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Local News

Classic Rock Movies

The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, presents a series of classic rock films in February. On February 18 at 6:15 p.m., see the original members of Kiss battle a deranged scientist who works at an amusement park. Come dressed as your favorite Kiss member! There will be a drawing for prizes. On February 25 at 6:15 p.m., watch studio and concert footage of the Grateful Dead singing classics such as "Playing in the Band," "Uncle John's Band," and "Buddy Holly's Not Fade Away." Dancing is allowed! For more information, please call 775-2835.

Teen Book/Movie Discussion at the Groves Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will hold a book/movie discussion for ages 12-18 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 26. This month's pick is "Holes" by Louis Sachar. Copies of the book are available for checkout at all Lubbock Public Library locations. Read the book, then come see and discuss the movie. Refreshments will be provided. Call 767-3733 for more information.

Film Program at Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library presents the second in a series of films based on the plays of Tyler Perry at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 28. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the Patterson Branch Library at 767-3300.

Community Meetings

Lubbock Area Chamber of Commerce - Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • Mac Simmons Community Center • Hub City Kiwanis - Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G • Dillard Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4pm • Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday - 7:30 • Forgotten West Riders, Pitt & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library • East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mac Simmons Community Center • OLC and 8th St • Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTV Meeting Center • Dunbar/Barren Area Neighbors Neighborhood Association 3rd, Every 3rd Thursday 6:00 pm, 370 East 28th Street • South Lubbock Area Neighbors • West Texas Native American Association For 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 31st • 7:00 pm, Education presentations and demonstrations • Texas Intercommunity Cultural & Historical Commission Lubbock Branch, at T.J. Patterson Branch Library 2nd Tuesday 7 pm • West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Carver Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 • West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm, at the Parkway Neighborhood Center • The Parkway Neighborhood Center • The Parkway Neighborhood & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm, at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

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

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

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Renowned Attorney and Leadership Spokesperson to Visit Texas Tech

Sara Weddington, the winning attorney in one of the most famous cases in U.S. history: Roe v. Wade will visit Texas Tech University March 4, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Union Allen Theatre.

Weddington's current activities revolve around speaking, teaching; and writing. She is a frequently requested speaker at colleges and universities speaking on issues relating to leadership; self-renewal for leaders; women and leadership and women's issues.

A published author, Weddington's first book; A Question of Cholley she details the landmark Roe v. Wade case; which she successfully argued before the U.S. Supreme court in 1973.

Weddington is believed to be the youngest person ever to win a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Weddington has received numerous honors and awards and lives a life full of leadership. In 2000; Texas Lawyer named her "One of the Most Influential Lawyers of the 20 Century." Weddington shares her experiences as well as her insight with those who attend her speaking engagement.

Also well-known for her work on many issues which affect women, Weddington is known through her many roles of attorney; legislator; Presidential advisor and professor.

Weddington teaches two classes at the University of

Texas at Austin "Gender-Based Discrimination" and "Leadership in America."

The second class is for students who hold leadership positions in groups on campus. The class is based on the premise of students demonstrating voluntary leadership prior to their senior year are more likely to be involved in public; issue oriented; and political leadership after graduation.

The lecture begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are free to Texas Tech students with a valid ID and \$10.00 for the general public. All tickets are available at Select-A-Seat locations (770-2000)- students must pick up their tickets at the Student Union Ticket Booth.

Taylor Mayor Named Citizen of the Year

Taylor, Texas — Taylor Mayor Don Hill was named "Citizen of the Year" during the Taylor Chamber of Commerce banquet on Thursday, January 29, 2004.

Mayor Hill was honored because of "his professional and much of his personal life has been dedicated to serving the community, particularly those less fortunate and in need of help," said Taylor Rotary Club President Don McAlister.

Mayor Hill was cited for his work in city and area government as well as his work with community programs.

Since 1998, Mayor Hill has been director of field operations for the Capitol Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS), which provides bus and van service for those who have limited access to transportation!

He organized the first Meals on Wheels program in Taylor in 1971 and was the first project director of the county's Senior Nutrition Program.

Hill was instrumental in founding the O.L.Price Ex-Student Association and served as the

organization's president from 1993 to 2001, and he currently is working with a group dedicated to restoring Dr. James L. Dickey's home as a museum to Taylor's first African-American physician.

As a member of the city's planning commission in the 1980's, he worked with the city and state to get grants to improve sanitary conditions, repave and build streets in both Taylor.

He was the first African-American elected to serve on the city's governing body in 1986 and has served as commissioner, councilman, and now mayor.

Mayor Hill is a member of Alien Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he is chairman of the Board of Trustees, and has served as president of the Steward Board of Austin Capitol District for five years.

He and his wife, Leslie, have been married for 42 years. They have four children and five grandchildren.

"I love my community, and I'm going to do whatever I can to make it the best community it can be," said Mayor Hill.

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Name Change Set for Patterson Library Set for Saturday Afternoon

The name change of T. J. Patterson Branch Library to the "Bobbie Gean and T. J. Patterson Branch Library will be held Saturday afternoon, February 21, 2004, beginning at 2:00 pm in the Community Room.

