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Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merkle Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Peint Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at H&E Elementary Cafeteria.

City of Lubbock Recognized LISD At-Risk Programs



During an October, 2007 Lubbock City Council meeting, the Lubbock City Council proclaimed October as Drop-Out Prevention Month and recognized the Lubbock Independent School District for the many efforts done in this area.

Shown in the photo (left to right) are Lubbock Mayor David Miller, Deputy Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Fred Hardin, Executive Director of At-Risk Programs Paul Fraizer and Superintendent Wayne Havens.

Philadelphia, Penn.



Casha'e Rivers, 5

In her coffin, Casha'e Rivers is a sleeping angel in a party dress. Her fingers, nails perfectly painted, hold a pink corduroy purse decorated with a ballerina.

A dollar bill, a shiny quarter, and a transit pass are tucked inside because the kindergarten loved buses and subways, and everyone says she was so generous that if Casha'e had a dollar - and you asked - she'd give you at least 25 cents.

Casha'e was killed Sunday morning, Sept. 24, in Strawberry Mansion when, according to police, a convicted drug felon fired into the car her mother was driving because he thought it was tailing him. One bullet entered her heart as she sat in the back next to her year-old brother.

Her mother, Alisha Corley, talked fast and furious that night,

Happy Thanksgiving, Southwest Digest Readers



These young people are wishing all of the Southwest Digest readers a very Happy Thanksgiving Day!

They are (from left to right) Kendrick Kevon Taylor, Angaya Renee Clark and Kentavion Keyon Taylor. They are sister and brothers.

They are great-great-grandchildren of Mrs. Helen Hereford; great-grandchildren of Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher, and Kathy Richardson; and grandchildren of Angela Richardson.

Angaya wants to enlist in the U. S. Armed Forces, while her brothers want to be like Spider Man. Angaya is 6; Kendrick is 5 and Kentavion is 4.

All are wishing are wishing all of you a "Happy Thanksgiving Day!"

Happy Thanksgiving Day To All Of Our Readers!!

Oops, We Goofed Again!

In the November 15, 2007 issue of the Southwest Digest on Page 1, the headline stated: "Kayne West Succumbs." It should have read: "Kayne West's Mother Succumbs."

The Southwest Digest is sorry for the mistake. It just goes to show you that we are not removed from being perfect. None of us are perfect.

City Offices Closed For Thanksgiving

City of Lubbock offices will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, 2007, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, November 26.

Emergency services will continue without interruption.

Miss Caprock Named Here Last Friday Night



Kasey McCain of Midland was crowned Miss Caprock 2008 during the 50th Annual pageant held Friday evening, November 16, 2007, in the Sundown Room on the South Plains College campus. Latrice Price of Lubbock finished third.

LEVELLAND - Kasey McCain, 20, of Midland was named Miss Caprock 2008 Friday during the 50th annual Miss Caprock Scholarship Pageant at South Plains College. McCain represented the Cosmetology Department at SPC and she will receive a \$500 scholarship along with a crown and sash.

"Thank you for everyone's help and support. I am very honored to be Miss Caprock. It's so

exciting and I hope I will live up to all the expectations," McCain said.

McCain is the daughter of Tommy and Sharon McCain of Midland. She is a freshman at SPC majoring in cosmetology.

Whitney Wilson, 20, of Levelland was named first runner-up and will receive a \$300 scholarship. Second runner-up was Yvette Carrasco, 18, of Hart. Latrice Price, 20, of Lubbock was named third runner-up and

New Light Baptist Church Sponsors 'First Lady' Musical



Mrs. Sudall Cavanaugh

"They were singing, Come ye that love the Lord"

The New Light Baptist Church would like to invite all of you to come and celebrate the "First Lady" Musical. Sister Sudall Cavanaugh has been blessed with her musical ability since the age of five years old.

At the age of seventy-seven, God has continually been blessing her in her playing and singing.

In honor of Sister Cavanaugh, the members of the New Light Baptist Church would appreciate very much all you attending this celebration which will be on

Sunday afternoon, December 2, 2007, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

Your attendance will be a blessing for all. The members guarantee all of you are blessed. Hope the members witness you present on Sunday afternoon, December 2nd.

For any information, contact Sister Diane Hicks at (806) 744-1762.

Intram pastor is Rev. Elijah Austin.

New Light Baptist Church is located at 3015 Idalou Road.

Sister Cavanaugh is please with what taking place.

White Children More Positive Towards Blacks After Learning About Racism, Study Shows?

AUSTIN, Texas-Challenging the idea that racism education could be harmful to students, a new study from The University of Texas at Austin found the results of learning about historical racism are primarily positive. The study

appears in the November/December issue of the journal Child Development.

Psychologists Rebecca Bigler and Julie Milligan Hughes found white children who received history lessons about discrimination against famous African

Americans had significantly more positive attitudes toward African Americans than those who received lessons with no mention of racism. African-American children who learned about racism did not differ in their racial attitudes from those who learned lessons that

omitted the racism information, the study showed.

"There is considerable debate about when and how children should be taught about racism," says Bigler, director of the university's Gender and Racial Attitudes Lab. "But this research has

examined elementary-school-aged children's cognitive and emotional reactions to such lessons."

To examine the consequences for white and African-American children of learning about historical racism, the researchers

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This writer would like to take this opportunity and wish each of you a very enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday. May God continue to bless each of you as we have much to be thankful for in the year 2007. As you sit down with your family with all of the turkey trimmings, don't forget those who are less fortunate than you are.

