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## National News

**FTC Hotline to Assist Small Businesses and Other Victims to Recover from Web Crumming Scam**  
SBA had warned consumers about deceptive practices

WASHINGTON — The Federal Trade Commission has launched a consumer hotline to assist alleged victims of a Web crumming scam operated by Miami-based Epixtar Corporation and several of its subsidiaries, including one formerly known as SBA Online, Inc. The hotline number is 202-326-299, and will advise consumers how to obtain a refund.

The hotline was established as a result of a lawsuit filed by the FTC against Epixtar and its subsidiaries for allegedly violating federal law by deceptively marketing a free trial of Internet services, and then unfairly billing customers' telephone accounts without their expressed informed consent and without their knowledge. The FTC investigation was prompted in part by the LLS, Small Business Administration, objections to the unauthorized use of its trademark by the company and complaints to the SBA from small business owners.

Crumming refers to the practice of billing businesses for services that were never authorized and have little value. The bogus charges usually appear on businesses' telephone bills.

The SBA had warned small businesses across the country in March 2003 about a company calling itself "SBA Online" after receiving a number of complaints from members of the public advising that representatives of the company were contacting their businesses seeking to interest them in purchasing certain commercial services allegedly offered by their organization, or in paying to become members of "SBA." The SBA does not charge the public for its materials, nor for membership in its programs.

### Community Meetings

• Lubbock Area Church Council, Second Saturday, 1:30 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center • Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00 pm, 1708 Avenue C • Daishar Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4 pm • Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday - 7:30 pm • Forgotten West Riders, First 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library • East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St. • Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TJC Student Center • Daishar Alumni Association Neighborhood Association Meets Every Third Thursday 6:00 pm 1305 East 24th Street (at South Community Center) • West Texas State University African American Post Box 299 on alternating months, place to meeting, meetings held on second date, 1st of each month at 7:00 pm. • Texas Juvenile Cultural & Historical Commission Lubbock Affiliate Meets - T.J. Patterson Branch 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 31st • West Texas Native Sons Association meets 2nd Sunday, each month at Lyons Library, 5521 19th Street, 7:30 pm • West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets 1st Monday evening • 7:30 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center • The Parkway Neighborhood & Cherry-Pumpkin 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 page, please get it to us in writing by mailing it to:

Community Meetings C/O: Southwest Digest  
P.O. Box 2553  
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902 East 23rd Street

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## Big Town Hall Meeting Tonight (Thursday) Civic Center

It has been two years since Mayor Marc McDougal birthed the North and East Lubbock Community Development Corporation, and now it is time for citizens to come forth and give their input to this development. This meeting will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Sixth Street (north entrance), beginning at 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2004.

The corporation Executive Director John Rail says: "This is a very important meeting, and it is critical to get participation from residents and vested stakeholders early on."

He went on to say: "It's important to use local knowledge to help empower the local people. To let them use knowledge to effect change, in their communities. Its up to the residents to make it happen."

Mayor McDougal said the hiring of Hall as the quarter-back of this effort in

December was a key effort. If you add this to the big town hall meeting this Thursday, this will bring another key factor to the table.

Mayor McDougal said: "I'm very pleased with the progress so far." Continuing, "We approved a master plan and a marketing plan for the area, which I'm hopeful will be brought back in April or May."

"Hopefully, we'll see some very good programs over the next twelve months, said the mayor.

During the mayor's campaign in 2002, he said he would form a commission to examine ways to end years of decline in North and East Lubbock.

Looking back in history, in 1960, North and East Lubbock had approximately 34,000 of the city's 128,000 residents. However, in 2000, the same area had only 18,000 of the city's 200,000 residents.

It was the same morning

## Linda Devaughn Named One of Seven 2004 Fascinating Women in Waco

"Celebrating Wisdom, Hope and Possibility," was the theme of the Women's Missionary Society Mother-Daughter Breakfast Celebration of the 10th Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church. A young lady from Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Churchy Ms. Linda DeVaughn was named one of seven "2004 Fascinating Women" during the Saturday mornings February 14, 2004, at the Waco Convention Center in Waco, Texas.

Ms. DeVaughn was born to the late Wilbert and Frankie DeVaughn. She became a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church at a young age. Linda currently serves as a member of the Stewardess Board and the Ma Jones Missionary Society where she is the YPD

Director. She also assists with the Youth Choir.

Linda received her education through Lubbock Independent School District. In the community, Linda serves as President of the Policy Council for Child Services, is an active member of the Lubbock ISD PTA and is a member of the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP.

She has volunteered her services for Lubbock Regional Mental Health and Mental Retardations and has volunteered with Special Olympics for the past 28 years.

In 1985, she joined Job Corps of America in Roswell, New Mexico where she received a certificate in Culinary Arts. In 1987, she attended Jessie Lee's Beauty School, and earned the required hours

to become a licensed cosmetologist. Linda is currently employed by Early Learning Centers of Lubbock as a Teacher Assistant.

Guest speaker was Dr. Dolly Desselle Adams, Supervisor, 11th Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society.



## Sales Tax Collection Confirm That Texas Had a Green Christmas

(Austin)—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today reported that the state collected \$1.32 billion in sales tax revenue in January, up 5.9 percent compared to January 2003.