This program will be in conjunction of the 2nd Annual African-American History Month. During the program and reception, Bobbie Gean and City Councilman T. J. Patterson will be honored.

The Patterson Library is located at 1836 Parkway Drive. This special event is sponsored by The Friends of the Lubbock Public Library.

The public is invited to attend.



Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

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CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

A "Taste of History" will be sponsored by the Youth and Young Adult Department of the New Hope Baptist Church. Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, on Sunday, February 29, 2004. All of this will take place after the morning services. The theme is "What's In The Pot?" All are invited to come and share their grandmothers, mother, or even your own favorite dish. Among the various dishes will include: turnip greens, neck-bones, collard greens, hog maw, chitterlings, pig feet, red beans and rice, and sweet potatoes.

Various items on display will include: pressing combs, wash tubs, rub boards, oil lamps, potato masher, cast iron skillet, old dishes, and snuff boxes.

Don't forget the name change of the T. J. Patterson Library to the Bobbie Gean and T. J. Patterson Library on Saturday afternoon, February 21, 2004, beginning at 2:00 p. m. The library is located at 1836 Parkway Drive.

The public is invited to attend.

The Secondary Art Faculty of the Lubbock Independent School District is inviting the public to the reception and opening of the National Youth Art Month Exhibit of Outstanding and

Creative Works by LISC Art Students, Grades 9 thru 12. It will be held at the Lubbock Garden and Arts Center, 42nd Street and University Avenue, on Monday, March 1, 2004, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Worship services at New Hope Baptist Church were inspiring last Sunday morning, February 15, 2004. Services begun with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team were at their positions. The morning scripture was read by Rev. Charles Wilson. The morning prayer was offered by Rev. Merelle McCutcheon. The New Hope Choir sung several selections.

Pastor B. R. Moton was not in the pulpit last Sunday morning as he was attending funeral services of his wife's mother in Talledega, Alabama.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Cheryl Martin. Her subject was "The Love and Romance of Redemption." Her scripture text was Ruth 3:8-9. It was a wonderful message.

After the invitation to discipleship was extended, the morning announcements were read by Sister Cleothia-Ouigley. Sister Connie Anderson welcomed all visitors to New Hope.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. Among those who are sick

include Brother Harry Stokley, a patient at Covenant Health System, Room 871-S; Jocile Lewis and Shauntay D. Ervin. God is able.

There are those who have lost loved ones. Among them is the Stokley family who lost a family member. Rev. C. A. Jackson. Sister Margaret Moton's mother was funeralized in Talledega, Alabama last Saturday.

Our prayers go out to these families as well as others who have lost loved ones.

Let us remind those of you who are interested in the upcoming "Load The Bus For Alabama", you had better get ready. The trip will be May 21 thru May 24, 2004, and will travel to a Talledega, Alabama.

For more information, contact either Sister Cynthia Hatcher, Sister Brannetta Cooper or Sister Margaret Moton.

The New Hope Broadcast is still heard over Radio Station KJAK, 92.7 FM each Sunday morning from 11:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. If you are in able to attend church services because of various reasons.

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The Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy will offer training for prospective volunteer tutors dedicated to helping adults learn to read. The session will be 9:00 am to noon, Saturday February 21, 2004, at Godeke Branch Library, Loop 289 and Quaker.

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ISAIAH 64:6, AH SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVILDOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTED: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD.

LORD, WHEN AMERICA WAS POOR, HER PEOPLE LOVED YOU AND THEY DID PRAY, THEY HAD YOU, ON THEIR HEARTS, AND THEIR MINDS NIGHT AND DAY.

DEUTERONOMY 10:19, THE LORD SAID, THEREFORE SHALL YOU LAY UP THESE WORDS IN YOUR HEART AND IN YOUR SOUL, AND BIND THEM FOR A SIGN UPON YOUR HAND, THAT THEY MAY BE AS PORNITLES BETWEEN YOUR EYES, AND YOU SHALL TEACH THEM TO YOUR CHILDREN, SPEAK OF THEM WHEN YOU SITTING IN THE HOUSE, AND WHEN YOU WALK BY THE WAY, AND WHEN YOU LIE DOWN, AND WHEN YOU RISE UP.

LORD, THEN AMERICA GOT RICH, THEN PROUD, AND WANTED TO DO HER OWN THING, NOW HER SIN'S HAS TAKEN OVER THE LAND, NOW ITS SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

MICAH 7:2, THE GOOD MAN IS PERISHED OUT OF THE EARTH, AND THERE IS NONE UPRIGHT AMONG MEN; THEY ALL LIE IN WAIT FOR BLOOD, THEY HUNT EVERY MAN WITH A NET, THAT THEY MAY DO EVIL WITH BOTH HANDS EARNESTLY, AND THE PRINCE, THE PRESIDENT, ASKETH, AND THE JUDGE ASKETH FOR A REWARD; AND THE GREAT MAN, HE UTTERETH HIS MISCHIEVOUS DISIRE, SO THEY WRAP IT UP.

