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Local News

Upcoming event at the Groves Branch Public Library

Paws for Reading at the Groves Branch Library. The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, presents "Paws for Reading" from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 30. Therapy dogs from the South Plains Obedience Club will be available as reading buddies to budding readers. Children of any age may sign up for a 15-minute time slot to spend reading to one of the dogs. Come practice your reading skills on Rover! To register, call the library at 767-3724.

Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm - Mae Simmons Community Center
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00 pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Danbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm, Brooker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Arroyo Viejo Canyon
- Emerald 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, Oak and 8th St.
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, BIU Market Alumni Center
- Danbar/Mantoloking 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 Nineteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Gaudalupé & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing. You can mail it to: Community Meetings, C/O: Southwest Digest, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408 or bring it by our offices: Southwest Digest, 1302 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79401

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Lewis Sisters's reunion held in Lubbock

The Lewis Sisters' Reunion, which known for not allowing their spouses to attend, begun 15 years ago, two years after their mother passed away. The Sisters' Reunion is always in memory of their Mom, Lee Ester Lewis. As they would advise you, "If it wasn't for her and their Daddy, George S. Lewis, this reunion wouldn't be possible.

Like always, they want to thank God for their Daddy. He's the greatest Dad in the world. "We thank God for Daddy, because he never left us, and he's always been there for us. There are so many of us, but he has always had time to listen," said a sister, Winnie Ivory. "We want to thank God also for our step-mom, Rose Lewis. She's a sweet lady and she's sweet to your Daddy," continued Ivory.

The Reunion begun on July 23, 2004 through July 27, 2004. It was held at the LaQuinta Inn on Brownfield Highway. The hotel visit was great. It is a very nice hotel. Thanks to Robin Monroe! There is one thing we'd like to make known about our stay at the hotel. There was one of the receptionist name Becky who the worst attitude toward the Lewis Sisters. Evidently, there should be more training on how to greet people and customer service. She refused to apologize. We are keeping her, Becky, in our prayers.

Next year, our Lewis Sisters' Reunion is scheduled to be held in Corpus Christi, Texas. Please keep us in your prayers, because



THE LEWIS SISTERS: Pictured above are the Lewis Sisters who attended their reunion in Lubbock, Texas July 23 thru July 27, 2004. They are, front row, left to right seated: Winnie Ivory, Mary Ann Daniels, Pamela Lewis, and Ester Ellis. Back row, standing, from left to right: Sherry Griggs, Beverly Wade, and Madelene Griggs.

Satan is busy trying to beat up what God put together. Sisters who pray together, stay together! Here are the names of our Sisters, from the oldest to youngest: Mary Ann Daniels of Corpus Christi, Texas, Ester Ellis of Lubbock, Texas, Beverly Wade of Ft. Worth, Texas, Sherry Griggs, Winnie Ivory, Madelene Griggs, Debbie Flowers, and Pamela Lewis, all of Lubbock, Texas.

Mrs. Jimmie E. Demerson honored in Waco



Mrs. Jimmie E. Demerson was honored in the Women of Distinction and Recognized Academic Scholars Gala Event 2004 of the Missionary Baptist Convention of Texas in Waco, Texas at the Waco Scottish Rite Library and Museum on August 27, 2004. Sister Lucille Redman is Auxiliary President of Senior Mission and Dr. J. V. Dark is Convention President.

A graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Sister Demerson took Departmental-Sunday School courses and LVN courses. She has been a member of the Greater St.

Luke Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas for 52 years. Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor.

In her church, she serves as a Sunday School teacher, Director of Congress in her District, 1971-1988, and presently serves as Chairman of the Deaconess. Her former pastor was the late Rev. A. L. Davis. She served under all the Mission II Presidents of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas, worked in the State Mission II since 1957, on the Scholarship Committee, worked with Memorial Scholarship Fund for Mission II, and with Home Mission for one

year. She is most known for serving as chairperson of the Art Booth. Sister Demerson is also known for her beautiful handkerchiefs and corsages.

She received an Honorary Citizen's Key to the City of El Paso, Texas, as well as receiving certificates for work in Vacation Bible School, for chairperson of the Deaconess Board, and for tenure as Sunday School Superintendent. She was also honored during her Church Anniversary for tenure in the Baptist Church. Sister Demerson has also received many certificates for attending and working

with the National Baptist Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress. She was District President of the Lovely Sunset District.

In her free time, Sister Demerson is an AARP volunteer worker, driver for Meals on Wheels, member of Diabetes Support Group, serves on the Breast Cancer Survivor Committee and on Bless Your Heart Committee. Sister Demerson's favorite scripture: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path." Proverbs 3:6. Another one is: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8.

Looking back over the years: Can you name this event?



Former State Representative Curtis Graves



Pictured here are the late Charles Brown and Jackie Clark



Lubbock citizen, Kathy Richardson

These photos were delivered to Eddie P. Richardson this week and it brought back a flood of memories. The people are identified in these pictures, but do you know why they

gathered together? These photos were taken in the Mae Simmons Park swimming pool area in Lubbock.

like to award a two year subscription to the reader who correctly identifies the event and the year for these pictures. Send your response to the Southwest Digest offices at

New officers installed at Post 808 on September 14

The installation of officers for Booker T. Washington, Post 808, men and women was held at Post 808 on Tuesday evening, September 14, 2004. Dinner was prepared by Anzley's Restaurant.

