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Lubbock woman celebrates 95th birthday

The family of Delia Rainwater Newman joined her in celebrating her 95th birthday on Sunday afternoon, February 27, 2005, at the Zenith Center, 512 North Zenith Avenue. She had the pres-



Newman

ence of her son-in-law, Pastor Richard Holmes of Dallas, Texas, who opened with a prayer. City Councilman Floyd Price and wife, Violet, who sang a song which was dedicated to her. He presented a Certificate of Recognition to her from Mayor McDougal. This was a blessed day for Ms. Newman. She is the blessed mother of eight children, with one deceased son, James Newman. She also has several grandchildren and great-

grandchildren. She has 5 granddaughters, Eithel Childers, Bobbie Loggins (husband), Della Showers (Leo), all of Lubbock, Texas, Edna Holmes (Richard), Stella Whidby and John Newman, both of Dallas, Texas. She is the oldest of the Rainwater family. Her sister is Mary Tucker and brothers, Ed Rainwater (Alma) and George

Rainwater, both of Lubbock, Texas and H. V. Rainwater (Inez) of Slaton, Texas. She was elated over the special presentations of her grand kids who presented her with white roses. The great grandchildren sang "Happy Birthday," and great-granddaughter, Le'Ahsa Dade, read a poem. A song was sung by the Gentles - Anieth, Anecia and Ashley. There was also a song presented by Patrick

Dade of Cedar Hill, Texas. The guest speaker of the afternoon was Darren Holmes, a grandson of San Antonio, Texas. He did a very good job as he talked about his "Big Momma." The program ended with words from "Big Momma," who thanked all for coming and for her many gifts of love. Pastor Holmes offered a farewell prayer and a family march was led by elder Raymond Loggins.

Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 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 Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

Women's organization forms in Lubbock

Editors Note: This story is being printed again to correct errors in last week's edition. A local meeting to charter a Top Ladies of Distinction organization has been set for Saturday afternoon, April 2, 2005, at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Top Ladies of Distinction is a prestigious organization created over forty years ago following one of the founding mem-

bers impressive luncheon with Mrs. Lyndon Baines Johnson, "First Lady" of the United States of America. Top Ladies of Distinction is a non-profit, educational, humanitarian and professional public service organization that has expanded its objectives to include its focus on youth (known as Top Teens of America), enhancing the status of women, enhancing the status of 'senior citizens,' community beautification, and community

partnerships. Chapters nationwide support the National Council of Negro women, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), and the rewarding of national scholarships. Some honorary members include the late Barbara Jordan, Rosa Parks, Dorothy Height, Gloria Scott, and Maxine Waters.

Overstreet to hold book signing Sunday

In the events of "This Life Yet Lived", a book signing will be held at the Barnes & Nobles on Sunday afternoon, April 3, 2005, by author LaTonya L. Overstreet, beginning at 2:00 p.m. She created pieces of art compiling visions and

memories of her lifestyle. She is opening the doors to her world. She is a homemaker full of determination to be heard and understood. Through her heartaches and pain, she turned sorrow into happiness by writing a book. LaTonya develops a way out of misery. By talking about her childhood, family, ex-boyfriends and the loss of best friends, she writes about the many mistakes she has made in her life. She learns a valuable lesson, which has brought about changes in her life yet lived.

Siemens establishes UNCF scholarship for careers in teaching math and science

Department of Education, Washington DC, March 28, 2005 - The Siemens Teacher Scholarships, a collaboration between the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund, the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and the Siemens Foundation, aimed at encouraging minority students to pursue teaching careers in math and science, was officially announced today at the Department of Education. "We all know that good schools are impossible without good teachers," said Wilbert Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs, Department of Education. "The Siemens Foundation scholarship money will help increase the number of teachers going into America's classrooms. The collaboration of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund and the United Negro College Fund will assist

85 Historically Black Colleges and Universities in their efforts to encourage minority students in pursuing a career in science and mathematics." The New Jersey-based Siemens Foundation will provide \$1 million in scholarships over the next five years for undergraduate and graduate students who wish to pursue careers in teaching math, science and technology. Two organizations that are active in promoting post-secondary education for minority students - the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund and the UNCF - will administer the funds. Each organization will receive \$500,000 to be awarded to students accepted to any one of the nation's 85 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) that are members of the two organizations. This program marks the first time the Thurgood Marshall

Scholarship Fund and the UNCF will collaborate in an effort to target both private and public colleges. The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund has 47 member public HBCUs, the UNCF provides operational support to the 38 private institutions. The two organizations will select scholarship recipients each year. The Siemens Foundation will fund the scholarships as part of its mission to support and enhance math and science education in America's high schools. "If American technology companies are to continue creating cutting edge innovations and high paying jobs, we need to be sure that all American high school students develop the necessary math and science skills they will require to take advantage of these opportunities," said Thomas N. McCauland, Chairman of the Board, Siemens Foundation. "It is therefore

imperative that we provide the necessary resources to broaden the pool of qualified math and science teachers, especially in communities that have been traditionally under-represented in the fields of science and technology. This is a partnership between three institutions who are committed to improving the quality of science and math education in our nation's schools." "Siemens' grant is critically important because it can help to address one of the most pressing needs facing our nation's children and that is the need for more teachers in math, science and engineering," said Dwayne Ashley, CEO and President, Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund. "All students deserve a sound, quality education that will set them on the road to economic prosperity. This makes this grant unique for two reasons. There is a need for more quali-

fied minority math and science teachers, and HBCUs have long been the training ground for new leaders in education as well as mathematicians, scientists and engineers." "The growing shortage of qualified math and science teachers in this country will impact America's economy for years to come if it is not addressed," said Dr. Michael Lomax, UNCF's President and CEO. "The Siemens Teacher Scholarships will allow more minority students to pursue careers in math and science, which will ultimately increase the nation's success in producing more qualified math and science teachers. Overall, support from organizations like the Siemens Foundation has helped UNCF support more minorities in higher education and we are excited to be a part of this scholarship program."