*****AMERICA IS ROARING*****

LORD, ALL THE TROUBLE IN AMERICA, WE WANT TO GO AND TEACH THE FOREIGN LANDS, AMERICA IS A HYPOCRITE, HER PEOPLE ARE THE WORSE IN ALL THE LAND!!!

REVELATION 3:17, JESUS SAID, BECAUSE YOU SAY, I AM RICH, AND INCREASED WITH GOODS, AND HAVE NEED OF NOTHING; AND KNOWETH NOT THAT YOU ARE WETCHED, AND

MISERABLE, AND POOR, AND BLIND, AND NAKED, LORD, ALL AMERICA IS IN TROUBLE, AND ANY BLIND MAN PLAINLY SEE, IN THE 60'S, MAN WANTED THEIR RIGHTS, AND NOW AMERICA IS IN MISERIES!!!

(THE DEVIL'S RIGHTS ARE WRONG, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY RIGHTS, RUN AWAY RIGHTS, WOMAN'S RIGHTS, NO SPANKING RIGHTS, DRUG CORNER RIGHTS, DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS, SHACKING RIGHTS, WHITE RIGHTS, JANICE JACKSON'S BREAST EXPOSURE RIGHTS, BLACK RIGHTS, KKK RIGHTS, DRUGS IN RIGHTS, GUNS IN SCHOOL RIGHTS, NO PRAYERS IN SCHOOL RIGHTS, KILL THE ABORTION DOCTOR RIGHTS, CONDOMS IN KINDERGARTEN RIGHTS, KILL THE FAMILY RIGHTS, GAY RIGHTS, BOMB THE ABORTION CLINIC RIGHTS, ROAD RAGE KILLING RIGHTS, BOMB THE FEDERAL BUILDING RIGHTS, BLACK SUICIDE RIGHTS, KILL THE CLASSMATES AND TEACHERS RIGHTS, RAPE THE CHILDREN RIGHTS, AND MANY MORE.

PROVERB 14:12, THERE IS A WAY WHICH SEEMS RIGHT UNTO A MAN, BUT THE END THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH.

LORD, YOU TOLD THE CHURCH TO GO, IN PREACH AGAINST SIN IN THE WORLD, BUT THEY WENT AND PREACHED RIGHTS, FOR MEN, WOMAN, BOYS AND GIRLS.

GALATIANS 6:7,8, BE NOT DECEIVED, GOD IS NOT MOCKED, FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOW, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP, FOR HE THAT SOWS TO HIS FLESH SHALL OF THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION; BUT HE THAT SOWS TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVER-LASTING.

LORD, NOW THE CHURCHES HAVE HOMOSEXUALS AND LESBIANS, PLAYING INSTRUMENTS, THEIR RIGHTS TO IN THE CHURCH, AND TO YOUR NOSE THIS IS ALL A BIG STENCH!!!

*****YES THE CHURCHES ARE ROBBING GOD!!!*****

1 PETER 4:17, FOR THE TIME IS COME THAT JUDGMENT MUST BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD; AND IF IT FIRST AT US, WHAT SHALL THE END OF THEM THAT OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF GOD?

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



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith.
Read Between the Lines

Please do not say, "I did not tell you so!" Read between the lines. This writer has a beef with the political leadership of the state of Texas and with those who represent Texas in the United States House of Representatives. The fact is there is very serious concern about the proposed budget of President Bush and the future economic impact it will have on West Texas. The same is true with whatever Governor Perry and his political elves are financially proposing so that a special session of the Texas Legislature may be held at a cost of million of dollars.

When the candidates for the former 19th Congressional District met at Mae Simmon Community Center, one of the questions I ask each of them to respond to was "What would they do

and how would they correct the economic impact that the Federal Government had placed on Citibus?" Randy Neugebauer was not present but his representative assured those present that something would be done. The candidate from Midland would have shifted the burden to the City of Lubbock. Of course, all of us know what was done when Kandy Neugebauer was elected.

The question is how is West Texas and particular the 15 county areas around Lubbock going to fair with only one Representative? When you exit Lubbock, farming has a major impact on the life of the surrounding cities and counties. President Bush's 2.4 trillion dollar budget proposal with an 8 percent cut in discretionary spending from the total budget of the U. S. Department of Agriculture could cause many farmers to go "belly up", so to speak.

When the farmers are without

funds to move their local economies, means the places of business that the people purchase goods from will Parson Smith

Read between the lines decrease. A lot of income by a business means that workers will be given the pink slip. When workers do not have jobs to feed their families; they have to rely on food stamps and other social agencies for their personal, medical and legal needs. When this happens, property owner's taxes are subject to being raised to cover the shortfall of Hospital Districts that help those who do not have health care. The list of negatives goes on.