The women were installed by Ms. Wonzille Bourland of Post 575. The men were installed by Eldon L. Erickson, 19th District Commander.

The officers of the Women's Auxiliary, 19th District, are: Ms. Georgia Richardson, president; Ms. Darlene Howard, vice president and

treasurer; Ms. Frances Bell, secretary; US. Ms. Mattie Denson, Sgt.-at-arms; Ms. Ruby Washington, chaplain; and Ms. Majorie Thomas, historian.

Ms. Frances Bell, who serves as Girls State Chairperson, introduced the speaker for the evening. She was Ms. Alie Robertson, daughter of Victor and Pam Robertson. She is a student at Estacado S High School. She spent ten days in Seguin, Texas at Texas Lutheran College with over 520 girls from throughout the state of Texas.

The members enjoyed the comments given by Ms. Robertson. Also, Ms. Bell for a job well done. The new installed for the men are: Alfred Cavjel, commander; George Scott, Jr., 1st vice-commander; George Jackson, 2nd vice-commander; Wendell D. Walker, adjutant; Charlie Taylor, judge advocate; Thomas J. Patterson, chaplain; Eddie P. Richardson, service officer; Windell D. Walker, finance officer; D. C. Fair, historian; Fancy Richardson, Sgt.-at-arms.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesdays of each month at Post 808 at 7:30 p.m. The ladies had three new members to join the organization. The new members are Ms. Julie A. Bunton-Cameron, Ms. Merry Jo Bunton, and Ms. Bernie C. McKinney.

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

Chatman Hills Corner

By Clarissa Jay

It's almost that time again. That is when we vote for the President of the United States of America. Our greatest duty as a not take advantage of the right to vote. In our community, the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., along with other groups, is encouraging everyone to register and vote in the upcoming election. Remember, Vote, and the choice is yours. Don't vote and the choice is theirs. Register and vote, or you have no choice. Here are some dates to remember: Absentee voting ends October 26, 2004. Last day to register to vote in the November 2, 2004 General Election is October 4, 2004.

For more information, you may call the Lubbock County Office of Elections, (806) 775-1339, or go by the office at 1308 Avenue G. Also, the League of Women Voters, located at 1706 23rd Street, or call (806) 774-0023.

Remember, Voting is important!

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will be hosting their Annual Conference October 25 thru 30, 2004. A

Mass Choir is practicing each Saturday morning, beginning at 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. All choir members of local churches are asked to come and participate. Sister Judith Struggs is director. According to Rev. Danny Poe, pastor, there will be 67 churches in attendance.

Let us not forget to pray for those who are sick and shut-in in our community. Among them who are ill this week include Sister Ora Jean Keys, who has returned from the hospital and is reported to be resting nicely; and Sister Lena Walls, who is a patient at Covenant Health System, room 785. Don't forget others who are sick at this report. God is able!

There will be a luncheon in honor of Sister Margaret Moton, the First Lady of the New Hope Baptist Church, on Saturday, October 2, 2004, beginning at 12 noon in the B. R. Moton Fellowship Hall at New Hope.

The 15th Pastor and Family Appreciation Services for Rev. and Mrs. B. R. Moton will be held Sunday afternoon, November 7, 2004, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Morning services at the New

Hope Baptist Church, the "Church Where The People Really Care, 2002 Birch Avenue, ASK where Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor, were well attended last Sunday morning. If you are looking for a church home, then you are welcome to come and visit New Hope.

Services begun with Meditation and Prayer, followed by an inspirational presentation, by the Praise Team. The morning scripture was read by Rev. Mercelle McCutcheon. Rev. Cheryl Martin offered the morning prayer.

After several selections by the New Hope Choir, Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Neighbor, Are You Too Bitter To Be Blessed." His scripture text was II Samuel 12:23.

Announcements of the morning were read by Sister Florinza Stckley, Sister Lottie F. Barrow welcomed all visitors.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Among them is the Moore family.

The New President of the Federation of Choirs is Sister Bennie Sims. We wish her the very best.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

Top It!

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AT YOUR BETTER DEPT. STORES

Fashion TIP: Always wear a smile Fashion. Just for the fun of it



In Remembrance



Ronald "Tuna" Seshawn Willis, Jr.

Funeral services were held las Friday afternoon, September 24, 2004, at St. James Baptist Church. Burial was held in

Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home of Lubbock. He died Saturday,

September 18, 2004, at University Medical Center. He was a sixth grade student at Alderson Academy.

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

Neugebauer says new Stenholm commercial distorts the records

LUBBOCK - Congressman Charlie Stenholm is airing a new television commercial alleging that Congressman Neugebauer has voted against the troops in Iraq, against health care funding for veterans, and against lowering prescription drugs for senior citizens, but Neugebauers campaign says that facts are stubborn things.

"Stenholm's television commercial is an attempt to distort Congressman Neugebauer's record. First, the commercial is not accurate. There are two roll call votes listed in the commercial which are incorrect. Second, Randy Neugebauer has a clear record of supporting our troops in Iraq, supporting veterans, and working to lower prescription drug costs for seniors," Neugebauer spokesman Matt Schaefer said.