Award winner Stampley preps for debut album and spring concert tour



Stampley

of Micah, set for release on March 29. The album's first single, "War Cry" - a call for Christian "soldiers" to go out into the world and seek their ministry and mission - impacted at gospel radio on February 11. Music lovers got a taste of Stampley's powerful gift during the taping of the January 26 fundraiser in Nashville, "An Evening for Restoration: Music City Comes Together for Tsunami Relief." Sharing the stage with music greats CeCe Winans, Ricky Skaggs, Michael W. Smith and Mercy Me, the Oak Ridge Boys and others, Stampley delivered a performance that had the audience buzzing and was widely excerpted on local newscasts the following day. Currently, Stampley is preparing for jam-packed spring and summer that includes a church concert tour that kicks off March 5 and runs through April 11. Scheduled cities include Oakland, CA, Atlanta, Dallas and New York City (see schedule below). Upcoming promotional duties

for The Songbook of Micah add to Stampley's busy schedule. Radio days in Washington, DC, Atlanta and Dallas are scheduled for March 14, March 18 and April 1, respectively, and music lovers will be able to stream "War Cry" via a new Internet campaign that hit February 18. Starting March 1, Stampley will reach out to fans via online chats on internet websites such as GospelFlava.com, ChristianityToday.com and GospelCity.com. It's been an extraordinary journey for Stampley, who grew up the son and grandson of pastors in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. "I'm more nervous now than I've ever been," he admits. "I've come through some tough times - I've been broke, even homeless. To see me now, my parents are blown away. I'm blown away." Stampley and his wife, Heidi, wrote all but three of the 10 songs on The Songbook of Micah, and the young artist says the songs are his exploration of redemption, worship and whole-

ness. Stampley even researched his namesake, the Biblical Micah, and discovered that most of the prophet's messages were delivered via rhythmic poetry - something perhaps close to singing - and that most of the biblical Micah messages were aimed at churches doing "ungodly" things, urging them to change their ways. Stampley focuses his messages on Christians who may have lost their way. "The songs on this project cry out for people to return to the reason we were created - solely to worship Him," says Stampley. "I want this to be a reminder: that the real soldiers don't compromise." Lyrically, much of the music on The Songbook of Micah pours from the heart and soul of Stampley's personal experiences. He is particularly fervent about the troubling behavior he has witnessed among some of his fellow church musicians and ministers of music. "It's so

important for musicians to live a lifestyle of holiness, because whatever's in our spirit will go out into the church," says Stampley. "I have seen musicians and singers out in the church parking lot doing drugs, drinking and then coming right into the church to lead praise and worship." After a whirlwind year that's seen him win a national talent search and earn the respect and guidance of Bishop T.D. Jakes and others in contemporary Gospel, Stampley stays grounded through his continued work at St. Agnes Baptist Church in Houston, where he's assistant minister of music; his devotion to family, the Stampley's have five children; and his music. "My wife and I started writing these songs long before I ever had a recording contract," says Stampley. "It's been years that God has been giving us this music."

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Post-Mater Golf Tournament to benefit Volunteer Center

The 1st Annual Post-Masters Invitational, a golf tournament benefitting the Volunteer Center of Lubbock, will be held on Monday, April 11 at the Lubbock Country Club. Norval Pollard and Byline Bass are co-chairmen. The event will begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. The

cost for a team of 4 players is \$1,500 with a limit of 20 teams. Using the Honda scramble format, there is no handicap minimum or maximum requirement, the tournament will present awards to the top 5 teams. Each team will receive recognition as a "hole sponsor." More details can be obtained by visiting the Volunteer Center website at

www.volunteerylubbock.org or by calling 747-0551. The Volunteer Center of Lubbock is dedicated to connecting volunteers and empowering non-profit organizations. Each year the Volunteer Center connects more than 26,000 people to community needs and provides management assistance to more than 350 area non-profits.

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Church services were well-attended last Sunday morning, March 27, 2005, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

The morning worship hour begun with Meditation and Prayer, and the Praise Team sang some inspiring selections. After the reading of the morning scripture and prayer, the New Hope Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts.

Rev. Moton who preached on the subject "The First 7 Words of the Risen Saviour" delivered the morning sermon. His scripture text was John 20:15-29 It was a very moving sermon on Easter Sunday morning.

After the invitation to discipleship, Sister Winnie Jackson read the morning announcements. Sister Connie Anderson welcomed all visitors.

The 79th Church Anniversary of the New Hope Baptist Church will be held Sunday afternoon, April 17, 2005, beginning at 3:30 p. m. Special guest will be Rev. Cleophus Marshall, III, pastor of Fountain of Life Christian

Center of San Antonio, Texas. The theme will be "Building a Personal Relationship With The Lord." St. Luke 17:15-16. The public is invited to attend.

Let us not forget to set our clocks at 2:00 a. m. Sunday morning, April 3, 2005, as it will be the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. So don't forget to "Spring Forward."

The Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday afternoon, April 24, 2005, beginning at 2:30 p. m. at the Community Baptist Church. Just think, this Federation of Choirs is into their 52nd year. So why not attend, if you are not doing so at this time. Sister Bennie Sims is president.

The City Wide Ushers monthly meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, April 9, 2005, at the New Hope Baptist Church. All City Wide Ushers are asked to attend. If you are not a member, then join!

Word comes to this column of the death of one of our former outstanding Dunbar High School Basketball Coaches who passed away. He was Coach Earnest Mallory who passed away in San Antonio, Texas last

week. He won several state basketball championships. He's been gone for many years, but he left a mark in Lubbock on the campus of Dunbar High School. How many of you remember Coach Mallory?

Let us continue to pray for one of our pastors, Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, who lost his father last week. He was Rev. H.B. "Dad" Johnson, pastor of the Community Baptist Church in El Paso, Texas. He was funeralized there on Friday, March 25, 2005.

Among the many visitors during the Easter holidays were the son of T. J. & Bobbie Patterson, T. J., Jr., and his wife, Ursula, and children - T. J., III and Lauren. They reside in Mansfield, Texas. It was reported that Sister Patterson had a wonderful time preparing the meals. She is recovering from an illness.

Continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. Brother W. H. Pitts, is a resident at the Lubbock Hospitality Center. Let us not forget the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ervin, Tyrone Ervin, who is ill in Dallas, Texas.

