed in themselves.

One of our major problems today is we want someone to give it to us. We want to see instant success without paying the price. We want to take the elevator and ignore the stair. Even if we take the elevator, we do not know what's down below. You can't lead where you don't go. Can't teach what you don't know.

A good example of "Yes I Can" is the speaker for the First Ever Juneteenth Fund Raising Banquet, Anthony A. Williams, mayor of Washington, D. C. who came from an average Black background who served as a dish washer, a waiter, and is now in his second term as Mayor of the Capital City of the

United States of America. Mayor Williams graduated with honors from not just one, but two Ivy League institutions, i.e. Harvard and Yale. He has held numerous high level positions before becoming Mayor of Washington, D. C. Lubbock is honored to have this gentleman in our city on Saturday evening, October 18, 2003, at the McInturf Conference Center, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This writer encourages Lubbock and surrounding areas to come and hear this gentleman's story. It will be worth your time if you are in attendance and you will be helping a worthwhile effort.

Closing Thought: "You can't beg and bargain at the same time. You either do one or the other. You have to find a team and play on it, and keep in mind you can't play on both."



In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

This is "Diabetes Discovery Week" March 21-27. In the past, we have discussed the prevalence of diabetes in America, in our state, our neighborhood and in our families. Too often, we say, "not me!" It could be me or

you who have diabetes and do not know that we have it. The Diabetes Foundation has set about to help us to cut down on the incidents of diabetes, especially type 2 which is found for the first time in people over the age of 40. Children and young adults are often victims of type 1 diabetes. Some young women have what is called gestational diabetes during pregnancy and they are at risk for type 2 diabetes later in life. Diabetes is the underlying cause

of many terminal maladies, including heart disease, blindness, and limb amputations, especially legs. If you think and take a close look at yourself and your family, you may discover that your own physical health may be at risk. You may be at risk if someone in your family has or has had diabetes, especially if it were a very close family member such as either of your parents or siblings. You are at risk for developing diabetes if you are Black, Native-American, Hispanic/Latino or Asian-American. Being overweight or obese, fat that is, plays a very important role in your acquisition of diabetes. Eliminating the fat is one of the greatest means of keeping diabetes at bay. In other words, controlling the diet to limit the intake of foods which causes the blood sugar to rise, is beneficial.

Many of us do not experience the warning signs of diabetes and feel that we are safe. There is no extreme thirst, frequency of urination, numb/tingling feet, fatigue, sores that will not heal, blurred vision or weight loss not attributed to a reduction diet. See your doctor anyway and get checked out. It may be the one checkup which the rest of your life depends on! Your doctor also has beneficial information and literature which he/she will be happy to give you.

Exercise is another important aspect of daily regimens which can help to prevent the onset of diabetes and to control it when you already have it, especially if you are over 40 years of age. This may be what is meant by "Life begins at 40."

It is at age 40 when most of us begin to get serious about what life really is. We know much more now at age 40 than we did years ago, so we should take heed to the new information before age 40 so life can really take on new meanings when we become 40. This is the time when many of us have sent our last child off to college or attended the graduation ceremony and rejoice with the "empty nest." Being healthy and staying healthy is important to life's happiness. Let us get "in cinque" and prevent the onset of diabetes and control it where it is present.

THIS N THAT

"DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS, TRASH-OFF!" THIS N THAT ... is asking as many of you ... who can attend their ... 18TH ANNUAL ... "DONT MESS WITH TEXAS TRASH-OFF!" set for Saturday morning ... April 3, 2004 ... at the Safety City in Clapp Park ... located at 42nd Street and Avenue U ... where the Official Kick-Off will take place at ... 9:00 a. m. ... There are two new neighborhood groups ... participating this year ... They are ... CHEEKY POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION & THE CITY OF LUBBOCK YOUTH COMMISSION ... For more information ... Contact either ... Penny Mason ... at (806) 748-4337 ... of ... Karen Murfee ... (806) 775-2293 ... TxDOT ... is expanding the ... ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM ... to include state highways inside the city limits ... So come and see what is going on Saturday morning ... April 3rd!

CONGRATS, DR. VAN FERRYMAN! THIS N THAT ... wants to say ... CONGRATS ... to ... DR. VAN FERRYMAN ... who was installed last Sunday afternoon ... March 28, 2004 ... as Divine Love Baptist Church ... PASTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ... Rev. Kenneth Burns ... is Senior Pastor."

A VERY LOVING AFFAIR! THIS N THAT ... attended the ... SURPRISE 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY ... last Saturday afternoon ... March 27, 2004 ... for a longtime citizen ... MS. GRACE L. SULLIVAN ... who was 100 on Saturday ... She was born ... March 27, 1904 ... Many of her friends were present ... as well as her two daughters ... GILBERT SULLIVAN & MAXINE SULLIVAN-BURTON ... MS. GRACE L. SULLIVAN ... is a founding member of the ... MT. VERNON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ... and has been a resident of Lubbock since 1925 ... No doubt about it ... IT WAS A LOVING AFFAIR!