Also, Strayhorn sent Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts February sales tax allocations totaling \$477.8 million, up 7 percent compared to a year ago.

January state sales tax revenue and local sales tax allocations for February primarily represent sales made in December, but also include some earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

"When I sent local governments their sales tax allocations last November, I promised that 'this year the Grinch isn't going to steal Christmas

and that was exactly right," Strayhorn said. "With the economic turnaround, sales tax collections have risen for five consecutive months. Like Dr. Seuss said in How the Grinch Stole Christmas, 'It started in low. Then it started to grow.'"

The Comptroller sent \$326.4 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 8 percent compared to February 2003 payments. Texas counties received February sales tax

payments of \$26.8 million, up 7.9 percent.

Eighty-two special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$13.2 million in sales tax, up 5.7 percent compared to February 2003.

Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems received \$111.2 million in February sales tax payments, up 4.3 percent compared to a year ago.

For details of January sales

tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, March 12.

## Dailey & Davis Will Exchange Wedding Vows on March 6th

Seneada Davis of Austin, Texas and Keevin Dailey of Lubbock, Texas will unite in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, March 6, 2004, in Grand Prairie, Texas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ms. Jacquelyn Davis and the late Mr. Jessie Davis of Austin, Texas. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and a minor in Psychology. She is employed with the Medical Center of Arlington and is a Registered Nurse.

The bridegroom also graduated from Texas Tech University in 1992 with a major in General Studies. He is a Senior Loan Officer for Global Financial Mortgage. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Dailey of Lubbock, Texas.

The wedding will be held at the St. John Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, Texas.



## Great Expectations Series Can Benefit Business

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech University's Extended Studies, along with the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, is continuing the GREAT Expectations series, workshops designed to highlight how Growth, Responsibility, Ethics, Attitude and Teamwork can impact a business. The first workshop for 2004 is from 8:30-11:30 a.m. March 3, in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, 1301 Broadway, Suite 101.

The topic for the March session is Ethical Fitness, presented by Claude Dellins, executive coach with The Dollins Group. Dellins says ethics is an internal issue based on one's core virtues. The more certain and clear one's values, the more ethical a person's behavior and productive the contribution to the workplace.

Participants will learn to recognize how their physical,

career, and life fitness impacts their core values and ethical behavior. Dellins is a firm believer that one can design and live a life that works. For more than 25 years, he has shared his expertise in business and personal development with individuals and businesses throughout the United States.

Members of all area chambers can register for \$25 and non-members for \$35. The fee includes refreshments, 3 hours of continuing education credit (0.3 CEU), and all handouts. For more information or to register by phone, call Extended Studies at (806) 742-7200, ext 222 or 270. Early registration is strongly encouraged via phone or on the Web at [www.dce.ttu.edu/profdev](http://www.dce.ttu.edu/profdev).

The event is co-sponsored by Lubbock Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD).

# Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

## Black Magic



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I need to speak to you privately (one-on-one) in my office for about 3 minutes.

## LAA Makes Donation to North and East Lubbock Community Development Corp.

The Lubbock Apartment ASSOCIATION (LAA) made a donation to the North and East Lubbock Community Development Corporation during a news conference on Monday afternoon, February 23, 2004, at the LAA offices, 227 85th Street.

The LAA donated the profits from its annual State of the City lunch, which was opened to the general public this year for the first time.

Members of the LAA board, the North and East Lubbock Development Commission, and City officials were on hand for this presentation.

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# CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

East Lubbock residents were shocked by the sudden death of Brother Samuel Curtis, who was known for working with many churches in East Lubbock and the Federation of Choirs, last Sunday morning, February 22, 2004. It was learned from Rev. Danny Poe, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church that he (Brother Curtis) was found lying in his residence. Services are pending at this report.

**AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, HE WAS THE** Male Chorus director of Bethel and had had been playing for several months at the St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Local citizens were in attendance of the name change reception of the Bobbie Gean and T. J. Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive. A special program was held and the speaker of the afternoon was Minister T. J. Patterson, Jr., who is an assistant attorney for the City of Fort Worth Texas. He is a graduate of Dunbar High School and North Texas State University. He also graduated from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

Some of those appearing on the program were Mayor Marc McDougal who brought greetings from the City of Lubbock. Ms. Vee Hisey, vice principal of Estacado High School, who brought felicita-

tions, special presentations were made by Lois Brunjes, Library Board Chair; and Ruby White, president, of Lubbock A.L.J.M.-NAE Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Special selections were made by the Estacado High School Ensemble, Barbara Jackson; director; Dunbar Junior High School Jazz Bandy David ANDERSON, director; Gary Bunion and Amanda Banks, who did a very inspiring artistic expression.

It was a very inspiring program.

Don't foige the Town Hall meeting tonight, Thursday, February 26, 2004, beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you want to be part of what is going to take place in North and East Lubbock, then be present at the meeting which will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th Street, north entrance. If you have any questions, call the executive director of the North and East Lubbock Development Project, John Hall, at (806) 775-3260. Keep in mind, your input is valuable!