Remember God is able. So let's all be thankful!

We received a telephone message last week from Sergeant Wilbert Kendrick, Criminal Investigator for the Texas Attorney General's Office, who is trying to information about his deceased aunt, Bernice Slay

Stokes, who was married to Albert "Son" Stokes. She passed away September 26, 1964. Her parents were Zeibidee and Ruby Lena Caldwell Slay of Waco, Texas.

He admits he and his siblings were very young when she passed. She did live in Lubbock County, Texas.

She did have a brother, Wilbur Slay and a sister, Ola Mae Slay Bond.

If anyone has any information, call Mr. Kendrick at (214) 905-2324 or his cell phone: (817) 296-3690.

Let us not forget the upcoming "Women In Red Banquet" which will be held at KoKo Palace Banquet Hall on Friday evening, December 14, 2007, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Women Missionary Society of the New Hope Baptist Church. Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, November 18, 2007, at the New Hope Baptist Church, where the pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Services got underway with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team was at their post of duty and sung out of their hearts and souls.



Abusive Relationships

by Tashayle Thompson

Ah, relationships are wonderful, right? Some adolescents might have answered that question with a joyful "yes" while others might have answered the same question with a depressing "no." For the teenagers that answered "no", this article might provide the information needed to help them find a way out of a potentially dangerous situation. Fellow adolescents who answered with the dreamy "yes" might want to take a look at this as well.

Abuse can come in a variety of ways, such as: verbal physical, sexual, and emotional. Any form of abuse can be frightening and confusing to adults of any age, but is worse for teenagers or young adolescents just entering the dating world. Abuse is becoming more common and more dangerous in teenage relationships. Teenage Unlimited reported in 2006 said that 61% of teens has had a boyfriend or girlfriend that has made them feel bad about themselves or has embarrassed them, more than 27% of teens said that their boyfriend or girlfriend has called them names or has put them down, 30% of teens say that they have worried about being physically hurt by their partner, and 15% said that they have been hit or slapped.

The reasons why teenagers chose to abuse someone they "love" is questionable. Many times the reasons given are confusing and have no basis in a productive relationship. Sometimes it's because teenagers want to have their control over the relationship, for example some boys might want to show their masculinity, some may feel their partner is their property. Whatever it is no one should be in an abusive relationship, and if they are they should get out. Many teens try to hide the fact they are being abused, while others try to hide the abuse because they don't know what to do in such a scary relationship. Teenagers are sometimes not able to properly handle situations because of their inexperience in relationships, they want some kind of independence, or they're blind to the fact that they're being abused because they think that they're in love. Some teens may allow for abuse to happen to them because they think that they're responsible for the problems in the relationship, they might think that their boyfriends possessiveness is romantic, or they think it's normal because their friends are in the same position as they're in.

Abuse is not something that has to happen; teens need to know that they have a choice even if it feels like they don't. They have the choice to be in a better relationship but it's up to them to decide. Some teens might not be in an abusive relationship but they should start looking for signs of

their partner becoming abusive. Things to look for are extreme jealousy, mood swings, explosive anger, tries to isolate you from friends and family, getting aggressive during arguments, verbal abuse, or uses violence as a threat. The things that someone might look for, for emotional abuse is if they are told that they're worthless or if their partner just wants them to feel bad about themselves. They will constantly be questioned of their whereabouts and find themselves isolated from their family and friends. Anyone going through abuse should talk to someone about it so that they can get help and find a way to get out of the relationship, if a person knows someone who is in an abusive relationship they should try to talk them and be there for them. I understand that they might get upset and say something like, stay out of my business, but don't give up on them.

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EHS Girls Basketball 2007!

Some people might see basketball as just being another sport. According to Coach Diane Morgan and her basketball players it's much more than that. To them, to be a team means you have to have, "Heart, Hustle, and Hunger," stated Morgan. If you look at the girl's basketball team, that's exactly what you'd find.

This year's team consists of players from all four grades. First we have the seniors, Karen Grant, Andrea Bailey, Taniqua Ards, and Kourtnei Niblett. Next are the juniors, Nikendra Sylvester, Brittany Johnson, Twyla Ards, Unisha McNeal, and TaShontis Perry. The sophomores are, La'Shonda Ray, Joyce Collins, Raven Butler and freshman Deldra Foree. Some of the defensive players include Karen, Twyla, Nikendra, and La'Shonda. Some of the offensive players include Brittany and Taniqua. Coach Morgan feels the schools that might give them a good competitive game are Palo Duro, Coronado, Amarillo, and Canyon High. All of these girls are on the team for the same reason and that's to win. After all the days of hard work and practice, winning is nothing to the team.

Morgan has many plans for this season. Some of those plans include getting some of the younger kids enough playing time before the playoffs, getting the whole team to step up and be top players, relying on all the players to give their very best. The main plan is to go to the state tournament. Hopefully the team will be able to make these plans happen. All the teams will need support so be sure to go to at least one of the games to cheer our Lady Mats on. The first home game for varsity will be on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 6:00pm. The first home game for junior varsity will be on the same day at 5:00 pm and the first home game for the freshmen team will be on Saturday, November 10, 2007, time yet to be determined.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

Stepping Out At Christmas!



Just a few suggestions to help you ease right through the gift giving season.

Tops... long glitter duster, flirtatious wrap blouses that debut in slimming empire silhouettes, lace & embroidered blouses, and a combination of leopard print with some bling, bling.