FASHION FUN

By Shirley Robinson, M

Experience the magic of color

If you are fashion conscious, it is a necessity for you to also be color conscious. The two go hand in hand, one will not work best without the other. Let the brightness, sharpness and brilliance of color supply you with additional self-pratification and compliments. Let go of your color restrictions and limitations, feel free to be generous with colors, when it comes to fashions, you must exhibit courage, firmly display your boldness.

Experiment, try new things by all means change your dull color code. Instead of wearing the two basic color combination, try three or even four colors together, it will certainly produce a positive colorful difference.

Let your imagination with colors run wild, light up your world and the world of people around you, by simply adding, a little more color. God's creation of the rainbow is absolutely breath tak-

ing because of its many vibrant colors, and the intensity of color could possibly be your answer to even a more beautiful you.

VISUALIZE THESE COLOR COMBINATIONS

Navy, yellow & hot pink; silver, red & black; purple & red; red & yellow; pink, white & navy; orange and yellow; lime, orange & yellow; royal blue, gold & red; lavender, red & yellow; lavender & silver; silver, red & purple; mint green, hunter green & gold; grey, rose & banana.

Play with colors, find out what looks great on you, and please don't stop there, more color? ...why not? Most African American women are blessed abundantly, we can easily wear loud, bright, vivid colors, and of course we wear them well, so go for it. MENTAL VISION ... PURPLE OUTFIT, IT COULD



BE A DRESS, TWO PIECE SUIT OR PANT SUIT, PURPLE OR SILVER ACCESSORIES, PURPLE HAND BAG LASTLY... STEP INTO A PAIR OF CANDY APPLE RED HIGH HEELS. NOTHING ELSE IS RED EXCEPT THE FEELS. YOU ARE PERFECTLY AND FASHIONABLY DRESSED TO A TEE. NOW, YOU WATCH EVERYONE WATCH YOU!

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

Final week for Lubbock Police applications

This is the final week of the current hiring process for the Lubbock Police Department. The application process closes at 5:00 pm on Friday, April 1, 2005. All applications must be received by Human Resources no later than the closing date.

The entrance exam will be Saturday, April 2, 2005, at Frenship High School in Wolforth, Texas. The test will begin at 8:00 am and no one will be admitted into the testing area after 8:00 am. Everyone taking the entrance exam should plan on arriving early.

The LPD has received 800+ applications to date with a week remaining to accept more applications.

For more information about the current hiring process visit our website www.lubbockpolice.com or contact Cpl. Jason Jones 806-775-2844.

In Remembrance



Collins

Terrence Detrell Collins

Funeral services were held for 5 year-old Terrence Detrell Collins at Agape Temple Church God in Christ on Tuesday afternoon, March 29, 2005. Bishop W. Watson is pastor.

Jamison Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Young Collins passed away Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center. Wake services were held Monday evening, March 28, 2005, at the A. W. Wilson Chapel of Jamison Funeral Home.

Experienced educator instills technology in the classroom

By Venisha Henderson

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Gladys Hardaway has served in the Lubbock community for the last 28 years. She has combined her passion for education and computer technology together and has become a very successful educator.

Gladys received her Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education from Case Western Reserve University in 1975. Ms. Hardaway has been employed as a teacher for Lubbock Independent School District since 1978. She taught fifth grade for nine years at Rush Elementary and is now currently a technology facilitator at Nat Williams Elementary.

Gladys furthered her education by getting a Technology Applications Certification for grades 8-12 from University of North Texas in Denton, Texas and is currently taking graduate courses for Instructional Technology at Texas Tech University.

Mrs. Hardaway has taken various professional technology workshops to keep updated with the constantly changing technology field. Gladys volunteers her time to work with various organizations and schools such as serving on the Lubbock ISD Reading Textbook Selection Committee, Dunbar Junior High

School After School Technology Class and being the Network administrator for Nat Williams Elementary.

Her community involvements include Jack and Jill and she is a current member of the Praise Center Church. Ms. Hardaway enjoys learning and teaching technology to all ages. She is a current member of Phi Delta Kappa, Texas Computer Education Association and the National Education Association.

Upward Bound would like to congratulate Ms. Hardaway on her success and we wish you more success to come in the future.

Book Discussion at Groves Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the book *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 7. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book are available for checkout. This program is made possible by the Friends of the Library.

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- Tuesday Young Adult Study - 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- Thursday Praise Team & Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith A gathering storm: Illegal Immigration 2

President Bush's meeting with Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada and Mexico's President Vicente Fox on last week was very disheartening. The meeting proved to be nothing more than a photo ops. Many Americans were wanting President Bush to speak on one of the most serious issue facing the United States: Illegal immigration. Instead of being like the Texas Governor Bush who once tore into President Clinton for "having dropped the ball" on NAFTA and for staging "summits without substance," when campaigning for the office of the President of the United States - he looked like a little man between two giants. The man who said to the terrorists of the world, "Bring it on," seems to have "cold feet" when he met the lunatic fringe of our so-called neighbors, south and north of the border. Three times at least Mexico's President Vicente Fox has politically and economically bullied and out-foxed Bush. Bush has given in like a lamb led to slaughter by promoting a guest-worker program that would allow migrants to work in the United States for a limited time as long as they have a job lined up. Repeatedly we have said that illegal immigration will

be the downfall of America if something is not done quickly. The Mexican government is printing what some believe to be a guidebook to help illegal immigrants avoid capture and prosecution after entering the United States. Other believe that Mexico's President Vicente Fox is encouraging illegal immigration because money earned in the United States is sent back to Mexico and fuel their economy. An analysis of government data by the Pew Hispanic Center, a private research group, show illegal immigration growing at an alarming rate. The rate is 23 percent since 2000. As of the month of March 2005, there are 10.3 million people living illegally in the United States. Illegal immigrants from Mexico comprise about 57 percent of the total. Those of us who live in close proximity to the border should be alarm. We should not feel safe whether it is financial, health, social, cultural, or similar areas. The creation of the Federal Department of Homeland Security gives us no comfort when 10.3 million people or living in the United States illegally. Many of these people could belong to deadly gangs like the M13. Americans should wake up

and not support U. S. businesses who benefits from the cheap illegal labor its southern neighbors provides. Formerly mentioned was the fact Vicente Fox encourages illegal immigration because of financial gain for Mexico. This gain is estimated at 14 billion dollars annually. While American are losing jobs and the George Bush administration and business that steal through cheap labor would have us believe that these illegal aliens are merely looking for a better life and taking only those jobs that American don't want, many Americans are in a terrible fix financially. **B I A C K** Americans, native/legal Mexicans and poor and middle class white Americans should become diligent in the fight against illegal immigration. You can bring illegal immigration under control by voting out of office those scumbag politicians who encourage illegal immigration whether it is through guest worker program or similar claims or by not supporting those businesses that hire undocumented workers. You should give encouragement to law enforcement and courts that sanction heavily the businesses and persons who harbor and work illegal immigrants.