A young man, Raul Randolph of Atlanta, Georgia, was released from a Lubbock hospitals after a ten day stay. He had been here for the wedding of Chumbia and Natasha Johnson. They are now residing in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Randolph is reported to be doing well at this report.

Services at the New Hope

Baptist Church, where Rev. B. R. Moton, is pastor, were well attended last Sunday morning. After meditation and prayer, the praise team were at their post and did a wonderful job. The morning scripture was read by Rev. Cheryl Martin. Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Wilson.

After the singing of several selections by the New Hope Choir, Pastor Moton delivered a message on the subject "Keep Praying Until God Solves The Problem." His scripture text was I Kings 18:41-46.

Announcements of the morning were read by Sister Cleothia Quigley. Sister Connie Anderson welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill in community. **AMONG THOSE WHO are ill:** include Brother Harryfetokley, a patient at Covenant Health System, Room 873-S; Joeelle Lewis, Shauntoy D. Ervin, Billy Baker, Gwen Baker and James Beaty of Walnut Creek, California. Also, Earlene Lott who will have surgery this week. God is able.

Pastor Moton and members of the New Hope Baptist Church are invited to Pilgrim Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, March 7, 2004, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the celebration of their church anniversary.

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## Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association Welcomes New Neighbors!

The Neighborhood Association of Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Association is appreciative for the development of affordable new homes in this area of our city.

As an expression of welcome to these new families, tokens in the form of "Welcome Baskets" were prepared and distributed by members of the Neighborhood Association.

For more information on how to become actively involved in this worthwhile growing organization, please call 747-8732 or 762-3350.



# CHURCH DIRECTORY



**WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS  
"LORD I REMEMBER WHEN"**

2 TIMOTHY 2:14a, THESE THINGS PUT THEM IN REMEMBRANCE, CHARGING THEM BEFORE THE LORD THAT THEY STRIVE NOT ABOUT WORDS TO NO PROFIT LORD; I REMEMBER WHEN TN THE CHURCH, ONE COULD FIND REST UNTO HIS SOUL, BUT NOW! MAN HAVE MADE IT HIS WORKSHOP, AND HE IS PROSPERING FOR GOLD!!!

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

I REMEMBER WHEN SIN IN THE CHURCH, IT BROUGHT REPENTANCE AND SHAME, BUT NOW SIN IS ALL OVER THE CHURCH, AND IT DISGRACES GOD'S HOLY NAME.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:2,6, AND YOU ARE PUFFED UP, AND HAVE NOT RATHER MOURNED, THAT HE THAT HATH DONE THIS DEED MIGHT BE PUT AWAY FROM YOU, YOUR GLODYING IS NOT GOOD, KNOW YOUNOT THAT A LITTLE LEAVEN(SIN) LEAVENETH THE WHOLE LUMP?

I REMEMBER WHEN CLOSETS WAS FOR CLOTHES, NOT WHERE SINS CAME FROM, BUT TODAY, PEOPLE GLORY IN THEIR SINS, THEY'RE PROUD OF WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. MATTHEW 6:6, JESUS SAID, WHEN YOU PRAY ENTER INTO YOUR CLOSET, AND WHEN YOU

HAVE SHUT THE DOOR, PRAY TO YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN SECRET, AND YOUR FATHER WHICH SEES IN SECRET SHALL REWARD YOU OPENLY.

LORD, I REMEMBER WHEN SICK, THE DOCTOR WOULD GIVE YOU A SHOT OR A PILL, NOW THE SHOT IS OF COCAINE, AND THE PILL IS FOR BIRTH CONTROL, SINNING FOR A THRILL!!!

ROMANS 6:23, THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

I REMEMBER WHEN YOU WOULD MARRY FIRST, THEN YOU WOULD LIVE TOGETHER, BUT TODAY, TO FIND AN UNDEFILED BED, IT IS ALMOST NEXT TO NEVER!!!

HEBREWS 13:4, MARRIAGE IS HONORABLE IN ALL, AND THE BED UNDEFILED, BUT WHOREMONGERS AND ADULTERERS GOD WILL JUDGE.

I REMEMBER WHEN YOU RESPECTED YOUR ELDERS, IT WAS TAUGHT BY THE PARENT, BUT SOME FOOL SAYS, YOU DON'T GET IT TILL YOU HAVE EARNED IT!!!

PSALM 40:4, BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT MAKES THE LORD HIS TRUST, AND RESPECT NOT THE PROUD, NOR SUCH AS TURN ASIDE TO LIES.

LORD, I REMEMBER WHEN ADULTERY WAS CALLED A SIN, AND NOT AN AFFAIR, BUT TO GET ALONG WITH THE WORLD, AND TO CALL IT SIN, DON'T YOU DARE!!!

JOHN 15:19, JESUS SAID, IF YOU WERE OF THE WORLD, THE WORLD WOULD LOVE HIS OWN.

BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU, OUT OF THE WORLD, THEREFORE THE WORLD HATE YOU.

I REMEMBER WHEN YOU STOLE FROM SOMEONE, YOU WAS CALLED NG'THING BUT A CROOK, BUT NOT ITS CALLED WHITE COLLAR CRIME, BECAUSE OF HOW ONE LOOKS.