Skirts... shimmering black velvet pencil skirts, wrap skirts, golden ruffle skirts. Sheer layered sequin skirts, long or short. Beautiful flowing skirts and don't forget the bling bling.

Pants... Wide legs, semi flare, skinny legs and all! The great thing about pants this season, every style is in style. Plain or embellished.

Jeans... The width of the leg doesn't matter, that's your choice... but this season when it comes to your jeans, you have to have some bling! actually you have to have a lot of bling, bling, from the top to the bottom, bling on one leg or bling on both legs.

Don't be shy! Let your jeans do the talking! Regular or low rise... all sizes LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT JEAN? CALL 806-773-60

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

EHS Matador Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Nov. 23	7:30pm	Pampa	Tournament There
Nov. 27	7:30pm	Odessa Permian	Here
Dec. 4	7:30pm	Odessa High	Here
Dec. 6-8	TBA	Monahans	Tournament TBA
Dec. 11	7:30pm	Coronado	There
Dec. 14	7:30pm	Pampa	Here
Dec. 16	7:30pm	Lubbock High	There
Dec. 27-29	TBA	CapRock	Tournament TBA
Jan. 4	7:30pm	Monterey	There
Jan. 8	7:30pm	Midland High	Here
Jan. 11	7:30pm	Plainview	Here
Jan. 15	7:30pm	Friendship	Here
Jan. 19	7:30pm	Big Spring	There
Jan. 22	7:30pm	Brownfield	Here
Jan. 25	7:30pm	Lakeview	Here
Jan. 29	7:30pm	Plainview	There
Feb. 1	7:30pm	Big Spring	Here
Feb. 5	7:30pm	Friendship	There
Feb. 12	7:30pm	Lakeview	There

White Children More Positive Towards Blacks After Learning About Racism, Study Says

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ical racism, the researchers presented biographical lessons about 12 historical figures (six African Americans and six European Americans) to two groups of children ages 6-11.

For each group, some lessons provided information about racism, such as racially biased hiring practices and segregation, while others omitted this information. After the lessons, the children were interviewed about their racial attitudes and reactions, including guilt, defensiveness and anger.

Both white and black children who learned about racism were more likely to value racial fairness and to express greater satisfaction with the lesson. White children whose lessons included information on discrimination showed more defensiveness, had more racial guilt (if they were older than 7) and were less likely to accept stereotypical views about African Americans.

While the study shows learning about racism is beneficial to both black and white children, Bigler notes the lessons did not present information about the most violent forms of racial prejudice (for example, lynching).

"Additional work on the topic is needed so that we know how to best present to children some of the more abhorrent truths from U.S. history," Bigler says.

The National Science Foundation funded the research.

Suffers Stroke

Mrs. Lovie Jean Cunningham suffers stroke in Oklahoma City, Ok. She is with her daughter, Janet Cunningham.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Lying, Thiving Preachers!!

An article that appeared on the religious page B3 of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Saturday, November 17, 2007, could be very damaging to televangelists and to the church and its leaders as a whole.

Deirdre Shesgreen of the St. Louis Post Dispatch wrote the article entitled "Latest Group of Televangelists." The report if true, will have a chilling effect not only on TV Preachers but the church as a whole in America because of the intrusion of government to protect innocent people from lying, thiving preachers.

If anyone should be honest with the church's money, it should be the preacher. I know I am stirring a honest nest. However, my testimony of fuel is based on my tenure as one of God's chosen preachers for more than 52 years.

Allow me to be candid because I am not a newcomer in the ministry. My ministry began when I was twelve years of age. I received my first appointment as a pastor to Olive Chapel AME Church in the Jackson Community east of Tyler, Texas at the age of 18 years when I became an itinerant deacon. I was ordained an itinerant elder in 1964 at Payne Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church under the late Rt. Reverend Odie Lee Sherman. I have served without a break as a pastor of a church from Olive Chapel with the exception of the one-week break between Johnson

Chapel AME Amarillo and the organizing of Smith Temple Community Church. My success in my ministry has been because I was honest with the people and their money. Had I not being honest, truthful and a champion for the cause of justice, there would not have been a successful Smith Temple Community Church today. Lying, deceit and dishonesty has no place in the ministry.

Frank Lockwood of the Lexington Herald-Leader, USA wrote: "For as long as anybody can remember, spiritual con-artists have ripped off the faithful, preying on the sick, the elderly, the lonely and the desperate. They offer miraculous cures. They promise financial windfalls. They live in Oceanside mansions and fly in private jets and pay their multi-million-dollar mortgages with nickels and dimes sent by devout Social Security recipients."

It's the ugly side of evangelical Christianity. The government is loath to monitor the abuse because of first-amendment concerns. Many religious groups are unwilling to intervene.

Shesgreen wrote: "Twenty years ago, amid an uproar over the sex-and-money scandal that brought down televangelist Jim Bakker, the country's leading TV preachers were called before a powerful House panel to testify about their financial dealings. 'People...need to know what

their money is being used for—is it being used for the Lord's work or is it being used to buy a million-dollar house?" asked then-Rep. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

But Congress passed no new laws. The IRS, which oversees tax-exempt ministries, got no new powers, money or agents. And now the same line of questioning looms for a new generation of televangelists. A congressional investigating into the finances of six media-oriented ministries comes as mega churches have flourished. Media ministry has become a billion-dollar industry, but it continues to operate with little or no government oversight, critics say.