CD WEEK SET FOR APRIL 5-8! THIS N THAT ... salutes the City of Lubbock ... will celebrate the ... 29th year of the ... COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING DEPARTMENT ... April 5 thru 8, 2004 ... THIS N THAT ... appreciates the many programs over the past years ... and hopes many more will be seen in Lubbock over the many years to come ...

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "PROGRESS ... always involves ... RISK ... as you can't steal ... SECOND BASE ... and keep your foot ... on ... FIRST BASE!"

ANOTHER LONGTIME RESIDENT SUCCUMBS! THIS N THAT ... knew the gentleman ... ARCH LAMB ... who passed away last week ... as he served as Lubbock County Commissioner for many years ... Didn't always agree with the way he did ... business ... but he worked hard for all Lubbock County Citizens ... No doubt ... ARCH LAMB ... will be missed.

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HAVE YOU VISITED A PUBLIC SCHOOL? THIS N THAT ... is Still asking ... those who will ... to go by one of our fine local schools ... Just call the principal of the school and let the person know if you can visit the campus ... when you do so ... go by the office and check in ... and if you have time ... have lunch with our great young people ... You will be glad you did so ...

PAUL QUINN COLLEGE CHOIR WILL SING FRIDAY NIGHT! THIS N THAT ... is asking as many of you who can ... to attend the ... PAUL QUINN COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT ... on Friday evening ... April 2, 2004 ... at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church ... 2202 Southeast Drive ... beginning at 7:00 p. m. ... If you have any questions ... contact Rev. Danny Poe ... pastor ... at (806) 747-7552 ... They were here last year and did a splendid job ... Let's see them this year also ...

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April 1 - April 7

It Happened ...

* Tuesday, April 7, 1712: The first major slave revolt in the US took place in New York City, planned by 27 slaves. The slaves started the rebellion by burning an outhouse and killing whites as they came to put out the fire. Nine whites were murdered. The state militia was called out, 21 blacks were executed as participants and six were reported to have committed suicide. "Slave Codes" were strengthened in an effort to prevent further rebellion. New York State eventually abolished slavery in 1827.

* Tuesday, April 3, 1860: The first Pony Express mail service began, when one horse and rider carrying a bulging mail pouch started the 10-1/2 days run from San Francisco, California to St. Joseph, Missouri. The system was run by a private freight company. The Pony Express lasted only 18 months, failing because of financial losses and competition from the ever-

expanding telegraph network.

* Tuesday, April 4, 1944: The US Supreme court ruled 8-1 that blacks could not be excluded from voting in primary elections. In *Smith vs. Allwright*, the Court rejected the idea that political parties were private associations, and held that discrimination against blacks violated the 15th Amendment to the Constitution. Lonnie E. Smith, an African American dentist, had sued after being denied the right to vote in the 1940 Texas Democratic Party primaries.

* Tuesday, April 6, 1954: The TV Dinner was first put on sale by Swanson & Sons.

* Wednesday, April 1, 1970: President Richard Nixon signed a bill into law which banned cigarette ads from radio and television.

* Tuesday, April 3, 1973: The first portable telephone call was placed. The phone was 10 inches in height, 3 inches deep and weighed 30 ounces. It replaced a car phone of the time which weighed more than 30 pounds and cost thousands of

dollars. Today, cell phones weigh less than 4 ounces and are used by a billion people around the world.

In Sports History:

* Sunday, April 5, 1896: The first modern Olympic Games were officially opened in Athens, Greece, after a lapse of 1500 years. Eight nations participated. The first gold medal was won by an American, James Connolly, who outdistanced his opponents in the triple jump, then called the hop, step & jump.

* Monday, April 2, 1984: John Thompson of Georgetown University became the first black coach to win the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament. Coach Thompson's Hoyas beat the University of Houston 84-75 to win the national championship.

Born:

"Black Blues Makers"

* Tuesday, April 3, 1888: Ma Rainey, born Gertrude Bridget, in Columbus, Georgia. Known as "Mother

of the Blues," died in December 1939.

* Monday, April 7, 1895: Alberta Hunter, in Memphis, Tennessee. One of the most popular singers of the 1920's, she died in 1984.

* Sunday, April 4, 1915: Muddy Waters, born McKinley Morganfield, in Rolling Fork, Mississippi. Tremendously influential in reshaping the course of the Blues, he died in April 1983.

* Wednesday, April 7, 1915: Billie Holiday, born Eleanor Fagan, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. "Lady Day" was raised in Baltimore and moved to Harlem in New York City in the late 1920's. She died in July 1959.