Yes, I am mad as hell at the stupidity of the leaders of Texas Republican Party who would put Party over the people of West Texas and especially those whose supports the party. West Texans need to understand that the game played was for the rich boys of the cities and that includ-

ed all racial groups. Big money folk stick together. These predators (black, white, brown) pray upon the weaknesses and ignorant of the people to achieve, to foster and maintain controlling power. It is purported they come to West Texas and pick certain folks who want to be important out and "grease them real good" so to speak, with a line of untruth and lead, them by the nose for their own purpose.

West Texas, and especially those people in the outline area of the Lubbock Metroplex, need to show our muscle at the ballot box. Satan is the biggest liar in the universe. He knows how to deceive and then sit back and laugh at how gullible and stupid you are. Satan use humans to achieve his purpose. Please do not say, "I did not tell you so!" Read between the lines.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met on Saturday morning, February 7, 2004, at 9:00 a. m. in the home of Sister Dorothy Hood, Sister Dorothy Nash and Sister Christene Burleson. Sister Annie Day sang a solo entitled "By The Grace Of God, I've Come A Long Way." There was also a praise dance by Patricia. We shall behold Him. When precious praises go up such as Sister Patricia does, blessings truly comes down.

The lesson was taught by our teacher, Sister Elnora Jones. Her subject was "The Battle Of The Mind!"

The mind is the devil, number one battlefield. The Apostle Paul reminded the believers to be transformed by the renewing of their minds. What the brain is to the body, the same as the Mind is to the soul. The mind is the control center. It controls our ideas, thoughts, our habits, and our actions.

There are two mind sets. The mind set on the flesh and the mind set on the spirit. The Apostle Paul says that the, fleshy mind leads to death. The spirit mind leads to peace and life. The mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God. Romans 8:7.

messages to the flesh. If so, we play right in the enemy's hands. For example, addiction. The individual will focus on trying harder, y making resolutions, and promises don't always work or stop the addiction. At this point, Satan has us right where he wants us. He's laughing.

Here's a proverb that we can take heed: "If you don't want the fruit of sin, stay out of the devil's orchard." It's like being on a diet and going to the ice cream parlor. One must change his or her way of thinking. Drug addiction is a battle within that person's mind. The satanic force is not the drug, it's not the substance, nor the product. The stronghold is having a wrong mind set toward drugs. Satan convinces an individual that his situation is hopeless, that he is a drug addict or homosexual by nature and will never be anything else. Once a person starts believing he or she will always act the way they believe. Hopefulness is the key to strongholds as long as you believe there is hope, you will keep on fighting. If you feel that the battle is hopeless, you will stop fighting. Setan wants us to believe his lies are true. "I can't help myself, it's not my fault. I was born this way. I am a victim, and etc."

The world is more committed to winning the war on drugs than the Christians. Drugs are a spiritual battle. We as Christian need to find out who and what we are fighting. We need to know how the battlefield is laid out. Know the schemes of Satan and how he maneuvers to ensure victory. In II Corinthians 10:4 — The Apostle states that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (flesh), but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exaleth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the

obedience of Christ. Christians, we must use weapons of the Holy Spirit to pull down these strongholds. The stronghold in the addiction mind must be torn down. You may ask a question, what is a stronghold. It's a negative destructive pattern of thinking that Satan has lived in the mind.

If you saw a thought, you reap an act, saw an act, reap a habit, saw a habit, reap a character, saw a character, reap a destiny.

Once a stronghold is build in that gives the enemy a place to lay out. It begins to build walls and petitions between your mind, so the word of truth truth truth cannot penetrate.

These are strongholds in the body of Christ — strongholds of jealousy, anger, envy, pride, hatred, strife, lust, segregation and discrimination. "W81 These strongholds keep us in bondage." The body of Christ needs to be delivered and set free. Jesus said He is coming back for a church with out spot or blemish.

Scriptures to ponder on: Col. 3:2 — "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."
Phil. 4:13 — "I can do all things through Christ that strengthen me."
The doov prize was won by Sister Annie Day.

Keep those prayers going. It seems like the enemy's winning, but the Bible says he's a liar — the author of them.

Those of you who are hurting for any reason, try Jesus! Just try Jesus. Please try Jesus!

St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, February 15, 2004 — after the well needed moisture we He received — we had a glorious time at the St. Matthew Baptist Church where our pastor is the Rev. Edward Canady.

Services begun at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School. The morning lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The morning worship services begun at 11:30 a. m. Devotions were led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Jerald Jackson.

The Senior Choir provided the morning relections and what a wonderful job they did in praising the Lord in songs.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "Why Ask When You Already Know." His scripture text was St. Luke 10:25-29. It was very inspiring and enjoyed by all.

The Missionary Department of St. Matthew Baptist Church will sponsor a Bar-B-Que on Saturday, February 21, 2004, beginning at 10:30 a. m. until. The menu will include: Bar-B-Que ribs and links, red beans, potato salad, and peach cobbler.

We will deliver! Just call 744-7154.

Thought For The Week: "We can endure life, wrongs, because we know that God will make all things right."

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. Even a telephone call or visit will be good medicine for those who are shut-in. Don't forget your precious prayers.