That void, said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, is a part of what prompted him to act last week when he requested extensive information about the salaries, expense accounts and business practices of the TV evangelists...Grassley was disturbed by reports about preachers living lavishly-driving Rolls-Royces and flying around in private jets-as their tax-exempt church finances escaped scrutiny. Grassley said the deadline for ministries to provide this committee with the requested data is December 6."

While preachers are human and subject to error, we should never defraud people of their money. My theology may not be what you want to hear or believe. I believe and I am convinced that



We Thank God for Jesus "Lord, Thanks For Forgiving Me!"

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

Psalms 105:1-2 -- O' give thanks unto the Lord. Call upon His name. Make known His deeds among the people. Sing unto Him. Sing Psalms unto Him. Talk to you of His wonderful works.

Lord, many people are upset because I am servant who loves you. I know I haven't always done so, and I know you know this is true.

Jeremiah 1:5 -- The Lord said, before I formed you in the belly, I knew thee, and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you a prophet unto all nations.

Many Are Called, Few Chosen!

I, Billy, "B.J.", was raised in a Christian home, under the word and prayer. But I went out in the world of sin, and Lord at home, I left you there!!!

Jeremiah 3:13-15 -- The Lord said, only acknowledge your iniquity that you have transgressed against the Lord your God, and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed my voice, said the Lord. Turn, backsliding children, said the Lord. For I am married unto you, and I will take you one of city, and I will take you one of a family. And I will bring you to Zion, and I will give you Pastors according to my heart which shall feed you with knowl-

edge and understanding.

I went out with the people, marching and singing. I'm Black and proud. My people wanted over run the White man, and we said it out Loud!!!

Proverbs 16:18-19 -- Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be a humble spirit with lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Are You One Of The Proud Ones?

I was living in sin, and walked with the world, and called it having fun. It started when the people marched and lied, saying we shall overcome!!!

Proverbs 14:12 -- There is a way which seems right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

In 1961, a man pulled a shotgun on me, after a fight, I was the winner, and peoplesaid, Boy, you're lucky! In 1963, the Plains Coop Oil Mill blew up. I was inside and ran out. I could smell my flesh burning, and theysaid, Boy, you sure was lucky. In 1966, when we would do 120 mph for the fun of it, I had a blowout at about 105 mph, and my friends said, Boy, you're lucky. In 1972, a man pulled a shotgun on me, about his wife, and I called him a #\$\$%&*#@#* lie. My friends said, Boy you're lucky. In 1980, a man pulled a shotgun on me in a

gambling game. I had won all the money. He said drop it and I said %\$&*%&*. And there were two strangers there, and onesaid, don't shoot the man. The other said, He won that money!! And my friends said, Boy, you're sure lucky.

I'm Better Than Blessed, Praised God!!!

Hebrews 12:6-8 -- For who the love ones he chastens and scourges every son who he receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons. For what son is he who the father chastens not? But if you be without chastisement, wherefore all are partakers, then are you bastards and not sons.

My Thanksgiving Day Is Everyday!!!

Lord, there were many times I lived in danger and I didn't do right, but as I look back ever my life, you were watching over me - day and night!!!

I know the Devil was out to get me. He knew I was in God's plans. I was ordained from the womb to tell a dying world, God's Salvation is at hand!!!

Peter 3:9 -- The Lord is not slack concerning His promise. As some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us toward - not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Happy Thanksgiving Day!
May continue to bless you!!!

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services were well attended again at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th - St root, on Sunday, November 18, 2007. The proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with Sunday School with

Supercintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. Another wonderful lesson was taught by Sister Harris and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Negative Actions, Positive Results." The scripture

text was Genesis 45:1-12.

The morning worship hour begun with a devotion by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their

hearts and souls to the congregation. These dedicated choir members are always eager to sing for the Lord.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful message. His subject was "Lord, Breathe On Me!"

Let's remember all of our sick and shut-ins throughout our community and elsewhere.

If you are looking for a church home, then come by and visit with the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Our doors are always open. So come by and visit with all of us.

Did you know: The events of life can challenge our trust in the Scriptures. Romans 8:28 teaches that God can bring good out of "all things". But a few years ago, "all things" seemed hard to fathom. Some longtime friends were contacted about prayer for the son and fiancée who were missing. It was so out of character for the two that others feared it would be worse. A few days later, their murdered bodies were found, just

two weeks before their wedding.

In those troubling days, "all things" seemed incapable of including such a senseless act. Yet the victims' families were amazing in their resolve to trust Jesus Christ, reaffirming their confidence that God would graciously bring good out of great evil.

In the following months credible stories began to roll in. Through letters, emails, and phone calls, all were heard from people who had seen the families' example in the media coverage and had been won through the testimonies of the young couple and

their families. Nothing could be justified of the murders. But all have drawn hope in Jesus Christ for the outcome. God is able!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are always talking about the Christian Army And Warfare." (Ephesians 6:11-18 & Deuteronomy 1:8)

I'm giving all of the land to you. Go in and possess it. For it is the land the Lord promised to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all of their descendants.

Ephesians 6:1-18 -- Children obey your parents. This is the right thing to do, because God has placed them in authority over you. Honor your father and mother. This is the first of God's commandments that ends with a promise that if you honor your father and mother, you will live a long life, full of blessings.