JOHN 10:10, JESUS SAID, THE THIEF COME NOT, BUT FOR TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY, I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY(RICHLY)

LORD, I REMEMBER GRASS WAS MOWED, COKE A DRINK, AND POT WE DID COOKED IN, AIDS WAS HELPERS IN THE PRINCIPLE'S OFFICE, THE CHANGES, AND THE SHAPE WE'RE IN!!!

MATTHEW 23:37b, JESUS SAID, HOW OFTEN WOULD I GATHERED YOUR CHILDREN TOGETHER, EVEN AS A HEN GATHERS HER CHICKENS UNDER HER WINGS, AND YOU WOULD NOT!

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



## from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith The Pickering Pickel for Black Americans

proper, in the President alone, in the Courts of Law, or in the Heads of Departments.

"The president shall have power to fill up all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the senate, by granting commission which shall expire at the end of their next session."

The administration of paragraph 3 of this part of the U. S. Constitution today is known as "recess appointment."

This writer objected in previous articles to the appointment of Judge Charles Pickering to the Fifth Circuit based on his stance against black Americans and his anti-voting rights views. For this writer this is not a Republican or Democrat Party issue but an appointment that will affect the lives of black Americans who live in

the area of the 5th U. S. District Court of Appeals.

What most people and by most I mean those so-called knowledgeable white Americans, is that a Federal Judge (like the way it interpreted or not) has more or less the power of "Jesus Christ" in America. He or she can play god with another American citizen's life and pursuit of happiness and will win because of the power given to them through their appointment and confirmation. President Bush may or may not be elected another term. If he is not elected his nearly absolute power and sway over American citizens is over. However, this is not so with a Federal Judge. White Americans need to wake up to the fact of "oligarchy" within a "democracy."

Like it or not white America,

some actions that are taking for the rights of minorities in America or really saving you from the control freaks of the Liberal Democrats and the Ultra Conservative Republicans. These lunatic fringe left-wings and right-wings are so wrapped up in their own self serving ideology that they are blinded to reality. These people who may be black or white skinned, true purpose is to "divide and conquer." This is their raison d'etre.

President Bush may "make a virtue of necessity" in the appointment of Charles Pickering. However, he may realize that this is the "most unkindest cut of all" to the silent minority of black Americans who believed in him. The silent minority in black America does not "suffer fools gladly." They VOTE!

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast thought this lesson deserved to be re-run. People!

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

The mind is the devil's 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 fleshly mind leads to death. The spirit minded leads to peace and life. The mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God, Romans 8:7.

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 send 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, abdication. The individual will focus on trying harder in 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 drugs, its 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. Satan wants us to believe his lies are true. "I can't help myself, its 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 Christians need to find our 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 exalteth 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 sow a thought, you reap an act, sow an act, reap a habit, sow a habit, reap a character, sow a character, reap a destiny.

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

These are strongholds in the body of Christ — strongholds of jealousy, anger, envy, pride, hatred, strife, lust, segregation and discrimination. 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 without 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 strengthens me."

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

THE LYONS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH MISSION PRESENTS: SIS. OLIVIA HARRIS AS THE SPEAKER AT LYONS CHAPEL ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2004 AT 3:30 P.M. TOPIC: GOD SPEAKS TO THE HEART



Biography: Sis. Olivia Harris was born in Matador, Texas to the parents of Herman L. Harris Sr. and Ruthie Harris. She moved to Lubbock with her parents in 1957 at the age of two.

She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized by Brother Verbal Evans at Manhattan Heights Church of Christ, along with three brothers and three sisters.

She became a member of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church in 1997.

She is a loving and devoted mother to two children, Tremaine and Priti Fillmore, and to two beautiful grandchildren, Kiara and Tre'vaughn.

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## St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church begun last Sunday morning, February 22, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School. The lesson was taught by Rev. Sister Nina Davis, and was reviewed by Rev. Edward Canady, pastor.

The morning worship services begun at 11:30 a.m. The Brothers were in charge of the devotions.

The Senior Choir provided the morning selections, and a marvelous job they did. All hearts were saddened at the loss of our musician, Brother Samuel Curtis. Funeral services were pending at this report.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was: "A Cry Made Too Late!" His scripture text was taken from St. Luke 16:19-24. It was a most inspirational sermon.

The Missionary Society of St. Matthew Baptist Church will have their Missionary program Saturday afternoon; February 29, 2004, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Thought For The Week: "A salty Christian makes others thirsty for Jesus, the Water of Life."

If you are looking for a Church home; then come and visit with us at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. You will be glad you did!

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## In Remembrance...



George E. Jackson, Jr.

Portland, Oregon — Funeral services for George E. Jackson, Jr. were held Monday, February 2, 2004, at Cox & Cox Funeral Chapel in Portland, Oregon, with Pastor Merriweather officiating.

Interment was held in Willamette National Cemetery under the direction of Cox & Cox Funeral Chapel.

Pallbearers were Michael Jackson, Earl Dark, Robert Saxton, Charles Slaughter, Gary Nebvills and Vernon Cropper.

He was born October 4,

1950 in Clarksville, Texas to his parents, George and Dorthene Jackson.

He grew up in Lubbock, Texas, and after he graduated from high school he joined the United States Air Force.