There are those families in the community who have lost loved ones. They need our prayers as well.

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What you see on the screen of a computer is what's been programmed in the computers memory. Some people don't like what's been coming up on the screen of their lives. Instead of re-programming their minds? they keep adjusting the screen. You can adjust the flesh all you want, nothing will change. You need to put the old man nature to death. In other words, we are in a warfare — a mind battle. For example, in a war battle, you don't need nice messages to the enemy. Therefore, we don't send nice

messages to the flesh. If so, we play right in the enemy's hands. For example, addiction. The individual will focus on trying harder, y making resolutions, and promises don't always work or stop the addiction. At this point, Satan has us right where he wants us. He's laughing.



Dr. Curtis Slay

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In Remembrance...



Finnis E. Brown, II

Dallas, Texas — Funeral services were held for Finnis E. Brown on Saturday morning, February 7, 2004, at the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church with Pastor Michael E. Bell, Sr. officiating.

Interment was held in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Dallas, Texas under the direction of Evergreen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.

Active pallbearers were Anthony Wilson, A. W. Brown, Walter Brown, Timothy Brown, Terry Brown, Bobby Brown and Johnny Deal.

Honorary pallbearers were Marc Garcia, Shaun McDaniels, Stanley Roberson, Anthony Coleman, Leon Shirley, Dan Pride and Michael E. Bell, Sr.

He was born June 10, 1956, to the late Reverend Finnis E. and Sudell Brown in Lubbock, Texas. Finnis graduated from Dunbar High School in 1975. He attended Texas Tech University as a Music Theory major and maintained a GPA which kept

him on the Dean's List.

Finnis was baptized into the church at an early age. He was re-baptized in 2001

by his step-father, Reverend James Cavanaugh at the New Light Baptist Church in Lubbock. He was a member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lubbock,

where he was under the pastorate of his late grandfather, Reverend A.W. Wilson.

Finnis joined St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church under the pastorage of the late David F. Harris, and sung tenor in the D. F. Harris Inspirational Choir. In 1994,

he joined the City of Bethlehem Church in Desoto, Texas under the pastorage of Bishop Kenneth J. Mack, Sr. For a season, he sojourned at the Potters House in Dallas

under the pastorage of Bishop T. D. Jakes until the Lord told him to return to his home church, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, in 2003. While there, he

assumed the responsibility as Director of the Victorious Voices of St. Paul Choir, One Accord Praise and Worship Ministry, re-established the Male Chorus, and created Visions, the Young Adult Choir.

While a member of the famed D. F. Harris Inspirational Choir, he mety befriended, fell in love with, and married Carolyn Harris on September 19,

1987. Two beautiful girls were born to this union, guespricia Noel Brown and Teylor Renee Brown.

He was preceded in death by his oldest daughter, ^Sg Quespricia Noel; oldest brother, Larry Wilson; father, Reverend Finnis Brown, Sr., and grandparents, the late Reverend and Mrs. A.W. Wilson.

Finnis was employed by Monitronics, International as a Quality Assurance Specialist. He passed inhis home on Thursday, January 29, 2004.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his devoted wife, Carolyn R. Brown; his precious daughter, Teylor; his mother-in-law, Rebecca Harris of Washington, D.C.; his mother and step-father, Rev. and Mrs. James (Sudell) Cavanaugh of Lubbock, Texas; six brothers: Anthony (Brenda) Wilson of Mesa, Arizona, Rev. (A.W.) Arvondo (Michelle) Brown of Lubbock, Texas, Rev. Walter Jaines Brown of Chandler, Arizona, Rev. Timothy (Brenda) Brown of Norfolk, Virginia, Terry Brown of Lubbock, Texas and Rev. Bobby (Terry) Brown of Silver Spring, Maryland; H^ftit^ his step-grandmother, Mrs. Ora Jean Keys of Lubbock, Texas; a host of sunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many relatives and dear friends.



Donald Edward Courtney

Funeral services for Donald Edward Courtney were held Saturday afternoon, January 31, 2004, at the Wesley Memorial Church of God in Christ with Superintendent R. L. Caro officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Derek Austin,

Steve Girdy, Cedric T. "Dinky" Girdy, Reginald "Reggie" Austin, John "Squeaky" Girdy and Edward Walker.

Honorary pallbearers were Daniel Austin; Homer McGraw, Benjamin Alexander, Wesley Johnson; Johnny Bell and Enrique "Ricky" Garcia.

He was born June 22, 1965, in Lubbock, Texas to Mary A.S. and Willie Lee Courtney. He was also known as "DC" and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1983. During his tenure with the U. S. Army from 1983 until 1990, he was assigned to Germany and Korea. He was a member of the Tree of Life C.O.G.I.C. in Lubbock for a many years.

Donald was a naturally talented dancer and won numerous contests. A self-taught mechanic, The loved driving and repairing classic cars. "DC" loved basketball and football; especially the L.A. Lakers and the Dallas

Cowboys. It's been said; "He could talk football with the best of them." He was a volunteer for the Toys For Tots Christmas program for several years.