Died:

* Sunday, April 1, 1917: Scott Joplin, African American developer of ragtime music, in New York City, of complications of syphilis, at age 48. He wrote "Maple Leaf Rag" and composed "Treemonisha," the first grand opera written by an African American.

* Saturday, April 1, 1950:

Charles R. Drew, black physician and surgeon, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Burlington, North Carolina, at age 45. Dr. Drew's work on blood transfusion and blood-banking saved many lives during World War II.

* Thursday, April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, of fatal gunshot wounds, at age 39. The African American civil rights leader's assassination by a white sniper touched off a national crisis of rioting in more than one hundred US cities. Over 20,000 federal troops and 34,000 national guardsmen were mobilized. At least 46 people were killed. Memorial services and marches were held throughout the country, many public school systems were closed, and the opening of the baseball season was postponed. President Lyndon B. Johnson declared Sunday, April 6, 1968 a national day of mourning and ordered all US flags on government buildings to be flown at half-mast.

* Sunday, April 1, 1984: Marvin Gaye, in Los Angeles, California, of fatal gunshot wounds, one day before his birthday, at age 44. The talented and influential black singer and songwriter is reported to have attacked his father for verbally abusing his mother, and his father responded by shooting Marvin to death.

Sign of the Zodiac:

ARIES, the first sign of the zodiac, is symbolized by the ram. Aries, a fire sign, is ruled by the planet Mars. People born under it are said to like danger and risk. According to astrologers, adventure appeals to Arians, and their natural gift for plunging into projects and activities with gusto can make them successful leaders and good at motivating others.

CBCF Seeks Participation from Businesses and Citizens Who Want to Take Advantage of Unique Business Opportunities with Afro-Brazilians

(Washington, DC) The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) announced today it is spearheading an effort that could spawn extraordinary business and trade opportunities between African American and Afro-Brazilian businesses. CBCF has partnered with the American Chamber of Commerce; the Brazil-US Business Council; and the Brazilian organization Integrate to stage a spring conference on inclusion. The special event, called Promoting Pathways to Social and Economic Inclusion, is scheduled for April 13 - 15 at the American Chamber of Commerce facility in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

This conference is a follow-up to the August, 2003 event that brought

together government officials, corporations, nongovernmental organizations, and academicians from both countries to discuss the status of Afro-descendants in Brazil. "Our mission is simple," said CBCF President Weldon J. Rougeau. "We see immense social and economic value in connecting these two groups because of the cultural relationships that already exist. The financial benefits of having them exchange, not only valuable information, but also goods and services, cannot be overstated."

In developing the agenda for this highly-anticipated gathering, CBCF sought to achieve two major objectives: The first is to match the two groups of business leaders in an effort to spur economic develop-

ment; and the second is to facilitate an information exchange between policy-developers and nonprofit leaders in Brazil in support of social and economic inclusion.

"The US Chamber of Commerce is proud to be involved in this exciting new venture because we believe that combining the entrepreneurial spirit of the African American and Afro-Brazilian community, will spur economic growth and development for both groups," said Chamber spokesperson, Marc Smith.

A Congressional delegation, led by Congressman William J. Jefferson (D-LA), who is Co-Chair of the U.S. House of Representative's Brazilian Caucus, will travel to Brazil to participate in the summit. This delegation will also include

other Members of the Congressional Black Caucus who have a special interest in international affairs, economic development and trade.

"CBCF continues to look for opportunities to promote positive and sustainable change for Afro-descendants in the United States and around the globe," said Dr. Maya Rockey Moore, CBCF's Vice President for Research and Programs. "As both entities work toward the common goal of improving the status of African descendants, we seek the presence and participation of African American business owners. This is a historic event

that will reverberate, with very positive results, throughout both our countries."

This initiative was launched in the Spring of 2003 when the leadership of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF), took a whirlwind tour of Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Brasilia, and Vitoria, Brazil during which they met with officials in the Administration of newly-elected President, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. CBCF Chairman William J. Jefferson, MC, who is also Co-Chair of the Brazil Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives, and CBCF President Weldon J. Rougeau, were joined on the trip by other interested parties in the Legislative

Branch and, by D. Olandan Davenport of Davenport and Associates. That trip yielded a Memorandum of Understanding that stands as a basis for the upcoming trip, and for future collaborative efforts.

Businesses and citizens who want to travel with CBCF should contact McNair Travel Management of Washington, DC, the firm that is handling travel arrangements for all participants. Reservations for the host hotel, The Blue Tree Towers Morumbi in Sao Paulo, should be made through this agency at (888) 662-2624. Interested parties may also contact Dr. Maya Rockey Moore at (202) 263-2801.

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