Now, for a word to you parents. Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children. Making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord Himself approves with suggestions and Godly advice. We need to really love our children. When they are at their worst, that's when we love them the most. In order to do this, we have to have strength.

There's a book by Carroll Thomas, entitled "Possess The Land, Rise Up And Rule." A passive attitude will not conquer. We have to rule circumstances and not be ruled by them. Satan is a power, but he's not omnipotent. He's not all powerful, but Jesus is. We're not saved by works, but a faith that will save and will bring about works. The sword of the spirit, use it, we have the power as God defeated Satan on the Cross.

Thought: There's a problem in the body of Christ, there's a problem in the Christian family when we allow Satan to move his garbage in our homes through our children, trashy music, satanic books, and poster boards, video satanic games. We're saying it's

no harm, the kids have to have fun! Mothers, Fathers, Satan follows his filth wherever it goes. He's trying to take complete control of our precious children. While we are sleeping in parts of our houses, he's planting evil seeds in the lives of our children through this negative stuff. Take control of your house hold, Saints, don't be controlled by them. Put on your warfare and war clothes, Saints of God. We're in warfare and our Captain is Christ Jesus, who has never loss a battle. He's giving us marching orders. Let's go

to battle! A full report will give on the Gospel Musical Drama. It will be coming real soon. Keep reading this article each week. We love each of you and keep praying for you people! Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burselson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

Have A Blessed Thanksgiving Day!

Manhattan Heights Church of Christ

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Worship - 10:15am
Evening Worship - 5:00pm
Wednesday:
Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm
God's Plan for Saving Men
All have sinned - Romans 3:23
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:24
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9
How do we obey him?
Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:7
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3
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Obsequies

Larry Suggs



Funeral services were held for Larry Suggs last Friday morning, November 16, 2007, at the Bethel African Methodist

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Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home.

Mr. Suggs passed away Thursday, November 8, 2007.

He was born September 10, 1952.

He leaves to mourn his passing: two sisters, Barbara Mason of Lawton, Okla. and Mary Pitts of Lubbock; two brothers, Timothy Drake and Bobby Walker (Patricia), all of Lubbock; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Juanita Williams



Funeral services were held for Juanita Hamilton Williams last Friday afternoon, November 16, 2007, at Christ Temple Church of God in Christ with Supt. W. David Haynes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of

Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Saturday, November 10, 2007, at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born October 9, 1948 in Lubbock.

She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters: Pamela Nichols, Deidra Evans, and Tavia Williams; two brothers, Raymond Hamilton and Linnie Hamilton; two sisters, Barbara Flower and Mary Helen Johnson; 24 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

Elder Vance McDonald



Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, November 19, 2007, for Elder Vance McDonald at the Agape Temple with Bishop W. H. Watson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

He passed away Thursday, November 15, 2007, in University Medical Center.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Sandra McDonald; three sons: Arrick McDonald of Midland, Vance McDonald, II and Vernard McDonald, both of Lubbock; a daughter, Yasandra McDonald of Lubbock; four brothers: M. J. Lucas, Rev. R. C. Willis (Bobbie), Billy McDonald (Doris) and KJoe McDonald, one sister, Carrie Perry (Wilbard); five grandchildren; and a host of other relatives, friends and a loving church.

Texas Matches Unemployment Rate 4.1 Percent Record Low

AUSTIN — The October statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent down from 4.3 percent in September and 4.3 percent in October 2006. For the third month in 2007, the statewide unemployment rate reached the lowest point since the current series began in 1976. Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Texas grew by 24,200 jobs in October. Texas employers now have added 206,400 jobs over the past 12 months for an annual growth rate of 2.0 percent.

"The strength of the Texas economy is reflected in this record low unemployment rate," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "Texas employers continue to expand at a tremendous pace, offering workers strong opportunities."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Amarillo, Lubbock, and Odessa MSAs were second at 3.1 percent.

Employment in Professional and Business Services led the gains with 5,600 jobs in October, for an increase of 56,400 positions over the year and an annual job growth rate of 4.5 percent. Leisure and Hospitality recorded a month-

ly increase of 3,200 jobs, for a total of 37,200 since October 2006, a 3.9 percent annual job growth rate.

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Cynthia McCollum Elected President of NLC

Washington, DC - Madison, Ala., Council Member Cynthia McCollum was elected the 2008 president of the National League of Cities (NLC) last week at the organization's annual Congress of Cities. McCollum previously served as NLC's first and second vice president. Northglenn, Colo., Mayor Kathleen Novak was elected first vice president, and Riverside, Calif., Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge was elected second vice president for 2008.



Cynthia McCollum

"The National League of Cities has been blessed with many great leaders and I am grateful for the privilege of joining that legacy," said McCollum. "I look forward to building on this legacy—a legacy that doesn't shy away from tackling tough issues, a legacy that focuses on bringing people together—that has shaped this inclusive, strategic, powerful organization."

McCollum served on the NLC Board of Directors from 2002 to 2004 and is a past president of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. She has served on numerous NLC committees and is active in the Alabama League of Municipalities, serving as a member of the Executive Committee. McCollum first won election to the Madison City Council in 1989 and has served several terms both as Council President and President Pro Tem.

During the upcoming year, McCollum plans to focus on three priorities: sharpening the NLC voice on critical national issues and increasing awareness and exposure of NLC to presidential candidates; enhancing the value of NLC membership to cities and towns; and strengthening NLC's ability to help local officials solve local problems.