He passed away Wednesday, January 21, 2004, after a length, illness.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Mary A. Courtney of Lubbock, Texas; three sisters: Esther Jackson of Albany, New York; Iva Gail Courtney of Las Cruces, New Mexico and Teresa Courtney of Austin, Texas; a brother, Manuel Courtney of Lubbock, Texas; his favorite uncle, Daniel Austin of ARLINGTON, Texas; two nieces: Amanda Banks of Austin, Texas and Teresther Courtney of Dallas, Texas; one grand-nephew, Emory Courtney of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and a host of aunts; uncles; cousins; relatives and friends.

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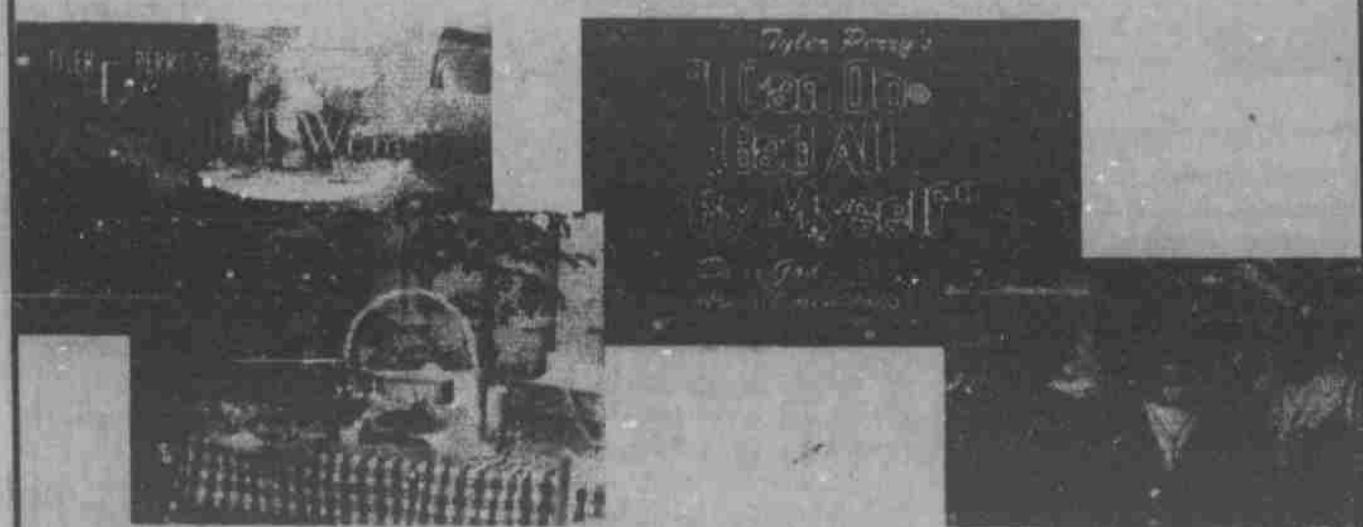
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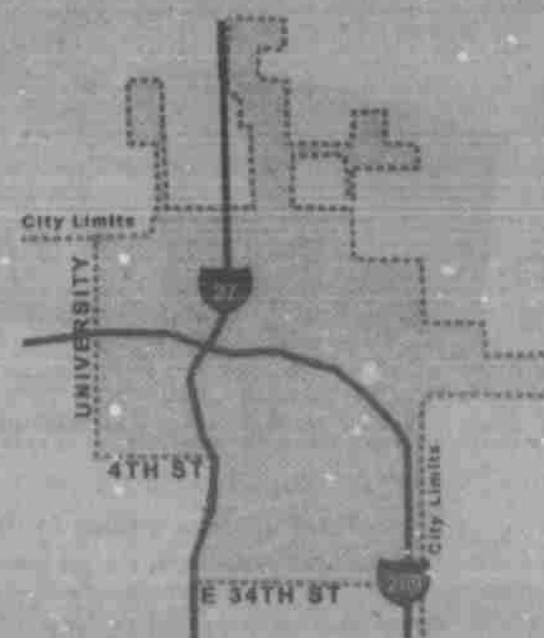
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Master Development Plan North & East Lubbock



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What Part Will or Do We Play in History?

by Eddie P. Richardson

When we think of history, especially history where Black people is or was in relation that tell the story of racism was or is. Even today, we should think of Willie Lynch who was the father of racism. He set the tone which still lingers today.

We need to know who Willie Lynch is and recognize his influence on the United States of America yesterday, today and even tomorrow, and then move on to higher ground. But you know what, even with the Willie Lynch influence on America, Black people have had many ups and downs. Yet, in spite of the Willie Lynch theory, Blacks had many gains as well as losses. The fact is now up to us to be or do what we want to be or do. No one promised us it would be easy!

Since slavery we have had problems as a people from slavery Jim-Crowism, segregation, jerry-mandering and even affirmative action. The answer is up to us.