George moved to Portland, Oregon in 1976 after retiring from the United States Air Force, and began working at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

He was a man who enjoyed being around his family. He would travel back and forth to see his family members, and attend the Jackson family reunions. He loved his father, brother, and sisters dearly. He and his brother and sisters joked around with each other a lot. They called him "Earl."

George loved his two children, LaTanya and Michael, dearly. He constantly spoke highly about them. He was proud to be the father of two beautiful children. He repeat-

edly made comments from his heart on how they had accomplished things, and the direction they were headed in life.

He loved his grandchildren. George would spoil them, play with them, and let his presence be known with tender loving care that he was their grandfather, and loved them from the bottom of his heart.

George passed away on Monday, January 26, 2004.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a daughter, LaTanya M. Jackson; a son, Michael J. Jackson; father, George E. Jackson of Lubbock, Texas; brother, William B. Jackson, Sr.; sisters: Dorothy L. Irwin and Senta D. Judie; grandchildren: Kalia C. Jackson, Skyy M. Jackson, and Hadiya A. Jackson who is due to shine in May; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



John Autry Upshaw, Sr.

Funeral services for John Autry Upshaw, Sr. were held on Thursday morning,

February 12, 2004, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses with Brother Roger

Graham officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Upshaw died Monday, February 9, 2004, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born December 4, 1943. He married Dorothy Johnson. He worked for Wal-Mart for eight years, where he was loved and admired by many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Phillip and Georgia Ross; and a brother,

Phillip, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, five children: Natalie Brewster, Shirley Thurnton, Iris Mosley, John Upshaw, Jr., and Taborick Jackson, nine grandchildren: Keith, Brandy, Dominique, Michael, Jon, Cameron, Brandon, Ashley, and Javohn; six sisters and two brothers.



Cora Mitchell

Dallas, Texas — Funeral services were held for Mrs. Cora Mitchell at the Greater Golden Gate Baptist Church with Rev. Fabian Jackson officiating.

Interment was held in Laurel Land Cemetery in Dallas, Texas under the direction of Sandra Dark Funeral Home of Dallas.

Active pallbearers were Randle Love, LaDamion McLennan, Carl Love, Donald McDade, Claude McDade, Eddie McDade, Jr. and DeWayne Jones.

The grandsons were hon-

orary pallbearers, and friends of the family served as flower bearers.

She was born April 12, 1919 in Martindale, Texas to the union of Thomas and Ophelia Cox. She was the 12th child of a family of 4 boys and 9 girls in which her mother, father, 4 brothers and 7 sisters preceded her in death.

Her early life was spent in Lorena, Texas. She joined Alien Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lorena at an early age. Upon moving to Dallas, Texas, she became a member of the Golden Gate Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. C. B. T. Smith, where she served as President of the Senior Usher Board No. 1.

She became a charter member of the Greater Golden Gate Baptist Church, and worked until her homegoing.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Haywood Mitchell, Sr., and

to this union five children were born. Three children preceded her in death, namely: Baby Mitchell, David Lee Mitchell and Melvin James Mitchell.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a daughter, Doris Mitchell; a son, Haywood Mitchell, Jr., both of Dallas, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Marsha Mitchell of Sacramento, California; ten grandchildren: Monica Mitchell and Michelle Mitchell of Sacramento, California, Bruce Mitchell of Anniston, Alabama, Brenda Kay Mitchell of California, Gary Foster, Frederick Mitchell, Mark Mitchell, Veronica Mitchell, Wanda Mitchell and Tamara Mitchell, all of Dallas, Texas; 14 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Frances McDade of Dallas, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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# Plans for Patriotic Design Competition Announced by American State Bank

American State Bank has issued a challenge to South Plains high school students: Put your patriotic vision on display for everyone to see.

ASB announced plans for a T-shirt design contest to serve as a preliminary to this year's nationwide observance of the 9/11 anniversary and to the Texas tribute to First Responders. It's open to high school students in Lubbock and throughout the area, and the rewards will include both recognition and savings bonds.

ASB is starting the process early to reach students during the spring semester and to allow time for judging and for the imprinting of 10,000 T-shirts, which will be sold during the September observance and tribute to raise money for nursing education and related charities.

ASB's Senior Vice President, Susie Moore, says the theme should be patriotic — "red- white- and-blue, flags, eagles, whatever symbolizes the student's concept of the traditions and values that define the U.S.A." The designs may also be specifically focused on 9/11 or First Responders. Artwork must be submitted in two formats: (1) 11x14 color, mounted for blackboard display, and (2) on disc in Adobe Illustrator, version 10 or below or Adobe Photoshop, version 7 or below.

Designs may be turned in at any branch of American State Bank by 3 p.m. on March 31. Entries will then be displayed in the lobby of ASB's main bank, 1401 Avenue Q, from April 5 through April 16. During that period, with lobby hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ballots

will be provided for public voting, which will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 16. The public ballots will then be tabulated and the Top Ten entries will be submitted on Monday, April 19, to a panel of judges representing the bank, news media, and First Responders.