We Thank God for Jesus The Broadway Church

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

Matthew 7:13 - Jesus said, enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life; he's over the Church; not the preacher and certainly not his wife!!!

1 Timothy 3:5 - For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?

Jeremiah 23:25-28 - The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying I have dreamed, I have dreamed, and he that hath a dream, let him tell a dream and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? A preacher told me: "Brother B. J., my deacon was 3 years before he was saved, but then he gave his life to Christ, and he is saved today!" (The un-saved man has no

business; holding an office in the Church of God!!! For 3 years how many people walked into the Church knowing it was wrong? The Devil gave him an excuse: "I would join, but I don't want to be like those hypocrites!" No matter how much title and offering the un-saved gives, God doesn't want it. The preacher does, but God doesn't. He wants their souls!!!!

Isaiah 55:8-9 - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. ***-WILL A PREACHER ROB GOD???*** Another preacher said: "Brother B. J., you can't tell a man how to run his house." Thou fool, the Master left instructions on how to rule "his house"!!!

John 10:1-14 - Jesus said, verily, verily I say unto you! He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep and am known of mine. (I visited a Church a few weeks ago, and the Missionary Sister openly rebuked a young couple for not coming to Sunday

school. Being one of the Holy Spirit, I rebuked her. The preacher got up and into the microphone began to speak voodoo, I got up and left. I didn't know if he was cursing God or what? But I praise God that the next Sunday school lesson was on "How Traditions Hurt God's Business." You go to Sunday school if you desire, but don't pray that God gives others no rest on Sunday morning!!! (That's of the Devil.)

Matthew 23:34 - Jesus said, wherefore, behold I send unto you prophets, wise men, and scribes. Some of them ye shall kill and cruelly; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city. The Church has two ways - right and wrong; good and evil. Heaven and Hell. The Broadway Church is not God's Church. By their spirits you can tell!!!

Luke 13:24 - Jesus said, strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. God is not through with us yet. So let's pray for one another always.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Easter Means "Resurrection" To The Believer

Easter Sunday represents and typifies the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. This writer believes it to be the most important day of the Christian calendar. Everything in Christianity hinges on the reality of the Resurrection. If the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is not a literal fact, then Christianity is nothing other than one of the religions of the world.

I Corinthians 15:20-22 - "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and became the first fruits of them that slept, for since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead, for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

Revelation 1:18 - "Jesus himself said when he appears to

John on the Isle of Patmos, I'm he that liveth, and was dead; and I'm alive forever, amen, and have the keys of hell and death."

Romans 6:9 - "Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him, he said, "I'm the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, As it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, come the woman. When they got to the temple, the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty and an angel was sitting on the stone and said, what are you doing here looking for the living among the dead??? He is not dead, but alive... He arose from the dead and ascended to heaven. He's there now, ALIVE! We serve a risen Saviour. Very much alive. There are facts the resurrection of Jesus Christ has nothing

to do with chocolate covered rabbits or other such trap-pings. Hoping you had a blessed Resurrection Day. Those who are hurting, we're praying for you, That's our Ministry! Don't forget your drive by prayers for your community, church and school, and those who know not Christ! Thanks for reading, God's People! Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher and Sister Rosiana Henderson. The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet on Saturday morning, April 2, 2005, in the home of Sister Roberta Hightower, 1922 East Auburn Avenue, beginning at 9:00 a. m. "Come!" We would like to see you there. Will you join us? Hope so!

Entries now being accepted for 3rd Annual CAC 600 Bike Race

LUBBOCK, TX - Entries are now being accepted for the third annual CAC600 Bike Race and Tour, slated for Saturday, June 4, in Lubbock. Benefiting Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains, this year's event will feature road tours of 24 and 51 miles as well as a 10-hour off-road race. All three will begin and end at Mac Simmons Community Center, 2004 Oak Ave. The CAC 600 is open to bike riders of all ages. Participants may pick up their packets beginning at 6:30 a.m. that day, with a mandatory meeting of all riders at 7:40 a.m. A mass start for all three events is set for 8 a.m. Entries for the off road race will be accepted in three categories: men, women and teams. The men's and women's categories will be divided by age classification from 12 and under through 60-plus. Two-person team competition will be open to men, women and coed teams.

Overall championship awards will be presented in each class, along with individual class medals for first, second and third places. Additional sponsorship awards and cash prizes also will be presented. An awards dinner, sponsored by Carino's Restaurant, is slated for 6 p.m. at Mac Simmons Community Center. Entry fee for both road tours is \$25 per person, while the off-road race is \$50 per person. Early entry fees - received before May 14 - will include t-shirt, rest area/feed one, lunch and dinner. Entry fees received after that date will not include the t-shirt and dinner. Each registered participant also will receive one ticket in a drawing for a 2005 Specialized Rockhopper off-road bicycle, valued at \$500. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$5 each, and the drawing will take place during the awards ceremony. Entry forms and additional information are available on the

official race website, mww.cacrace.com, or by calling the Children's Advocacy Center at 806-740-0251. The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of the South Plains is a cooperative effort among city, county, and state entities interested in maintaining a cooperative, multidisciplinary approach to investigations of child abuse. The center's goal is to lessen the trauma to the child by reducing the number of investigative interviews. The center provides an environment that emphasizes the best interest of the child and provides investigative and rehabilitative services. It is a member of Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc., and an agency of the Lubbock Area United Way.