Stenholm's commercial claims that Neugebauer opposed money for troops serving in Iraq. "Randy didn't vote for the Democrat's plan because he supported a better plan to increase pay for the military. Randy voted for a permanent, significant pay increase for all active duty and reserve troops, rather than a one time payment for some," Schaefer said.

Funding for veteran's health care was also a point of attack in Stenholm's commercial.

"Congressman Neugebauer voted for a \$1.4 billion increase in funding for health care for veterans last year and supports a larger increase this year," Schaefer stated.

And Stenholm also alleges that Congressman Neugebauer opposed lowering prescription drug costs for senior citizens. "The record shows that Randy voted against the drug companies and the leadership to allow re-importation of prescription drugs from Canada. The Medicare reform bill Randy supported does more to lower drug prices for seniors than any previous legislation in history,"

Schaefer said. "Stenholm's new commercial is an attempt to shift the focus away from his support for John Kerry, which he has stated publicly more than once, despite a denial by his campaign last week. Anyone who knows Randy Neugebauer

knows that he stands behind our troops 100%, will keep the promise made to veterans, and has worked to lower drug costs for seniors.

Stenholm's attempt to twist the record won't hold up against the facts," Schaefer said.

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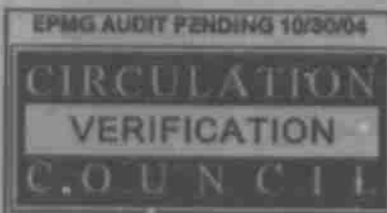
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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

TWO BLACK CANDIDATES FOR U.S. SENATE SEAT

I was really taken aback when the Illinois Republican leaders asked two-time presidential hopeful Alan Keyes to be their Senatorial candidate. I was even more astounded when Keyes decided to be the GOP's candidate for the United States Senate from Illinois, his residence being in the state of Maryland. Why I am amazed at Keyes is the fact that every white man and a black woman that the GOP of Illinois thought was somebody in Illinois (note: no black males) were asked to run after Republican primary winner Jack Ryan dropped his bid when his dirty laundry emerged over a sex club allegation from a messy divorce. Big name candidates including former governors, state senators and Chicago Bears great Mike Ditka who was too controversial and ultimately decline. Donald Duck, from Duckbury, USA and his love, Miss Daisy Duck would probably have been asked before Keyes were he not a cartoon character. Alan Keyes, the man who was very critical of

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's run for the Senate from New York in 2000 is now doing what he said he would not do. Keyes reminds me of "Daffy Duck" who think he was born to be a star. He likes to take chances. He'll do anything to see how it will turn out, even it means him getting hurt badly which has happened recently. Keyes, an eloquent speaker, a former conservative talk show host and lecturer, and a tab bit from being a neo-conservative in government affairs, was appointed the ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council by President Reagan and served as assistant secretary of state for international organizational affairs. Keyes is seen to be by some farther to the "RIGHT" than Justice Clarence Thomas who is dreaming of being Chief Justice of the United States if [when] President Bush is reelected. Keyes is said to call affirmative action a "government patronage program." Why should a person who is a resident of

Texas be concerned about Alan Keyes? If Keyes is elected to the United States Senate, his vote will affect every Texan. The "grapevine" contends David Duke would be compared as an angel to Keyes because he lacks the intellectual deftness to inflict true political harm on the masses as well as minority groups. Alan Keyes will be running against Barack Obama, an Illinois state senator who is seen by some to be a rising star for more than the Democratic Party, but a model for the "Hip Hop" generation of black Americans. Mr. Obama is running on a platform that expresses concerns about quality jobs, making health care more affordable and ensuring that children receive the best education as possible. We wish Mr. Keyes the best. He would be the choice of neo-conservatives. However for the good of young black American males, we believe Mr. Obama should be the Senator. We need a lift from this low-plain of life in America! There aren't any black US Senators.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"Claiming Your Inheritance" - Continued

Mark 11:24 — Therefore I say to you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

This could be called the prayer of Faith. The ingredients that are involved in praying the prayer of Faith are outlined here. He tells us what things soever we desire when we pray. Not after we pray, but when we pray. Just simply believe that you will receive them. Jesus said, based upon that, you shall have them.

When you pray in present tense. It has to be now. The shall have is future tense designation. It doesn't tell you how far in the future, but he said you shall have them. Since Jesus is not a liar, he is the way, the truth, and the life. That means that it shall come to pass. Now how long will depend upon your level of Faith and the nature of the condition that you are dealing with? All of this will have an impact upon how quickly you receive the physical evidence.

Another translation adds clarity to it that will help to bring the King James out into bold relief.

Mark 11:24 reads: "That is why I tell you, whatever you pray and ask for, if you believe that you have received it, it shall be yours."

If you believe that you have received it. That means he has not done it. But according to this, I have to believe that it is already done. It doesn't make any sense, but it's not intended to make any sense, because it's Faith.

Hebrews 11:1: "Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of

things not seen." Notice that it does not say now Faith was, and it doesn't say now Faith shall be, but it says now Faith is! Both of these scriptures are telling us that Faith is in the present tense. If it's not now, it's not Faith.

We need to act on his word. God responds to his word. Our needs may get his attention. Our pain may get his attention, but he won't move on that. He only moves on his word. Even though he loves us, he will not be able to move on your behalf unless you act on his word.

Mark 16:17-20: "And these signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils or demons. They shall speak with new tongues. They shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

"And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."