Winners will then be announced, with a \$500 savings bond for First Place, a \$250 savings bond for Second Place, and a \$100 savings bond for Third Place. The First Place winner's school will receive a framed copy of the artwork, along with a plaque, recognition on ASB's website, and a luncheon for the winner and nine guests. The First Place winner will also receive 10 free T-shirts.

# Museum of Texas Tech to Open Gallery of Southwestern Indian Art

There is no word for "art" in the language of Southwestern Indians. Perhaps they didn't need one because they surrounded themselves with everyday objects of extraordinary beauty: pottery, basketry, textiles, sculptures.

The Museum of Texas Tech University will unveil nearly 200 examples of that utilitarian beauty this weekend when it opens its brand new William C and Evelyn M. Davies Gallery of Southwest Indian Art.

Invitations have been sent out for a preview reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday (February 20). An opening ceremony will be conducted


about 7:30 p.m. A public reception is scheduled for one p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday—with live music, refreshments, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony from 1:45 p.m. to 2 p.m.

William C. Davies began living with Southwest Indian art as a child, traveling with his father to New Mexico and watching the people who created that art and observing their lifeways. Evelyn M. Davies came later to an appreciation of the art forms and joined William. Learning about the culture and history of the Native Americans. The collection reflects their varied interests. William assembled exam-

pls from all the major potter-making groups.

Evelyn was attracted by the Hopi katsina dolls, the storyteller and - other day figures, and Navajo folk art. They join in admiration of the basket-makers, weavers and painters.

The new gallery's mission is explained by the Museum's executive director, Gary Edson: "The Southwest Indians see their culture changing and the 'old ways' eroding, it becomes, therefore, important to preserve objects of their artistry."



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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## Why Black History?

by Eddie P. Richardson

The most important reason for Black History is the failure to present true history. If true history had been taught over time, we would not need any ethnic or special history.

This writer does not believe in Black History, only true history and not the poison fed us as history or the omitted history which is even worse. We observe Black History, because something is better than nothing. Since we do not have the truth, and in some cases, there is no history at all. Until we start writing our own history nothing will change.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson was an African American historian and educator, was the founder of the Association For The Study Of Negro Life And History. He was the author of more than 16 books, and the founder and editor of The Journal of Negro History and The Negro History Bulletin. His book, "The Mis-Education Of The Negro," should be read by everyone.

Black people were the creators of civilization and society. Black Egyptians created mathematics, science, astrology, astronomy,

medicine, religion, philosophy, government, writing, music, architecture, engineering, mining and virtually all other fields involving the elements of civilization. In mathematics, the ancient Egyptians not only developed arithmetic, but also algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and calculus.

Today, many Egyptians claim to be white. However, Cheikh Anta Diop, a Senegalese professor and scientist, claims, "The original ancient Egypt was built by Black Africans long before Egypt was invaded by Assyrians; Libyans, Persians, Greeks, Romans, and Arabs."

At a Cairo Symposium in 1974 of the UNESCO organization, Cheikh Anta Diop, using a 7 point presentation, proved the ancient Egyptians were Black Africans. Even though this was proven, most Egyptians still identify themselves as white. If you care and are truly interested in documented Black History, please read "Black People 5 Their Place In World History" and "The Black Book." By reading and Sharing these and other same type of books from your children and their children will learn the truth about their ancestors.

For centuries, the world has been misled about the Black Race.

Blacks have been portrayed as having a lower intelligence level than most other races, especially the white race. Therefore, many people

around the world, including some Black people, believe these lies due to the absence of facts and information to the contrary. The information in this article is not intended to create hate or hostility towards any race. Since this is Black History Month, it is designed to present some truth that has been either omitted, denied, lied, or misrepresented. Please read intelligence instead of emotions.

There are graphic pictures and descriptions of acts committed against Blacks. These are part of American History and should demonstrate the suffering endured by Black people. No other race in this country has had to endure the atrocities that Blacks survived, and are continually confronted with in their daily life. America has come a long way, we still have a long way to go for true equality, but we are daily making progress through decent people from all areas and races. Media problems are still around.

The use of the term white people is only to identify the race of people involved, e. g., when a crime is committed in the country, they identify the race if the crime was committed by a Black or Hispanic person. If the crime was committed by a white person, they don't identify the race as white.



## In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

February is the shortest month in the year and is afforded an extra day every four years which we call "leap year" when an extra day is tacked on. Unfortunately, the people who are born on that extra day, can only celebrate the actual date on which they were born, every four years, though most celebrate the 28th of February or March 1st on the other three years.

One would think that surely there would be a standard way to celebrate one's birthday which occurred on February 29th since this short month is crammed with every cause under the sun. It is Black History Month, expanded from a week to a month of emphasis placed on the accomplishments of Afro-Americans.

In conjunction with Black History month, it was on February 12, 1909 that the Lincoln Day Call

went out to concerned Americans of all races and denominations to form an organization which would work to establish justice and equality for the colored people of America. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, commonly referred to as the N. A. A. C. P., was founded. Lincoln's birthday was selected because it was President Lincoln who issued the Emancipation Proclamation, calling for the freedom of slaves on January 1, 1863, which he had signed on September 22, 18-2, in order to save the Union which was divided about slavery "The Peculiar Institution, according to Kenneth M. Stampp in his book of that title" written in 1955.