Some of our problems came from aid, not trade, handouts, and not hands up, negative attitudes, non-parenting, low or lack of self-esteem. In order to be successful, we should all take as our personal creed: "It is to be, it is up to me," and believe a person can be or do anything they want to be or do if they are willing to work at it. The key is plain old work, and pay the price. After the slavery era, we had more land and were property owners, professionals, business owners. Then we had in some instances, we began to travel backwards, and were able to come forward through the Civil Rights movements. But then, come of the powers that be helped to bring drugs to South Central California, and it was the

beginning of the end for many young Blacks. This drug era has lost at least three generations of young Blacks and served as a catalyst to spread all over the United States of America. It became an epidemic.

But yet and still with the right positive mental attitude, self-esteem, and faith, one can still leave a positive impact on history.

Something To Think About: Would America have been America without her Negro people. The problems of the Twentieth Century is the problem of the color line — W.E.B. DuBois.

In our particular society, it is the narrow and narrowing view of life that often wins.

Nuf Se! Why Not?



In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

In 1935 My father attended the championship fight between Max Schmeling and Joe Louis. He dropped his hat and reached over to pick it up and the fight was over. Joe Louis had knocked Schmeling out in the first round a few minutes after the fight started. This was called the quickest knockout in modern boxing history.

I am not a football fan, I do not know or really care to know the game, though I have family members whom have been professional players; Roland Lakes of the New York Jets and Thomas James Howard of the St. Louis Cardinals. I do, however, like to watch the half-time shows and was watching the Janet Jackson-Justin Timberlake dancing and truthfully never saw the exhibition which has been pic-

tured on a number of magazine covers, in the televised and radio news and in the newspapers.

Furthermore, I do not believe that all of the people who are screaming obscenities about the show saw it either. There are too many people out in this world looking for any opportunity that they can find to make some money any way they can.

It is true that a picture of the incident was taken by someone and put on the internet the same day. According to most media expose, the display was only a couple of seconds. I was looking and did not see it. It appears that very few people saw it, but those who did capture it on film, made sure that the world knew about it. They have attempted to make the incident a part of the Michael Jackson legal situation and snubbed Janet at the Grammys Awards.

Justin Timberlake, who pulled the flap from Janice's outfit, received the Grammy for the best pop male vocal, "Cry Me A River." When he accepted his award; he stated that the incident was not

intentional. He later sang and played a song for the viewers. He was nominated six times for his music. Fortunately, his last name is not Jackson.

While the media has made a big to do about what Janet and Michael Jackson have done or are doing, attention has been diverted from what President Bush has done and is still doing; misleading Americans about Iran and Iraq, while men and women the military lose their lives everyday involved in the war efforts at the expense of things that need to be done in this country for the comfort, health and well being of American citizens. It also takes attention away from the fact that John Kerry is on a roll winning caucuses in various states and calling for an investigation of President Bush's actions that led the United States into the invasion of Iraq. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and see the real incidents that affect our daily lives. Janet and Michael have enough money and material things to pay for what they do. Do we? Can we afford the war and continue to live comfortably?

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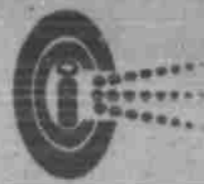


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Compiled and Edited by Dr. Michael Ward
February 19 - February 25

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* Thursday, February 19, 1846: The official state government of Texas was installed in the city of Austin.
* Saturday, February 19, 1859: Daniel Sickles, a New York congressman, was acquitted of murder on the grounds of temporary insanity. This was the first time the defense was successfully used.
* Wednesday, February 24, 1864: Rebecca Lee Crumpler was graduated from the New England Female Medical College, becoming the first black woman to obtain a medical degree in the US.
* Tuesday, February 19, 1878: Thomas Edison received a patent for the phonograph.

* Saturday, February 22, 1879: F.W. Woolworth opened his first five-and-dime store, in Utica, NY. It went on to become America's first chain store. Unable to compete with discount store chains, Woolworths closed its remaining 400 stores on Thursday, July 17, 1997.
* Tuesday, February 20, 1900: African American inventor J.F. Pickering received patent #643,975 for his invention to improve airships (steerable, powered lighter-than-air vehicles).
* Friday, February 22, 1935: All plane flights over the White House were henceforth barred, because they disturbed President's Roosevelt's sleep.
* Tuesday, February 20, 1962: Astronaut John H. Glenn, Jr. became the first American to orbit the earth, making three 90-minute orbits in the Mercury capsule Friendship 7. On Thursday, October 29, 1998, now US Senator from Ohio, Glenn returned to space as a

payload specialist researching aging, aboard Space Shuttle Discovery.
* Monday, February 22, 1988: The first Grammy Award for Rap Music was awarded to African American artists DJ Jazzy Jeff (Jeffrey Townes) and Fresh Prince (Willard Smith), for their hit single, "Parents Just Don't Understand."
In Sports History:
* Wednesday, February 22, 1980: In a stunning upset, the seventh-ranked US Olympic hockey team defeated the dominant Soviet team 4-3 in the semi-annual game at Lake Placid, NY. The US Team went on to win the gold medal, beating Finland 4-2. A recently-released motion picture, "Miracle," chronicles this feat.
* Tuesday, February 19, 2002: Vonnetta Flowers became the first African American to win a gold medal in the Winter Olympic Games. She and partner Jull Brakken won the inaugural