Confirming the word. How did he confirm the word? I'm proud you asked. He confirmed the word with signs following. The signs didn't come before the word. The signs followed the word. The word of God is an inexhaustible supply of information. If you are going to a church on a weekly basis, and they don't teach you the word, then how in the world is God going to be able to get involved in your circumstances. Since he doesn't have anything to confirm, he doesn't confirm your pain, your needs, or your sincerity.

He only confirms his word. Not our word, but His Word!

Now Faith is the assurance, the confirmation and the title deed of the things, we hope for being the proof of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality. Faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.

Faith brings the proof of things we do not see, and the conviction of their reality. Then we can't look to the senses to find out where we are with God. That's a trap. I can't look to my body to find out whether or not I'm healed. You're going to have to put his word out relative to the condition that you have in your body or in your circumstances.

Now Faith means that we are confident of what we hope for. "Convinced of what we do not see." In order to walk with God in the word, we have to walk outside the realm of our senses.

"Glory!" Go forth and be healed. Precious People. In the name of Jesus Christ. It's power in his name. Rise up and be healed!

See you next week. Thanks for reading. For all of you who are hurting, Jesus Christ is the answer. The real answer!

Don't forget we will be meeting in the home of Sister Annie Mae McBride, 402 Walnut Avenue, on Saturday morning, October 2, 2004, beginning at 9:00 a. m. See you there. All of you are invited to attend. Really, the only invitation you need is an appetite physically and spiritually.

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



We Thank God for Jesus IT'S PRAYING TIME

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

MATTHEW 24:30, JESUS SAID, THEN SHALL APPEAR THE SIGN OF MAN IN HEAVEN: AND THEN SHALL ALL THE TRIBES OF THE EARTH MOURN, AND THEY SHALL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN WITH POWDER AND GREAT GLORY. THIS GREAT GENTRY HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE BLOODIEST, AS MANKIND MAKE WAR. ITS NOT ONLY OVERSEAS, BUT ITS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR AND IT NOT FAR.

MATTHEW 24:10, JESUS SAID, THEN SHALL MANY BE OFFENDED, AND SHALL BETRAY ONE ANOTHER, AND SHALL HATE ONE ANOTHER, LOOK AROUND YOU PEOPLE, HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGNS AND THEY HAVE DOUBLED, MOTHERS AGAINST HER DAUGHTER, FATHER AGAINST HIS SON, THERE'S PLENTY TROUBLE!!!

MATTHEW 11:28, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YOU THAT LABOUR (WEARY), AND ARE HEAVY LADEN (OPPRESSED), AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. "SO DON'T PLAY BLIND: THAT'S YOURS AND MY SIGN, ITS PRAYING TIME." FATHER KILLS HIS CHILDREN, AND KILLS HIS WIFE, TURNS THE GUN ON HIMSELF. SUICIDE!! BROTHER KILLS HIS BROTHER AND THE NEIGHBOUR TOO. HE DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT NOBODY, NOT EVEN ME AND YOU!! MARK 13:7, JESUS SAID, NOW THE BROTHER SHALL BETRAY

THE BROTHER TO DEATH, AND THE FATHER HIS SON, AND CHILDREN SHALL RISE UP AGAINST THEIR PARENTS, AND SHALL CAUSE THEM TO BE PUT TO DEATH. "SO DON'T PLAY BLIND: THAT'S YOURS AND MY SIGN: ITS PRAYING TIME!!!"

PREACHERS PREACHING ABOUT MONEY, THAT IS ALL THAT IS ALL ON THEIR MIND, BUT THAT IS JUST ONE OF GOD'S SIGN, TO LET US KNOW THAT IT PRAYING TIME.

LOOK INTO THE CHURCHES, THEY ARE SO CONCERN OF NOTHING BUT MONEY, THEY SAY, WE WANT TO RAISE THIS YEAR \$ 15,000.00 DOLLARS FOR THE ANNIVERSARY!!!

MARK 11:17, JESUS SAID, IS IT NOT WRITTEN, MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED OF ALL NATIONS THE HOUSE OF PRAYER? BUT YOU HAVE MADE IT A DEN (COVER) FOR THIEVES. - SO DON'T PLAY BLIND: THAT'S YOURS AND MY SIGN: ITS PRAYING TIME!!! - NOW YOU CAN TEENAGE PREGNANCY IS UP, ITS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH: CHILDREN HAVING CHILDREN, BUT NOW THEY WANT OUT, AND COMMITS SUICIDE!!" AND OUR CHILDREN THAT IS AROUND US, YOU CAN TELL THAT THEY ARE A FOOL, THEY ARE WILD IN THE HOMES, STREETS, SCHOOLS: EVERYWHERE: THEY SAY THAT'S COOL. ISAIAH 1:9, ALL SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVILDOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD. SO DON'T PLAY BLIND: THAT'S YOURS AND MY SIGN: ITS PRAYING TIME!!! DRUGS ARE ON EVERY CORNER, ITS ALCOHOL THAT IS IN MANY HOMES: THATS THE DRUG THAT KILLS EVERYDAY, AND PEOPLE CAN'T SEE THAT ITS WRONG!!!