St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, March 27, 2005, Easter Sunday morning, at the St. Mathew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street. Host pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services begun with Sunday school 10:05 a. m. Sister Shirley Canady served as Superintendent as Sister Luella Harris was absent. It was a very good lesson and was taught by Sister Nina Davis and reviewed by Pastor Canady. Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson who brought the spirit in that session conducted the morning devotion. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir members were at their post of duty singing God's praises. Praise God for the Choir.

Pastor Canady delivered his annual Easter sermon. It was entitled "It's Finished!" His scripture text was St. John 19:30. It was another inspiring sermon.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members. Among those shut-in include Sister Luella Harris, Sister Louise Tillman, Sister Oretta Moore, and Sister Katy Golden. There are others whom we fail to mention. Don't forget about any who are shut-in as well as those family members who have lost loved ones. God is able.

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New web site explains significance of the first major clinical trial to test effectiveness of a heart failure medication in African-Americans

PHILADELPHIA, March 22 (AP/WideWorld) — The most comprehensive collection of information on the Web (www.ahft.org) about the first major clinical trial to test the effectiveness of a heart failure medication in a targeted population is being launched by Current Communications Company (CCC), a leading provider of medical education to the health care industry.

AHFT.org is designed specifically to help explain the significant findings of the African-American Heart Failure Trial (A-HeFT) to the medical community, including providing answers to common questions about the study's unique design and its implications for future drug trials.

AHFT.org is supported by an educational grant from NitroMed Inc. NitroMed is committed to making sure physicians and patients are aware of the latest treatment options for heart failure in the African-American community.

The A-HeFT trial, cosponsored by NitroMed and the Association of Black Cardiologists, studied 1,050 self-identified African-Americans with heart failure. The clinical trial investigated their response to BiDil, a fixed-dose combination of isosorbide dinitrate and hydralazine (ISDN-H), in addition to standard heart failure therapy, and compared it with the response of patients receiving standard heart failure therapy plus a

placebo, or sugar pill. This is the largest minority or female population studied in a heart failure clinical trial to date.

Results from the study indicated that African-American patients with heart failure experienced a 43 percent improvement in survival after taking BiDil. And the trial was stopped early due to the significant survival benefit seen with the experimental combination drug.

AHFT.org explores this novel approach to heart failure treatment in a targeted population and gives the medical community information about the current theory on the mechanism of action of ISDN-H, or BiDil. All the information on AHFT.org was reviewed by the AHFT.org Advisory Board, which

includes four of the study's authors, all practicing cardiologists and authorities in the field of heart failure. In addition, the lead investigators in the study provide key background information and discuss implications of the study for the effective treatment of African-Americans with heart failure.

Heart failure in African-Americans

Heart failure, a form of end-stage cardiovascular disease, affects approximately five million Americans. There is no cure for this disease, and more than half of the people who develop heart failure die within five years of diagnosis. African-Americans are affected at a rate greater than that of the corresponding non-African-American population, and they often develop and die from the disease at an earlier age.

Gateway Project to hold ribbon cutting ceremony

City Council member Linda DeLeon and the City of Lubbock cordially invite you to attend a Ribbon Cutting for the North University Gateway Project, Friday, April 1, at 4:00 p.m. at 2422 3rd Street (northeast corner of 3rd Street and University Avenue).

The North University Gateway Project includes the construction of a large architectural tower on North University. The tower symbolizes a connection between the Amett-Benson and Jackson-Mahon Neighborhoods, and it provides an inviting welcome to two of Lubbock's culturally dis-

tinct neighborhoods. The project's aim is to keep North University connected to the city as the Marsha Sharp Freeway begins construction.

For more information please call Dixon Platt at 775-3350 or Aimee Sample at 775-2052.

Texas Coop Extension presents Annual Spring Fling

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Active entertainment includes fishing on Lake Brownwood on the lighted boathouse. Enjoy the beautiful spring foliage on the nature trail and take in some birding activities. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card or table games are all popular activities. Nightly entertainment will be featured as part of the program. Fun and educational tours are also an option for those who prefer this type of fun!

"Spring Fling...Mayfete" will be the featured theme for the

week. A costume contest and other activities will be held to add to the festive atmosphere. The last evening will showcase a closing banquet.