women's two-person bobsled event in Salt Lake City.
Born ...
* Sunday, February 22, 1732: George Washington, in Westmoreland, Virginia. Revered as "Father of His Country," he commanded the Revolutionary Army and was elected the first president of the United States in 1787, serving two terms. He died at his Mount Vernon home in December 1799.
* Wednesday, February 20, 1867: Ida Gray Nelson, in Clarksville, TN. She was graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School in 1890, becoming the first black woman to obtain the DDS degree. She died in Chicago, IL, in May 1953.
Died ...
* Wednesday, February 20, 1895: Frederick Douglass, of a heart attack, in Washington, DC, at age 78. He was an escaped-slave who became America's

foremost black antislavery spokesman.
* Sunday, February 21, 1965: Malcolm X, in New York City, at age 39. Born Malcolm Little, the former Nation of Islam leader was shot to death in front of 400 people, including his wife and daughter, at the Audubon Ballroom in Manhattan. Three men connected to the Nation of Islam were convicted of the assassination.
Sign of the Zodiac:
PISCES, the 12th sign of the zodiac, is symbolized by two fish. According to astrologers, people whose birthdays occur between February 19 and March 20 are born under the sun sign of Pisces. The planet Neptune rules Pisces, which is a water sign. Astrologers consider Pisceans to be sensitive, emotional, sunny, impressionable, dreamy, creative, psychic, and mystical. Pisceans tend to be idealistic; sometimes the real world gets too harsh and ugly

for them. To escape unpleasant realities, some Pisceans retreat into their own dreams and fantasies and become evasive, even somewhat deceitful. Others escape productively through charity work, the arts, religion, meditation, and solitude.
It's A Fact!
President's Day is a federal holiday established in 1968, taking effect in 1971. It is observed on the third Monday in February. It is often thought that the day was set aside to celebrate the birthdays of George Washington (February 22) and Abraham Lincoln (February 12), but the day is actually designed as a tribute to all US presidents. President's Day is a national holiday, although most businesses and industry do not recognize it as a paid holiday.

February's Featured Artist at the GAC

The featured artist for the month of February 2004 is Chelsie Murfee. Her artwork will be featured in The Garden and Art Center Gift Shop, and select works will be on sale.
Chelsie has been involved in art all of her life. Chelsie began aggressively pursuing art in junior high and by the time she graduated from high school she was the recipient of several prestigious local and state awards. Among these awards are numerous gold and silver keys from the annual Scholastic art competition along with level four state honors for three years at the Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE).
Currently, Chelsie is a full-time

student at Texas Tech University majoring in Visual Studies. In addition to going to school, Chelsie works part time as a graphic artist at Jester Art Service, in her spare time she paints murals and also teaches children's art classes at the Garden and Arts Center.
Come by the Garden and Arts Center and take a look at Chelsie's work, which will be on display until February 29. For more information, to request special assistance; or to make reservations, call the Garden - Arts Center office at (806) 767-3724, or email libbock.tx.us. The GAC is located at 4215 University Avenue.

Bush Commended for His Commitment to Historically Black Colleges & Universities

The board of advisors of the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) presented President Bush with a resolution commending him for his visionary leadership; and his commitment and contributions to strengthening the nation's 105 HBCU. The board also noted that the president's commitment enhances the HBCU's ability to continue to produce high-quality graduates to serve the nation and ensures equal opportunity in higher education.
"HBCUs wouldn't be where they are today; academi-

cally or financially, without the continued support of President Bush," Uis; Secretary of Education Rod Paige said; "Not only has he kept his promise of increasing the budget for HBCUa, he has also appointed 20 committed advisory board members to oversee the development and the continued success of HBCUs nationwide."
The 20 leaders met briefly with President Bush on the occasion of the HBCU Board of Advisors meeting this week in Washington, D.C. where they presented him with their annual report and

resolution. Louis Sullivan; chairman of the HBCU Advisory Board, expressed his gratitude to President Bush for his support and shared ideas with him on ways to further improve HBCUs this coming year.
The resolution highlighted President Bush's commitment to increase funding by 30 percent by 2005 for HBCUs and Historically Black Graduate Institutions (HBGIs), in recognition of the unique and vital role they play in providing higher education opportunities to minority and disadvantaged students. The 2005 request meets that goal by

proposing \$240.5 million for HBCUs and \$58.5 million for HBGIs.
In addition, the board of advisors thanked President Bush for his appointments of African Americans, many of whom are HBCU graduates to important positions within the administration. "These appointments speak volumes about the understanding of the diverse needs of the nation as reflected by the President's commitment to providing positive role models for all of our youth, especially African Americans," the resolution said.



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