ISAIAH 5:20-22, THE LORD SAID, WOE UNTO THEM THAT CALL EVIL GOOD, AND GOOD EVIL: THAT PUT DARKNESS FOR LIGHT, AND LIGHT FOR DARKNESS: THAT PUT BITTER FOR SWEET, AND SWEET FOR BITTER! WOE UNTO THEM THAT ARE WISE IN THEIR OWN SIGHT! WOE UNTO THEM THAT ARE MIGHTY TO DRINK WINE, AND MEN OF STRENGTH TO MINGLE STRONG DRINK. "SO DON'T PLAY BLIND: THAT'S YOURS AND MY SIGN: ITS PRAYING TIME!!!"

MATTHEW 9:37, JESUS SAID, THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTY, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW: PRAY YOU THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST. GALATIANS 4:16, AM I THEREFORE BECOME YOUR ENEMY, BECAUSE I TELL YOU THE TRUTH???



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Services begun with Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Superintendent Luella Harris was at her post of duty. The morning lesson was taught by Pastor

Canady. The morning devotions were led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson at 11:00 a.m. It was an inspiring effort.

The Senior Choir sang several selections. What a time we had singing and listening to God's praises.

The morning message was

brought by Rev. Edward Canady, our pastor. His subject was "The Power of Prayer. His scripture text was Acts 1:14; 3:1; 12:15 and 12:5. It was another inspiring sermon, and was well received by all in attendance.

Thought of the Week: "God knows the end from the beginning, so we can trust Him with everything between."

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Wanda Sykes adds the name "author" to her long list of talents



Yeah, I Said It
By Wanda Sykes

"Wanda Sykes is too original a talent to be marginalized or contained."

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Wanda Sykes has added another title to her impressive resume. Already an Emmy award winner, comedian, sitcom star, and sports commentator, Wanda is now an author. In addition to playing Ruby in New Line Cinema's upcoming release *Monster-In-Law*, Wanda's been called "one of the funniest stand up comics" by her peers. With her publishing debut, *YEAH, I SAID IT* (Atria Books Hardcover Original; September 21, 2004; \$23.00), Wanda Sykes shares her tart and witty insights into sex, politics, family and much more. In other words, Wanda proves once again, that she does it all.

An uproarious and irreverent collection from one of today's foremost comedic talents, *YEAH, I SAID IT* is Wanda

Sykes at her unrestrained best. Here, she channels her talent for brief, biting, funny commentaries on everything from marriage, ageism, religion, politics, sex, obesity, and even Hollywood. Imbued with her unique, razor-sharp wit, the essays in *YEAH, I SAID IT*, are smart with Wanda's sidesplitting insight and candor, showcasing her trademark brand of comedy.

Wanda is back home on Comedy Central this fall starting in a new show titled *Wanda Does It*. She can be seen on Comedy Central in her one-hour special or as the voice of Gladys on *Crank Yankers*. She's also a recurring guest on HBO's Emmy award-winning series, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. *YEAH, I SAID IT* is the perfect outlet for Wanda's unmatched comedic

proWess. *YEAH, I SAID IT* proves what her fans have known all along, "there's no one funnier than Wanda Sykes."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Wanda Sykes was born in Portsmouth, Virginia, and raised in Maryland. She earned a Bachelor of Sciences degree from Hampton University. Wanda has contributed as a

writer and an actress on various television shows. An Emmy award winner for her work on *The Chris Rock Show*, Wanda lives in Los Angeles and New York.



Could it all be about the money?

Could it be the money that 20-year-old Katelyn Faber has been after all along? That's how some residents of the Black community feel about Faber's motives after accusing Kobe Bryant, the Los Angeles Lakers star, of rape summer 2003.

Now that Bryant's criminal case was dropped recently, due to some part to Faber's reluctance to participate, and due to some legal setbacks that hurt the prosecution's case, Faber is perhaps looking for another recourse to settle things - money.

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Chick-fil-A Cows 'Moove' into 2004 election race

Popular bovines back 'Self-Preservation' party for chain's election-themed promotion

ATLANTA (Aug. 2, 2004) - As the 2004 election race heats up, Republicans and Democrats have a new political party to reckon with. Chick-fil-A's renegade "Eat Mor Chikin®" Cows are entering the race as the "Self-Preservation" Party, a non-traditional, grassroots effort formed to persuade people to "vote" chicken over beef.

Leveraging the 2004 Presidential election year, Chick-fil-A and its famous bovine marketers have introduced a fully integrated election-themed promotion at its 1,145-plus restaurants nationwide. The Aug. 2 - Oct. 2 promotion will include a mix of in-store and outdoor signage that features the whimsical Cows and their humorous politically-themed messages, such as "Conserv Us, Eat Chikin Liberally," "Our Healthcare Polisee: Eat Chikin," "Weer Pro-Chikin," and "Chikin, 4 Mor Yeers."

In typical campaign fashion, Chick-fil-A restaurants will be decorated in red, white and blue bunting, and standard campaign paraphernalia (such as buttons, balloons, yard signs and bumper stickers) will be used to promote the Self-preservation Party throughout the campaign.

"Without discounting the importance of the November election, we hope the Cows will offer a little comic relief during the height of the Presidential race," said Chick-fil-A's Chief Marketing Officer Steve Robinson. "The Cows are extremely popular among our customers, and this campaign is yet another example of the creative message extensions the Cows offer."