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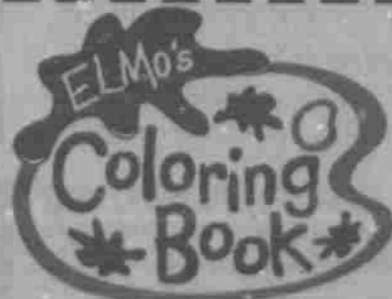
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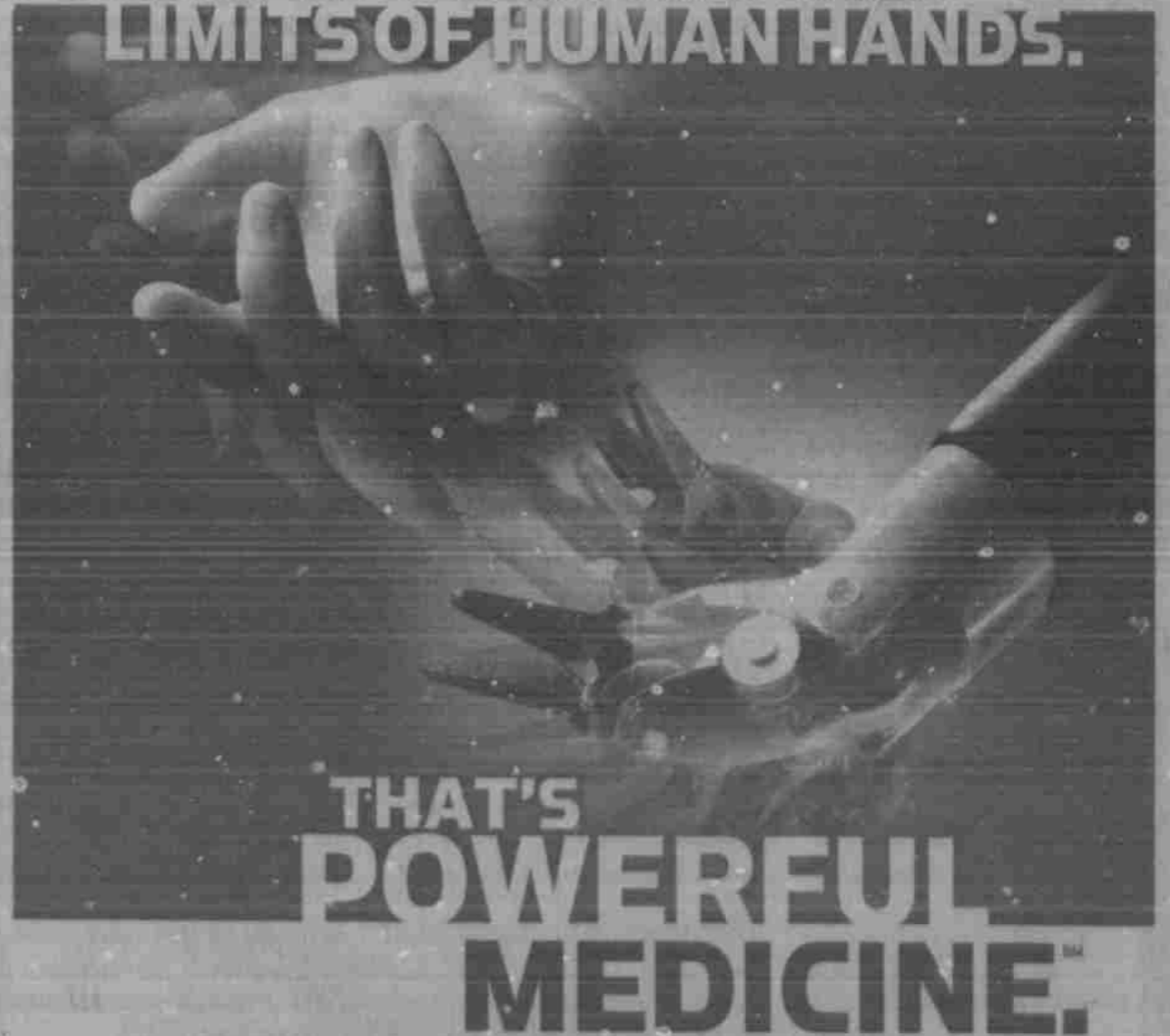
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Schiavo a GOP loser with Black evangelicals

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson, BlackNews.com Columnist

A perturbed Mel Watt bitterly protested being called back from his Easter holiday break to vote on the Terri Schiavo case. The North Carolina congressman, and chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, publicly demanded to know "How many feeding tubes have we withdrawn by our indifference?" Watt, and most of the other Caucus members, voted against the Schiavo Parental Release Act that allows federal courts to take over the brain damaged woman's case. Watt, and the other Caucus members, opposition to the bill was no surprise. They are moderate Democrats, and they viewed the bill as a GOP ploy to politicize a private, human tragedy.

Yet, while Schiavo's plight touched a raw and bitter nerve with black Democrats, GOP lawmakers and conservative family groups, it hasn't touched the same nerve among black evangelicals. They have been mute in the rag-

ing debate over Schiavo. Their silence is in stark contrast to their vigilant, even outspoken, opposition to abortion and gay rights. Polls have consistently shown: that religious oriented blacks are more fervently opposed to abortion and gay rights than whites, even conservative whites. That opposition is based in part on biblical scripture, and in part on their big fear that court decisions that chip away at individual rights, and that includes the sanctity of life, pose a mortal threat to the fragile, and fractured black family structure.



Hutchinson

GOP strategists successfully exploited the reverence for life issue among blacks during the past presidential election. Bush nearly doubled the support he got from black voters in 2004 in the crucial battleground state of Ohio.

That helped tip the White House to him.

Schiavo is a much tougher sale for the GOP to black evangelicals than abortion or gay marriage. Black evangelicals view the killing of an unborn fetus as a moral and ethical wrong that flaunts the bible, and traditional family and life values. They likewise view gay marriage as an ungodly defiance of law, custom, and scripture that defines marriage as a sacred bond between man and woman. Legalizing gay marriage would wreak even greater confusion and havoc on the disintegrating black family.

Civil liberties, and women's groups denounce this view as bigoted, narrow, self-serving, and contradictory. But the argument against abortion and gay marriage make perfectly good sense to the many blacks that sincerely believe, either out of personal or religious conviction, that life, all life is sacred and must be protected.

Schiavo is not a defenseless, healthy fetus whose right to life

must be protected. Top medical experts have declared that she's in a permanent vegetative state with no chance of recovery. The courts, state legislatures, and state officials, have nearly universally recognized the right of a person in Schiavo's state, or their legal guardian, if medical professionals decide there's no hope for them to live to be allowed to die. That includes Bush who as Texas governor in 1999 signed the law that established procedures to allow hospitals to full terminally ill patients off life support.

Medicaid insurance paid for a significant portion of Schiavo's costly medical bills. Millions of poor and working class blacks are uninsured. They have little chance of getting the care she got. The GOP lawmakers that thundered the loudest for her rights slashed billions from the Medicaid health programs that would improve the quality of care for the poor. There is also no evidence that GOP lawmakers heeded the warning the Institute of Medicine made in two studies in 1997 and 2002 that the

quality of care for dying and chronically ill children and adults is woefully inadequate.

The abortion and gay marriage battles drew clear political demarcation lines for conservatives and black evangelicals. The thorny questions in the Schiavo case blurs them. Is the fight over keeping her alive a true constitutional issue, and a test of family values? Does this mean that conservatives who have spent decades railing against activist judges, federal interference in state matters, and who pose as the champions of individual freedom are hypocrites? Polls show that the overwhelming majority of Americans believe that her spouse and her doctors should decide Schiavo's fate. Will the GOP's blatant interference in the case fuel a public backlash that could sting those black evangelicals that identify with conservatives on the issue? And does the Schiavo issue pay any political dividends for blacks if Republicans choose to make it an issue in the 2006 elections?