Novak was first elected to the Northglenn City Council in 1991, was elected mayor in November 2001 and then reelected in 2005. She is a member of the Colorado

Municipal League, has chaired the Denver Metro Mayors Caucus and served on the Board of Directors of the Denver Regional Council of Governments. She has served on the NLC Board of Directors and NLC's Advisory Council, and was instrumental in the creation of the Leadership Training Certificate program as chair of the Leadership Training Council.

Ronald O. Loveridge has led Riverside, Calif., as mayor since 1994, having previously served on the City Council from 1979 to 1993. He is the immediate past president of the League of California Cities and has served on NLC's International Council.

The National League of Cities is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans. To learn more about the National League of Cities, go to www.nlc.org.

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Cosby's Triumph Can't Mask the Dilemma of Two Black Americas

Comedian Bill Cosby turned black rappers' piper has got to be booming. His relentless pitch to blacks to get their act together, and stop blaming the white man for their failings almost certainly has done much to spur the radical reversal in black attitudes on race. A new Pew Research Center survey found that more blacks are willing to finger point themselves for bad grades, bad behavior, high unemployment, and poverty than they were a decade ago.

But there's a kicker in the Pew survey. The ones that did the greatest finger pointing were middle class blacks and the ones that got the finger pointed at them were poor blacks. It's no real surprise that blacks are rivers apart from each other in their view of who's to blame for the dreary plight of poor blacks. To even think that they wouldn't and

couldn't have different views, express divergent opinions, and ideas about race, politics and life issues, just as any other group, is to lock blacks into the tightest of tight racial boxes. There is, and never has been, anything that even faintly resembles a monolith of racial thinking among blacks.

For decades, two black Americas have co-existed uneasily side by side, yet hardly equal. In fact, a significant number of blacks told Pew researchers that blacks should not be viewed as a "single community."

Despite a drastic economic backslide during the last decade in the incomes of black males, detailed in a Brookings Institution report released shortly before the Pew survey,

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James Mitchell Elected President NBC/LEO

New Orleans, La. - Charlotte, N.C., Council Member James Mitchell, Jr. was elected president of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) this week during NBC-LEO's annual Board Meeting at the National League of Cities (NLC) Congress of Cities, being held through Nov. 17 in New Orleans.

"I'm excited to be president of NBC-LEO during this important national presidential election year. My goal is to focus our work around three core principles: to inspire, influence and achieve," said Mitchell. "In the year ahead, we will work to help ensure that the voice of African-American local elected officials is heard at

the national level and can influence the agenda of our new president. As we approach the 40th anniversary year of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we will also work to recognize his service—the service that made it possible for us to serve. We believe his dream is still alive and attainable today."

Other officers elected during the NBC-LEO Board Meeting held on Nov. 14 include: President-Elect: Orlando, Fla., Commissioner Daisy W. Lynum 1st Vice President: Beaumont, Tex., Council Member Audwin Samuel 2nd Vice President: Columbus, Ohio, Council Member Charleta B. Tavares

East Lubbock AARP Will Meet

The East Lubbock Chapter of AARP will meet Thursday afternoon, December 6, 2007, at the

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The Great Sam Cooke Returns

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Accomplished Broadway veteran Kevin Ramsey, playwright & director, has teamed up with rap and gospel music manager Greg "Uncle G" Lyons, veteran Wall Street analyst Randy Richardson, and entertainment attorney Terry Oneal to take the critically acclaimed show on a 30-city road trip that will lead to a Broadway finale.

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by T.J. Patterson

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DOWN! ... Hopefully ... each of you feel the same way we do.... Hope you will continue to be blessed during this ... **2007 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SEASON!**

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING! THIS N THAT ... wishes you the very best on Thanksgiving!



Think About It!

It's That Time Of The Year Again!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Many years ago, the Indians and Pilgrims came together to communicate with each other and to show thanks for their blessings of good crops, wild game, and all the success they had during the year. This was an honorable time with both groups. It was a lot different in those times. First of all, they were truly thankful.

The food was not fancy, but bountiful and not a fancy holiday and commercial, but truly grateful for their blessings, and coming together in an effort to be neighbors.

Over the years, there have been many changes as has all original religious holiday in the past. As these holidays have changed to merchants sales days. Remember, at one time, along

with the American tradition, Thanksgiving Day was a time when families came together in order to fellowship together and eat with family members and friends in sincere love and gratitude. But as things goes these days, many things will change. In most cases, the change is for the worse and not the good.

The good thing about Thanksgiving, then and now, is families gather together at one time and eat together. The members are not on the run and are not in a hurry. In other words, they are not eating in shifts, but are together at one setting and will bless the food. They will be breaking bread together.

But the most important thing is all are giving thanks when real-

ly thanks should be given as in early days to God for a bountiful crop during the past year. You see, in the fall, they gathered together and gave thanks for their many blessings.

It is just good to see out of all of the original holidays, Thanksgiving Day is one of the ones which appear to be as it was years back.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. Be thankful for where you have come from over the past year.

Closing Thought: "Gratitude should not be an occasional incident, but a continuous attitude."

Ten are dead in weekend violence

At least 10 people died over the weekend as bullets cut through several Philadelphia neighborhoods - including Center City, where homicides are rare - and at a barbecue in West Philadelphia. At least nine others were wounded in shootings or stabbings.

Despite the national spotlight on gun violence after the Virginia Tech massacre and at least three antiviolenence conferences held in Philadelphia last week, the homicide toll climbed to 127, rising as the temperature hit the high 70s.