As part of its election-themed promotion, participating Chick-fil-A restaurants will organize official voter registration drives as a community service in conjunction with state election boards in some of its key markets throughout the Southeast in September. Led by a specially designed "campaign vehicle," Chick-fil-A's Cows will be highly visible throughout the month-long registration drive, as they will be supporting registration drives at heavily trafficked areas such as business parks, shopping centers, community events and local Chick-fil-A restaurants, in an effort to register as many people as possible prior to the November elections.

"We expect the Cows' election-themed humor will help draw new attention to Chick-fil-A," continued Robinson. "Equally impor-

tant, we're excited about the prospect of our restaurants working with state election boards to draw attention to the importance of

A Cows and the Eat Mor Chikin campaign have enjoyed such widespread public success that the chain has turned the theme into its

wildly popular annual Cow-themed calendar, which has quickly become the nation's top selling calendar. Continuing to keep in sync with today's pop culture, the Cows will become Secret Agent Cows for their 2005 calendar. Chick-fil-A sold or circulated more than 2.5 million copies of this year's Cow Superheroes calendar. About Chick-fil-A Inc.

Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A, Inc., the nation's second-largest quick-service chicken restaurant chain (based on sales), currently has more than 1,145 restaurants in 37 states and Washington, D.C. Credited with inventing the chicken sandwich and first introducing the chicken nugget concept, Chick-fil-A serves nutritious and freshly prepared food products in malls free-standing units, drive thru-only outlets, Chick-fil-A DwellHouse® and Truett's Grill® full-service restaurants, and through licensed outlets in college campuses, hospitals, airports, businesses and industrial sites.

In 2003, Chick-fil-A reported system-wide sales of more than \$1.53 billion, sustaining its 36-year-streak of consecutive sales

gains. Chick-fil-A is a nine-time recipient of Restaurants and Institutions magazine's Choice in Chains Customer Satisfaction award and, as reported in the October 2003 edition of QSF! magazine, the chain has been rec-

ognized for the second-consecutive year as having the "Best Drive-Thru in America." More information about Chick-fil-A is available on the chain's website, located at www.chick-fil-a.com or www.chick-fil-a-pressroom.com.



registering to vote."

As Robinson noted, Chick-fil-A's award-winning Eat Mor Chikin campaign has been an integral part of the chain's success since the quirky Cows debuted nearly a decade ago. Since the first Eat Mor Chikin billboard was erected in 1995, the chain's system-wide sales have more than tripled, and Chick-fil-A's unaided brand awareness has increased 44 percent in its top 27 markets over the past four years. The Chick-fil-

most successful, fully integrated marketing program. The Eat Mor Chikin Cows are now the focal point of Chick-fil-A's in-store point-of-purchase materials, promotions, radio and TV advertising, and clothing and merchandise sales (including customized Plush Cow Toys and annual Cow-themed Calendars) of more than \$52 million since their debut.

Immediately following the election campaign, Chick-fil-A will unveil the eighth edition of its

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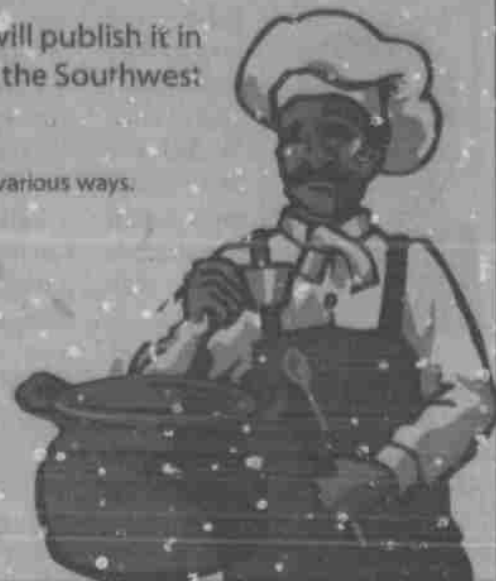
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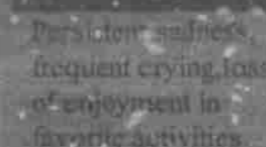


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Any former client, present client, or client-eligible individual is eligible to run for office. If you are interested in running for a particular office or have any questions regarding the duties and responsibilities of these officers, you will need to be present at this October meeting. Elections will take place during the November meeting. As usual, refreshments and camaraderie will take place after the business meeting.

You are welcomed and invited. Please consider coming to the meeting. We hope to see you there.

What's going on at Mae Simmons Senior Center?

Every Friday, we wear our Senior T-shirts. The T-shirts were made for the 100th Anniversary Parade. Our shirts have a map of Africa on the front.

Our motto is "We are not senior citizens... We are recycled teenagers!!!"

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Since the beginning of time, families have consisted of parents, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. They lived together in one house, played together and worked together. Where there were more than one house, there was usually a compound or common neighborhood where the family lived. Most families were headed or ruled by a patriarch or male head. In some societies there was a matriarch or female head of the family.

Early European families were most often headed by a patriarch and when this country was settled, it followed the European style of family. Families lived on large land

areas which later became known as plantations. With the advent of slavery and peoples from other countries and cultures, the adaptation of the European style family was inevitable. The only problem with this style of family was that the liberated peoples did not have the financial status or backing to have any kind of family other than the 'love' family.