Then there's the nagging suspicion that if Schiavo were black the media would not have made her a cause celebre, conservative groups would not frantically storm the barricades to keep her feeding tubes hooked up, and that Congress would not cut short its vacation to pass a special law on her behalf. That was the subtle undertone in Watt's knock at Congressional Republicans for passionately defending Schiavo's rights while doing little to help the impoverished.

The public ambivalence, blurred complexities, and agonizing questions that swirl around Schiavo make this anything but a surefire winner for conservatives, and that makes it a loser for black evangelicals.

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Does the Easter Season beget violence? It appears that the closer we came to Easter, the time when Jesus died on the cross to save humanity, that violence in the world increased. All news media presented the violence in the courthouse in Atlanta, some on a continuous basis. As soon as we stopped listening to that, an alleged sex offender kidnapped a young 9 year old girl and raped and killed her; then a 16 year old on an Indian reservation killed his grandfather at home and seven other people at a school.



Is it the season or is there some other reason why there are people in this world who are not supposed to be at war, but systematically killing other people. Do they realize that death is final? There is no coming back. Only Jesus did that. Have they no respect

for life or do they reason that their life is the only important one? Then on the other hand, they may feel that their life is not important and neither is anyone else's, so why not take a few others with you?

There seems to be a pattern to the school killings, most which have been initiated by students whom have been exposed to the violent games that they play on television and certain cults that communicate in the chat rooms on the internet. These games are often difficult for parents to monitor especially if they are computer illiterate. Of course, computer literacy is not all that is needed to monitor what your children see. There has to be some good ole common sense as well as observation of the situation at hand. Some things need to be 'eyeballed.' There needs to be control of the time and usage of the games and computers which our children use. Parents buy them and should know what they are buying.

Buying of computer games need to be controlled. There games, espe-

cially the violent ones, should be under the inspection of some arm of the government, just as the food which we eat. Some of these games are not good 'food' for young minds. Personally, I feel that violent games and violent movies should be banned. Violence begets violence. Just watching the news is more violence than I care for in the run of any given day. It has come to the place where when noting the time of day that the news comes on, I wonder, "who killed someone today, or who had his car jacked today or who was robbed today?" Once you get past that part of the news, not much is left except the weather and too often for comfort, it is violent, too. Very little good news is reported. I wonder how much support would a 'Good News' station or newspaper gather. Regardless, it is time for us to get 'in cinque' and find ways to eliminate much of the violence which our children are exposed to as much of today's violence is a product of the violence they have witnessed, one way or another!

African-American Cultural Diary transforms U.S. postage stamps and treasured memories into family heirloom

WASHINGTON, March 29 /PRNewswire/ -- Expressions of African Americans: A Cultural Diary documents the lives and thoughts of African Americans immortalized on United States postage stamps. The unique collectible consists of a beautifully illustrated binder designed to hold current and future insert cards of African-American stamp issues as well as stationery that can be used to record personal reflections. Customers purchasing this Diary can chronicle their own reflections to create a treasured family heirloom. This \$34.95 keepsake will be introduced at a suburban Washington, DC bookstore March 31.

Roy Betts, Manager, Specialty Communications, U.S. Postal Service, will be the featured speaker at the 7 p.m. ceremony at Karibu Books, Bowie Town Center, 15624 Emerald Way, Bowie, MD.

"Children can create a family heirloom by journaling their parents' or grandparents' reflections of African-Americans" depicted on stamps. This will promote stamp collecting for children and their parents and a greater appreciation of the outstanding contributions of African Americans for generations to come," explained David Falor, Director, Stamp Services, U.S. Postal Service. "The Postal Service is pleased to introduce this wonderful product at one of this nation's leading African-American bookstores."

The 10 x 13 inch glossy hardcover Cultural Diary binder features a

montage of African-American historical photographs taken from the late 1800s through the 1960s (see detailed description in attached background) combined with rich textures and decorative elements rendered in warm earth tones of reds, golds and browns.

Also included are insert cards, stamps and mounts for four African-American stamp issues from 2004: Paul Robeson, Wilma Rudolph, James Baldwin and Kwanzaa (see background for details).

Additional insert cards will be available later this summer with the issuance of the Arthur Ashe commemorative postage stamp, and the To Form a More Perfect Union commemorative stamp sheet that recognizes ten historic milestones of the civil rights movement.

The 17 interior, 8 1/2 x 11 inch wire-bound Diary pages that accommodate up to 34 subjects, is a deep brown and contain slots in all four corners of each to allow insertion of stamp issuance cards and notepad pages. Four insert cards and stamps with mounts are included in the package to begin the collection.

The Cultural Diary pages measure 7 3/8 x 10 inches and contain photographs of the featured stamp subjects: biographical information, timeline and memorable quotations. There is also a reproduction of a stamp on each card to designate space for mounting the actual stamp. Cultural Diary pages will be produced for all future African-American stamp issues and will

include a separate stamp and mount. The four supplied Diary insert cards of James Baldwin, Paul Robeson, Wilma Rudolph and Kwanzaa come with four mountable stamps and a notepad that can be used as a journal to create a unique family keepsake. New Diary insert cards will be released with each upcoming African American stamp issue.

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THIS 'N' THAT

GOOD TO MOVE EAST-ER BASH! THIS N THAT Was glad to learn that the new owners of the Amphitheater Center, located on East 19th Street, J.M.N.L., moved the location of the Easter Bash to Yellowhouse Canyon last Sunday where at least ten bands did participate. This appears to be a very positive

OMEN that these owners want to communicate with the citizens of this area, and not make the mistakes as the past owners did. This is good to see. **THIS N THAT** is hoping this new group will attempt to meet with the members of the **CHATMAN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** and members of the various churches, especially the membership at the **BETHEL AME CHURCH**, which is across the tracks from the amphitheater center. Hope this will take place, as with summertime approaching, there will be many activities on tap. So let's start now before it is time for the activity.