The Center City shooting - at 12th and Chestnut Streets - quickly resulted in an arrest. Investigations continued in the other cases.

The latest shooting occurred at 10:34 p.m. yesterday on the 100 block of West Roosevelt Boulevard and took the life of one man.

About a half hour earlier, a shooting at 9:58 p.m. yesterday on the 200 block of Brighthurst Street resulted in one death at the scene. Two other people wounded in that incident were taken to Einstein Medical Center.

Among the other victims this weekend were:

Kevin Morton, 30, who was found with multiple gunshot wounds in the 5400 block of Harley Terrace about 11 p.m. Saturday. Homicide Police Sgt. Anthony McFadden said. About

30 minutes earlier, a 42-year-old man had been shot in the back in the 4800 block of McKern Street in Southwest Philadelphia.

Fatima Whitfield, 29, was fatally shot in the head in a vacant apartment she occupied in the 1500 block of Allegheny Avenue in the Olney section. McFadden said.

A 28-year-old man who was killed early Saturday morning in the Adelphi apartments at 12th and Chestnut Streets was identified yesterday as Terrence Eddigs. He had been shot in the chest during an argument overheard by neighbors while visiting an acquaintance's apartment, police said. Solomon Esangbedo, 22, was charged with murder in that killing and held at the police detention center over the weekend.

In North Philadelphia, Demond Brown, 31, was shot to death, and at a barbecue in West Philadelphia, James Alford, 29, was killed.

Letters to the Editor

"What Do You Mean: 'NO URBAN GEAR'?"

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to publicly announce about a discriminating act I experienced this past weekend. A friend and I went to a popular night club this weekend called Daiquiri Lounge. The owner and employees of the night club gave my friend a hard time about wearing urban gear, which they did not allow to be worn inside the club. In fact, the employees even pointed to a sign posted above the entrance that stated "NO URBAN GEAR." Urban Gear consists of Sedan John, Academics, Roc-A-Wear, etc., which are all designed by African Americans and are mainly worn by the hip-hop community. I noticed that European Americans did not experience problems entering the club wearing

Ralph Lauren, Abercrombie/Fitch, or Gap, which are all designed by European Americans. I believe Daiquiri Lounge only wants to attract a certain crowd. The night

club is discriminating against African Americans that wear urban gear, stereotyping them by assumptions. I'm indicating about my unpleasant discriminating experience in hopes that a change may occur. It is so disturbing that individuals label and judge one another as it is, but to carry this act as a business policy is completely unjust. Hopefully in the

near future all can see a change in this policy. If not I would truly like to see more individuals step up and fight for justice-where justice is deserved.

Name Withheld,
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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard




Howard

hymn says it best, but it certainly will not take long to spill out the many things which we are thankful for, that are no worse than they could be.

We should be thankful that we can still purchase gasoline for our automobiles because it is still available, regardless to the astronomical prices that are being required to purchase. The world outlook and forecast hinges on the idea that it will become depleted and no longer available. The problem is that we are aware that politics and the dollar signs play a great role in availability of oil. The supply is being manipulated, raising the cost of the demand. The price of oil has sent the cost of everything else skyrocketing. You can normally gauge the cost of gasoline by the cost of a half-gallon or milk. The price of a half-gallon of milk is normally the lowest price at which you can purchase a gallon of gasoline. It appears that if you have a job and must drive to it, especially a good

distance from your home, the first thing you must include in your cost to keep a job is transportation and that cost could easily wipe out your allowance for lunch, even if you take it from home. The grocery bill has hit the ceiling. Pretty soon, name brands will be luxuries. The store brands are no longer a bargain. Coupons mean much more now than they used to, but they are worth while cutting out, more so if you like the brand named items in the store.

Many low cost grocery items that are not store brands but not the well-known often advertised brands, are disappearing from some store shelves to force customers to buy the higher priced items. Store hopping will soon

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There are a few reasons for this notice. Mainly, it is to make sure we have the correct mailing information in order to contact you with the specific details about this event very shortly. It is also to inform you that there is something in the works for this occasion. There will be a cost for the event that is being planned, but we are trying hard for this expense to be as small as possible, however we will not be able to eliminate the cost all together.

As stated earlier, the main purpose of this letter is to ensure that the address we have on file is accurate. If the person, this letter is addressed to no longer resides here, or can be better reached at a different location, please use the contact information below to forward their information to us.

Damion Davis Erica Hutchinson

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Myspace users... please contact Jennifer Tullis on Myspace, you can locate her by her name in the search field from the home page.

Get ready to... "Party like its 1998!"

Thank you,
Your organization team:
Damion Davis
Erica Hutchinson
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**NBC/LEO
New Officers
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Treasurer: District Heights, Md., Mayor James Walls
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Mitchell said NBC-LEO's priorities will also focus on increased contracts for African-American business owners and more job opportunities for youth. "This will lead to more prosperity for

**Texas Matches
Unemployment Rate
4.1 Percent Real Low
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past month, with notable annual job growth rates in Natural Resources and Mining, as well as Professional and Business Services."

Education and Health Services gained 3,400 jobs in October, contributing to an annual job growth of 24,100. Natural Resources and Mining continues to maintain the highest annual job growth rate at 8.0 percent, adding 1,400 jobs during the month and 15,300 over the year.

"Job availability and low unemployment rates position Texas workers to succeed," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "This historically low unemployment rate indicates that workers are taking advantage of all the opportunities available to them."