Do not misunderstand. Love has brought the American family a long way into this current technological age. It is the absence of love which has the family in such disarray today. Our love has been misplaced. Instead of loving and sponsoring each other, we are loving other things. We love too many material things which have put us off track with our morality. Again, do not misunderstand. There is good in material things, but as in the days of the writing of the words of Jesus, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to

God, the things that are God's," (Mark 12:17) it would appear that we now render all to Caesar and the workings of the devil. Our morality is at ground zero, regardless to who heads the family.

We cannot blame the television and the other areas of the media for all that is wrong with the family though it has a great bearing on what is wrong. The heads of the family must bear the responsibility for what is wrong with the family. They are also responsible for what is wrong with the schools. There are other variables, but the brunt of what is wrong with the family is: What is wrong with parents?! It is time that we get 'in cinque' and begin to make some serious evaluations of parenthood. Perhaps an annual checkup with a government entity should be required of parents, rather than have sporadic calls to the child abuse hotline and the police departments.

Aspiring to build wealth for poor children is not enough

by Dr. Kenya L. Covington

The America Saving for Person! Investment, Retirement, and Education Act otherwise known as 'The ASPIRE Act' encourages wealth accumulation and financial literacy among low-income youth. This bipartisan effort now making its way through Congress is certainly an honorable long shot towards poverty reduction. Yet, ultimately it does not give "at risk" youth the help they so desperately need.

Aspiring toward wealth without investments in healthcare, adequate housing, quality childcare and education poses one of the greatest challenges of this century for people in poverty. The truth is, it won't happen without other essential supports that enable poor children to develop into healthy, critical thinking young people. Nevertheless, most experts in childcare policy would agree that some movement in support of low-income children is better than nothing at all.

And perhaps it is evidence that policymakers on Capitol Hill are willing to do more for poor children than they have done in the past. If the bill passes, after December 31, 2005 every newborn child within a household earning less than the national median will be endowed with a one-time \$500 contribution. Promoting wealth and financial literacy early is a step in the right direction, however, there is much more that needs to be done.

Currently, there exists a great opportunity to change the lives of America's children who are most at risk. That's because the United States welfare system that was actually designed to assist poor families, is now dominated by

more than 4 million children. It's a problem that's gotten worse in recent years, the result of which is an unacceptable proportion of children to adults. The Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program is now overwhelmed with service to children. By 2001, the number of children on the rolls had jumped to a totally unacceptable 75 percent of the entire caseload! To dramatize the extreme nature of this situation, one only needs to know that just five years prior to 2001, children constituted only 67 percent of the recipient caseload.

Cases where children receive cash assistance with no adult included in the benefit has increased from 11% in 1990 to 35% in 2001.

Despite the change in the composition of the caseload, TANF policy is still blindly directed at adults. Likewise, policy discussions remain dominated by rhetoric of work responsibility. This narrow-mindedness is causing legislators and child advocates to miss an opportunity to significantly decrease child poverty and further curve intergenerational poverty in meaningful ways.

These children are the core of a larger group of "at risk" youth. Currently, there are over 12 million living in poverty; the 4 million youth receiving some assistance from the welfare system represent 32 percent for whom welfare policy can make an enormous difference. While program participation for these youth can give them direct access to important services, efforts to reach the other 8 million are essential for making a meaningful impact on poverty.

With more than 32 percent of black children and more than 28 percent of Latino children in

poverty and signs that poverty is growing as a result of the recession, minority children are in dire need of programs that significantly decrease the poverty to which they are exposed throughout the early stages of their development.

Wealth accumulation and financial literacy are program objectives of ASPIRE that are highly desirable and certainly welcomed. In the long-run possibly the 17% of low-income youth who actually graduate from high school or the 10% who graduate from college will no doubt be better off but for many "at risk" youth who have been relegated to the last rung all their lives they will not realize the goodness of their profits because wealth investments will never undue years of social welfare disinvestment. The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) supports the creation and administration of innovative programs addressing issues critical to the well-being and advancement of African Americans and the African Diaspora. CBCF, located in Washington, D.C. was established in 1976 as a nonpartisan, nonprofit, public policy, research and educational organization. The CBCF educates future leaders and promotes collaboration among community and business leaders and organized labor to effect positive and sustainable change in the African-American community. Learn more about the work of CBCF by visiting the official Web site at www.cbfc.org.

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The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation calls national poverty and uninsured numbers deplorable

Washington, D.C. • New U.S. Census Bureau figures show that more Americans than ever are suffering from rising poverty and uninsured rates. With 1.3 million more people falling below 100% of the poverty level and 45 million Americans without health insurance year-round, the United States is experiencing a crisis of major proportions that can only be solved with dedicated leadership and reliable fiscal policies.

"Unfortunately, we have seen that tax cuts have failed miserably in improving the economic and health insurance status of America's families," said CBCF President Weldon J. Rougeau. "Now, more so than ever, we must look toward adopting responsible policies

that will truly strengthen the economy and address the heavy burden facing many American families."

While African American uninsured rates stayed steady from 2002 to 2003, the percentage of African Americans falling below 100% of the poverty level increased by 3 percentage points or a percent change of 1.2 over a one year time span. Overall, the percentage of all Americans in poverty experienced a sharp .4 percentage point increase and child poverty grew by .9 percentage points, a percent change of 5.4 over the previous year.