A LOT OF RED TAGS IN DISTRICT TWO! THIS N THAT has noticed many **RED TAGS** on many vehicles in the Chatman Hill and Dunbar Junior High School area. Good to see this kind of activity, but let's not just stop in this area of the city. Have those **FIELD EXERCISES ALL OVER THE CITY** of Lubbock. There is no doubt about it...

People are talking ... and many are very upset. So please take this program throughout the city. It appears it begun in District Two ... so don't forget District One, District Three, District Four, District Five and District Six. There are citizens who say they are watching. No doubt about it, it's needed, but take it all over.

OUTSTANDING COACH DIES IN SAN ANTONIO! THIS N THAT had an opportunity to speak via telephone with Mrs. Jo Mallory, the wife of legendary basketball coach of the Dunbar Panthers, **COACH EARNEST MALLORY**, who passed away recently in San Antonio, Texas, about his death... She advised information on Coach Mallory would be forthcoming, so those who knew him would have the funeral information. There is no doubt about it, he made an impression in the coaching ranks when he was at the helm of those Panthers of Dunbar High school. Just think much farther he would have carried those Dunbar Panthers if he

would have been coaching today and if we would still have Dunbar High School. Although this writer is not a graduate of the well known and talked about Dunbar High School, one can't help but wonder if this school will be re-opened again. Could this become a reality with much development in this East Lubbock area? It never hurts to think positive about anything that may enhance the total picture. Anyway, the death of Coach Mallory made one wonder if it could happen. Will publish is funeral arrangements once received.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THE BEGINNING doesn't mean a thing; It is the **END** that really counts."

SCHOOL IS ALMOST OUT! THIS N THAT still wants to remind you that school is almost out, and we need to visit a public school if we haven't done so. Our precious little children are still awaiting our visit. So take time this or next week to go and visit them.

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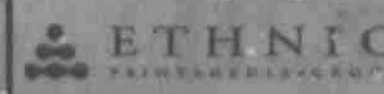
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Top Geography students to test skills at state Geographic Bees on April 1

WASHINGTON - Across the United States and U.S. territories, young geography wizards will pit their wits against each other at the state-level Geographic Bee on Friday, April 1, vying for a spot in the national competition in May.

Up to 100 fourth- to eighth-graders in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories and Department of Defense Dependents Schools have qualified for the state Bees. Each state winner will receive \$100, a National Geographic globe and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the national finals on May 24-25 and the chance to be crowned National Geographic Bee champion. Schools of the state winners will receive Educational Insights' GeoSafari game.

First prize in the national competition is a \$25,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society. Second- and third-place finishers will receive \$15,000 and \$10,000 college scholarships.

"As events such as the recent tsunami remind us, we

are part of a larger world, and understanding geography and the impact of global happenings is essential to being responsible, informed citizens," said John Fahey, president of the National Geographic Society. "National Geographic has always recognized the need for geographic literacy and will vigorously continue its efforts to educate our young people and foster global knowledge."

The state Bees are the second level of the annual National Geographic Bee. The first level began last November with contests in more than 15,000 U.S. schools, in which nearly 5 million students participated.

The championship round of the National Geographic Bee - moderated by "Jeopardy!" quiz show host Alex Trebek for the 17th year - will be held at National Geographic's Washington, D.C., headquarters on May 25 and will air that day nationally on the National Geographic Channel. Produced by Maryland Public Television, the finals will be broadcast later on public television stations. Check local listings for viewing times.

The 2004 National Geographic Bee champion was eighth-grader Andrew Wojtanik, from Overland Park, Kan. The winning question was: "Peshawar, a city in the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan, has had strategic importance for centuries because of its location near what historic pass?" Answer: Khyber Pass.

As part of his Bee preparation, Andrew compiled a 400-page list of facts about the world's 192 countries, including their area, population, highest and lowest points, languages, religions, currency, climate, head of state, main cities, exports, and much more. Now published by National Geographic, Andrew's valuable

study guide, "Afghanistan to Zimbabwe,"

Country Facts that Helped Me Win the National Geographic Bee" (ISBN 0-7922-7981-6, \$12.95), will be available in bookstores at the beginning of April.

Visitors to the Bee section of the National Geographic Society Web site, www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee can hone their geography skills by taking the daily "GeoBee Challenge," featuring questions from previous National Geographic Bees.

The National Geographic Society developed the National Geographic Bee in 1989 in response to concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States. The problem is not yet resolved. A nine-country National Geographic-Roper Geographic Literacy Survey conducted in 2002 showed that

Americans aged 8 to 23 lagged

behind their counterparts in all

the other countries surveyed, except one.

Hodges Community Center to host Country Hoedown

Hodges Community Center will be hosting their first Country Hoedown on Saturday, April 2, 2005 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Country Hoedown will provide dance enthusiasts with an evening of structured Country/Western and Ballroom dancing. Don Hummcutt will lead the activities and also demonstrate a brief dance step. This is the first of a monthly Country Hoedown that Hodges Community Center will be offering on the second Saturday of each month. The cost is \$4 per person for an evening of dancing, fun and refreshments. For more information call 767-3706.

Hodges Community Center is located in Clapp Park at 41st Street and University Avenue and is open Monday - Friday, 8:30a.m. - Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

For further information, contact Patsy Ramirez at 767-3706.

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Game 5	Saturday, April 2	@Amarillo	7:11 pm	TBA
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Comment Period Ends April 12, 2005

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

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

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

PUBLIC MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

April 5, 2005 5:00pm to 6:00pm Goedcke Library 6601 Quaker Avenue Lubbock, Texas	April 7, 2005 6:00pm to 7:00pm Patterson Library 1836 Parkway Drive Lubbock, Texas	April 12, 2005 8:30am Transportation Policy Committee Meeting 1625 13th Street, Room 103
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Locations of Draft FY 2006 - 2008 Transportation Program and FY 2004 - 2006 amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program:

Lubbock MPO Office 916 Main, Suite 706 Lubbock, Texas 79401	Lubbock City Hall Public Information Office 1425 13th Street Lubbock, Texas 79457	Lubbock Court-Bldg Main St. and Texas Avenue Main Lobby Lubbock, Texas 79408	Wolforth City Hall 328 East Hwy 62/82 Wolforth, Texas 79382
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