Through the efforts of W. E. B. Du Bois, the first Black man to secure a Ph.D. Degree from Harvard University, as the editor of the organization's house organ, The Crisis, the organization has grown and is still viable and functioning to secure equality for Black Americans. It has had and still have some dynamic leaders who have worked to bring about positive change in the United States for minorities. Whenever

progress has been made for Black people in this country, all minority groups have benefited. Whether it is Kweisi Mfume or Alvin Chambliss, gains made for Black people benefit minorities and some members of the majority group.

The provisions (money) of the Ayers case, filed to bring about equality in higher education in Mississippi for Black students cannot be realized until the historically Black colleges in Mississippi achieve and maintain 10% White enrollment for three years. There are those of us who feel that this is harsh and somewhat unfair, but it is difficult to do much better in conservative courts. It took more than a couple of decades to get a verdict in this case, and some of the plaintiffs are not happy, but an appeal has been turned down. How do you bring a sub-standard house up to regulations when the main ingredient, money, is not available? It is time that we get "in cinque" and take a closer look at satisfying the legal requirements of this landmark case in order to enhance education in the historically Black colleges set to benefit from the monetary awards.

## THIS N THAT

**BIG MEETING THURSDAY AT CIVIC CENTER!** THIS N THAT ... is hoping all who can will attend the ... **BIG TOWN HALL MEETING** ... on Thursday night ... February 26, 2004 ... at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center ... beginning at 7:00 p. m. and continuing until 9:00 p. m. The center is located at ... 1501 Sixth Street ... and citizens are asked to use the north entrance ... **JOHN HALL** ... who was hired as the Executive Director in December ... is serving as the quarterback ... and has been moving in a direction ... which is a positive one ... **MAYOR MARC MCDUGAL** ... made this his campaign pledge ... to form the commission which has got this efforts to this point ... **THE BIG TOWN HALL MEETING** ... is very important ... and ... **THIS N THAT 11**, is hoping all areas involved ... will be represented ... According to ... **JOHN HALL** ... there will be ... **BREAK OUT GROUPS** in which there will be some ... **VERY POSITIVE INPUT** ... from all citizens in attendance ... **THIS N THAT** ... advises that your input is just as important as anyone in attendance ... So ... let us all try to be in attendance ... and do what we can to enhance these areas of the city ... For more information about the meeting ... you may contact ... **JOHN HALL** ... at 775-3260.

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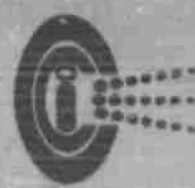
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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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February 26 - MARCH 3

**It Happened ...**

\* Sunday, March 1, 1692: The Salem Witch Trials began, as two women were charged with practicing witchcraft. One of them was Tituba, a slave woman. Twenty people were executed.  
\* Thursday, February 26, 1732: The Catholic mass was celebrated for the first time in the US, at St. Joseph's Church in Philadelphia, PA.  
\* Sunday, March 1, 1783: Pennsylvania became the first state to abolish slavery.  
\* Saturday, March 3, 1821: Thomas Jennings of New York City became the first black American to receive a US patent, for inventing a process of dry-cleaning ("dry scouring") clothes.  
\* Tuesday, February 27, 1827: The first Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday") was celebrated in New Orleans, LA.  
\* Friday, March 3, 1865: The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands was established by the US Congress. Often referred to as the Freedmen's Bureau, it

supervised all relief and educational activities for freed slaves.  
\* Friday, March 1, 1867: Historically-black Howard University in Washington DC, was chartered by the US Congress. It admitted students the following May. Named in honor of Union Army Major General Oliver O. Howard, the school was founded by the members of the First Congregational Society, and funded by the Freedmen's Bureau, as "a university for the education of youth in the liberal arts and sciences." By the early 19th century, Howard University had established itself as a black intellectual mecca, boasting a group of increasingly distinguished professors and graduates. Howard has produced some of the greatest black leaders in law, medicine, science, as well as other disciplines. Today the university is home to over 10,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students.  
\* Thursday, February 29, 1940: The motion picture, "Gone With The Wind" won eight Academy Awards, and Hattie McDaniel became the first black woman to

won an Oscar, for best supporting actress in her role as Mammy.  
\* Sunday, February 28, 1943: The play, "Porgy and Bess" opened on Broadway. It was the first American folk opera about the lives of black Americans. The first staged play (in contrast to earlier costume dramas, which were simply read aloud) by an African American was Angelina Weld Grimké's "Rachel," produced by the NAACP in March 1916.  
\* Sunday, March 3, 1991: Police in Los Angeles, CA severely beat 34-years old African American motorist Rodney King, after a traffic stop for speeding. A bystander, George Holliday, videotaped a number of white officers as they delivered baton blows, kicks and stun-gun shocks to King's fallen body. The 90 seconds of beating captured on videotape was broadcast on national television. Four officers were tried on charges of brutality, before an all-white jury in a white Los Angeles suburb. On Wednesday, April 29, 1992, all four men were acquitted. They were subsequently tried in feder-