"There is no good news in the numbers," said Dr. Maya Rockey Moore, CBCF Vice President of Research and Programs. "While African

American uninsured rates have remained steady, they were already too high. Dramatically rising uninsured and poverty figures are proof positive that the fiscal policies of the past several years have failed Americans miserably."

"Some of these numbers are really incredible. We have to look at specific demographics to truly understand the magnitude of what is going on," said CBCF Associate Director of Research Dr. Kenya Covington. "For example, single-female heads of household have been devastated, in 8 states we've seen percent changes in poverty of more than 30 percent in just one year. Unfortunately, it seems that these women are not being absorbed by the economy and unusually low welfare utiliza-

tion rates indicate that the safety net is failing them too."

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation firmly believes that our nation's lead-

ers must address the plight of those who are unduly suffering as a result of misguided macro economic policies. Special attention must also be given to

strengthening the welfare system for single-parent families that struggle desperately to make ends meet during a failing economy.

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First meetings are October 3 and October 17 and will be held from 7:00-8:30pm.

God is Not a Republican.

Or a Democrat.

It is the responsibility of every political conservative, every evangelical Christian, every pro-life Catholic, every traditional Jew ... to get serious about re-electing President Bush!"
—Jerry Falwell, *The New York Times*, July 16, 2004

"I think George Bush is going to win in a walk. I really believe I'm hearing from the Lord. It's going to be like a blowout election in 2004. The Lord has just blessed him. It doesn't make any difference what he does, good or bad..."
—Pat Robertson, *AP/Fox News*, January 2, 2004

These leaders of the Religious Right mistakenly claim that God has taken a side in this election, and that Christians should only vote for George W. Bush.

We believe that claims of divine appointment for the President, uncritical affirmation of his policies, and assertions that all Christians must vote for his re-election constitute bad theology and dangerous religion.

We believe that sincere Christians and other people of faith can choose to vote for President Bush or Senator Kerry—for reasons deeply rooted in their faith.

We believe all candidates should be examined by measuring their policies against the complete range of Christian ethics and values.

We will measure the candidates by whether they enhance human life, human dignity, and human rights; whether they strengthen family life and protect children; whether they promote racial reconciliation and support gender equality; whether they serve peace and social justice; and whether they advance the common good rather than only individual, national, and special interests.

We also admonish both parties and candidates to avoid the exploitation of religion or our congregations for partisan political purposes.

By signing this statement, we call Christians and other people of faith to a more thoughtful involvement in this election, rather than claiming God's endorsement of any candidate.

This is the meaning of responsible Christian citizenship.

We are not single-issue voters.

We believe that poverty-caring for the poor and vulnerable is a religious issue. Do the candidates' budget and tax policies reward the rich or show compassion for poor families? Do their foreign policies include fair trade and debt cancellation for the poorest countries? (Matthew 25:35-40, Isaiah 61:1-2)

We believe that the environment-caring for God's earth—is a religious issue. Do the candidates' policies protect the creation or serve corporate interests that damage it? (Genesis 2:15, Psalm 24:1)

We believe that war—and our call to be peacemakers—is a religious issue. Do the candidates' policies pursue "ways of choice" of respect, international law and cooperation in responding to real global threats? (Matthew 5:9)

We believe that truth-telling is a religious issue. Do the candidates tell the truth in justifying war and in other foreign and domestic policies? (John 8:32)

We believe that human rights—respecting the image of God in every person—is a religious issue. How do the candidates propose to change the attitudes and policies that led to the abuse and torture of Iraqi prisoners? (Genesis 1:27)

We believe that our response to terrorism is a religious issue. Do the candidates adopt the dangerous language of righteous empire in the war on terrorism so I confuse the roles of God, church, and nation? Do the candidates act only in our enemies but never in our own policies? (Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 8:12-13)

We believe that a consistent ethic of human life is a religious issue. Do the candidates' positions on abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, weapons of mass destruction, HIV/AIDS—and other public health issues—across the world obey the biblical injunction: to choose life? (Deuteronomy 30:19)

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Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization's Metropolitan Transportation Plan: 2030

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a transportation planning tool designed to identify and plan for the transportation needs of the Lubbock Metropolitan Area for the next 25-years.

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 attend and offer comments on transportation issues including highways, streets, transit, safety, bicycle, pedestrian and transportation enhancements.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan: 2030 considers: Support of the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, Increased safety/security of transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users, Increased accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight, Protecting and enhancing the environment, promoting energy conservation, and improving the quality of life, Enhancing the integration and connectivity of the transportation system across and between modes for people and freight, Promoting efficient system management and operation and Emphasizing the preservation of the existing transportation system.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan is updated every 5 years. The Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan: 2030 is available on the MPO website at <http://mpo.ci.lubbock.tx.us>, the MPO office or other sites listed below. Citizens are encouraged to attend the Public Forums and offer comments concerning transportation issues.

Citizens may also send comments to Sam Woods, Transportation Planning Director at the address below or email them to: swoods@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us

Public Forums Times and Locations:				
October 5, 2004 11:00am Mahon Library	October 7, 2004 5:00pm Godeke Library	October 18, 2004 5:00pm Patterson Library	October 19, 2004 6:00pm Freshship H.S. South Cafeteria	October 26, 2004 8:30am Lubbock City Hall

Copies of the Lubbock Metropolitan Transportation Plan: 2030 may be viewed at:

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