Construction employment posted a significant gain of 2,100 jobs in October, bringing the number of jobs added in Construction since October 2006 to 10,800.

Mattie Lee Duke



Funeral services for Mattie Lee Duke were held Tuesday morning, November 20, 2007, at Mount Gililand Baptist Church with Rev. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park/Woodrow under the direction Resthaven Funeral Home.

She passed away Wednesday, November 14, 2007, in New Orleans, La.

She was born November 29, 1923 to Henry and Laura (Foster) Hicks.

She leaves to cherish her memories: two sons, John David (Georgia) of New Orleans, La. and Larry Joe (Janice) Duke of Kansas City, Mo.; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, parents, six siblings and one granddaughter.

In Cinque

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It is 'belt-tightening' time whether we want to admit it or not. The high cost of gasoline is affecting everyone, even the rich and famous.

These high octane expensive vehicles must have premium gasoline to operate. Premium gasoline is about eighteen to twenty percent higher than regular gasoline. The cost of premium gasoline has caused many prospective buyers of luxury vehicles to change their minds about purchases. The luxury car buyer will no doubt be able to purchase the new hybrids that run on battery and/or gasoline and still get around, but the poor working man will not have the choices available to him. Poor working Americans need to get 'in cinque' and come up with some innovative ideas to help us 'to be yet alive.'
November 17, 2007

our communities and more productive citizens."

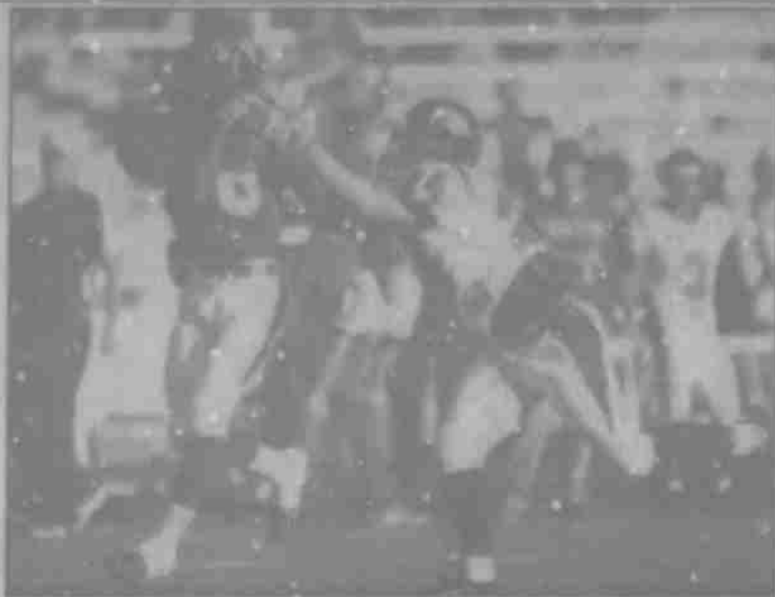
NBC-LEO was created in 1970 to represent the interests of African American elected officials within NLC. NBC-LEO strives to increase African American participation on NLC steering and policy committees to ensure policy and program recommendations reflect African American concerns and benefit their communities. The group also works to inform its members on issues affecting the African American community and helps to devise ways of achieving their community objectives through legislation and direct action.

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Trade, Transportation and Utilities added 2,100 jobs in October for a total of 23,600 positions since October 2006.

We, at the Southwest Digest, would like to say: "What About Them Matadors?" Hey Mats, may God continue to be with all of you throughout the rest of the play-off. Most of all, learn to play the game hard and with joy! Continue to give God the Glory! We would like to say: "Thanks to the Coaches for having the will to encourage the players not give up. They will reach their goal!!"



Matadors Return To Play-Offs on October 27, 2007. They were very successful!



The Mighty Estacado High School Basketball Team is shown getting Ready For the 2007-2008 Season. They are Expected to Do Well this Season. Estacado High School fans are asked to support the Matadors. They will be looking forward to seeing you present at their games. Go Matadors!

Asya Harris Will Sing National Anthem Today!

Asya Harris, a senior at Monterey High School, will sing the National Anthem today, Thursday November 22, 2007, at the University Spirit Arena during the basketball game between Alcorn A&M University and Kennesaw State University at 4:30 p. m.

This is a game in the Basketball Travelers Classic with Texas Tech University as host

Asya is the daughter of Shelia and Shaun Harris. She is a former student at Estacado High School.

Good luck, Asya!



Estacado MATadors Returning To Play-Offs, Player is Catching a Pass on November 13, 2007.

Vernon Jordan to Deliver Spring Convocation Address

AUSTIN, Texas-Vernon Jordan, one of the major civil rights figures in American history, will deliver the spring 2008 convocation address at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin, James Steinberg, dean of the school, announced today (Nov. 20).

Jordan contributed to the integration of the University of Georgia, headed the United Negro College Fund, Inc., served on the council of President Lyndon Johnson's White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights" and was president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League, Inc.

"Vernon Jordan is a towering figure, whose remarkable career vividly demonstrates how one person can make a difference," said Steinberg. "His extraordinary range of experience and public service at the local, national and international level—as a path-breaking civil rights activist, counselor to presidents and civic leader—is a model for generations to come. In this year of celebration of the centennial of President (Lyndon B.) Johnson's birth, we are honored to have him as our commencement speaker."

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