al court in Los Angeles for violating King's civil rights. Two officers were acquitted and two were sentenced to 36 months in federal prison camps.  
\* Thursday, February 26, 1998: A jury in Amarillo, TX, rejected a lawsuit by Texas cattlemen who claimed that Oprah Winfrey's televised comments about mad cow disease had cost them millions of dollars in lost revenue from beef sales. The lawsuit was filed under a Texas law which prohibits anyone from libeling or disparaging food products.  
**In Sports History:**  
\* Wednesday, February 28, 1940: The first televised basketball game broadcast the University of Pittsburgh 50-37 victory over Fordham University.  
\* Friday, March 2, 1962: Black basketball legend Wilt Chamberlain set a National Basketball Association scoring record of 100 points as the Philadelphia Warriors defeated the New York Knickerbockers, 169-147. On Tuesday, February 28, 1967 the 7-foot-1-inch center, holder of several NBA records,

sank his NBA record 35th consecutive field goal.  
\* Saturday, February 27, 1988: Figure skater Deb Thomas became the first African American to win a medal at the Winter Olympic Games when she won the bronze medal for the US in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The first African American gold medal winner in the Winter Olympics was Vonetta Flowers, a member of the US two-person bobsled team in 2002 in Salt Lake City, Utah.  
**Sign of the Zodiac:**  
PISCES is the 12th sign of the zodiac, symbolized by two fish. The planet Neptune rules Pisces, which is a water sign. According to Astrologers, Pisceans make good listeners, can see different sides of issues, and often have great sympathy for the suffering of others. It sometimes seems that everyone who needs a shoulder to cry on or someone to confide in selects one of these gentle approachable people.  
**It's A Fact!**  
2004 is a Leap Year. A leap year

is a year in which an extra day is added to the calendar in order to synchronize it with the seasons. Since the tropical year is 365.242190 days long, a leap year must be added roughly once every four years. In a leap year, the extra day (known as a leap day) is added at the end of February, giving it 29 instead of the usual 28 days. Various explanations can be found for leap year, but it seems most likely that it was first established in 46 BC, when Roman emperor Julius Caesar added an extra day to the Julian calendar every fourth year. He did this on the advice of an astronomer. It is called leap year because it is not a common year. A common year consists of exactly 52 weeks plus one day. A leap year consists of exactly 52 weeks plus two days. People born on February 29th celebrate their birthdays on February 28th, except of course, in a leap year.

## Black Masculinity in African-American Literature

The representation of black men has been debated in society in the most controversial works of literature. Although countless writers have tackled the role of black men in society, Keith Clark's *Black Manhood* in James Baldwin, Ernest Gaines and August Wilson finally brings clarity to the issues surrounding the perception of black masculinity. Clark innovatively examines how the short stories, novels and plays written by Baldwin, Gaines and Wilson drastically shifted the stereotypical depictions of black men. The book provides new insight

into the creation of black manhood by showing how the overlooked effects of these three writers transformed negative portrayals of black men. Although earlier literature depicted black men as lazy and isolated, Baldwin, Gaines and Wilson helped to establish a more directed and compassionate version of black males. Clark captures the complexities that are often ignored when formulating concepts of black masculinity, making this book essential for anyone interested in African-American literature and history in the United States.

## Gibson Discusses 'Passion' with Dobson

Focus on the Family founder says movie "created in me an even greater love for Jesus."

Colorado Springs — Mel Gibson, in his only radio interview about "The Passion of the Christ," tells Focus on the Family Chairman Dr. James Dobson on Monday that the controversy surrounding the film has been difficult on him and his family — but hardly unexpected. "I felt the sting of these things: I think they're unfair," Gibson explains in reference to charges that the movie is anti-Semitic. "But if you're going to deal with the Passion, you're going to take some hits." Dobson, whose "Focus on the Family" broadcast is heard by 2

million U.S. listeners each day, has seen two advance screenings of the film, which opens nationwide Wednesday. He tells Gibson he finds it "deeply disturbing and shocking and at the same time a powerful witness to the price said by Jesus Christ for you and me." "It left me with a sense of guilt and responsibility," Dobson adds. "I did this to Him. I'm part of the curse of sin that was laid upon Him." Dobson also discusses the violence in the R-rated film, which covers in excruciating detail the last 12 hours of Jesus' life — including

his scourging and Crucifixion. Gibson admits the movie, which he produced and directed, is graphic — but for a purpose. "It's hard to watch, but somehow it's inspiring," Gibson says. "There's something about the experience of it, the violence of it, the humiliations and the torture of it (that) relays the enormity of the sacrifice." As for the anti-Semitism charges, Gibson says he doesn't harbor — nor does the film contain — a hateful attitude toward Jews over the circumstances of Jesus' death. "It's really obvious from the

first flames of the film that (Jesus' death is) a pre-ordained and divine plan," he explains. "That means the Almighty had this all figured out to put into effect at this time with His Son." Watching that plan unfold so evocatively on screen, Dobson says, is something he will never forget. "I created in me an even greater love for Jesus Christ," he says. "I don't know how that is possible, but that's what it did." To listen in Monday, "Focus on the Family" broadcast, visit [http://www.oneplace.com/Ministries/Focus\\_on\\_the](http://www.oneplace.com/Ministries/Focus_on_the)



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