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Many thanks to Charles Hobdy for these wonderful pictures!

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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., 806-771-1819
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1705 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 meet every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Mount Pleasant Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar/Mount Pleasant Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 130 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Potluck 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-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chattman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Cafeteria.
- Estacado High School Alumni & Faculty Class Reunion meetings are held the second and third Sundays at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 7:00 pm. All Estacado Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.



If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.



Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Dumas High School 7th All Class Reunion is here and gone. No doubt about it, it was a very exciting and successful event. Now it is time to get ready and help the Estacado High School with as much energy as we have. At present time, they are desperately seeking Estacado Alumni and Faculty from 1967 to 2007 for their 40th Year All Class Reunion which is scheduled for July, 2007. At present time, class reunion meetings are held at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 7:00 p. m. every second and third Sunday evenings of each month. If you have information as the names of these person they are seeking, then contact one of the following: Linda Hunter-Davis, president, 747-8389; David Carrizales, vice president, 632-6390; Michael Smith, treasurer, 787-4832; Irene Silvas, secretary, 687-5424 or Hillary Hutchinson, parliamentarian, 747-6591.

Just think about the upcoming 3rd Annual Multicultural Scholarship Concert which is being set for November, 2006. More about the

date and artist which will be national known at a later date and publication. This event is being sponsored by "Each One, Reach One."

The twenty-third Annual Homecoming Celebration of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church is set for Sunday afternoon, August 20, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Rev. J. H. Ford is host pastor. All are invited.

The Women Missionary Society of the New Hope Baptist Church will present its 7th Annual Prayer Retreat Friday and Saturday, August 18 & 19, 2006, at the Ark in Amherst, Texas. Rev. Thelma McClendon will be the Clinician. Sister Joan Y. Erwin is president.

In order to tell the New Hope Baptist Church, Sunday, August 27, 2006, will be T-Shirt Day" at New Hope. All members are asked to wear their favorite New Hope T-Shirt.

The New Hope Baptist Church Annual Church Picnic is set for Saturday afternoon, August

5, 2006, at 5:00 p. m. at the Booker T. Washington Park, across the street from the church. This should be a lot of fun.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in this week. The list is so long until we don't have all the names. Among those who is ill include Brother Tommy Cage.

At the same time, don't forget those who have lost loved ones. God is able.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, July 30, 2006, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, where Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

Services got underway with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team sang out of their hearts and souls. After scripture and prayer, selections were sung by the New Hope Choir. Pastor Moton delivered a splendid sermon. His subject was "What Is Your Response To God's Goodness?" His scripture text was Psalms 116:12-19. What a wonderful sermon.

In Remembrance

Edwin Locke
Fort Worth - (Special)
Funeral services for Edwin Locke, an uncle



Locke

Locke, were held Saturday morning, July 22, 2006, at the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church, with Rev. Barry Spencer, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Cedar Hill Memorial Park in Arlington under the direction of Williams Funeral Chapel. Graveside services were under the auspices of the Honor Detail of Fort Hood, Texas.

Activeasket bearers were family friends and friends. They were Robert Matthews, Ernest Alford, Ray Gee and E. Barron.

Mr. Locke was born April 7, 1921, and was the youngest child of Albert and Hozoa Locke in the community of Hickory Grove, Wolfe City, Texas.

He attended public school in Hickory Grove Community. Upon completion of public school, he joined the United States Army and served his country honorably for three years.

He moved to Fort Worth after his tour of duty, and married Della Mae Lang in 1958. To this union were born three children: Clifford D. Locke, Nathan E.

Locke, and Allan J. Locke. He was employed at Gulf Atlantic Corporation for 30 years until his retirement. He was faithful and active member of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church where he was on the Steward Board and Usher Board.

He is survived by his wife in 48 years, Della J. Lang-Locke; three sons: Jamie La-g, Clifford D. Locke (Dorothy), and Nathan E. Locke (Valerie); grandchildren: Adrian Lang, Daryl-L. Locke, Shaniqua Y. Locke, Chandra M. Locke, Barrington J. George (Locke); 8 great-grandchildren; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Ester Mae Parker-Maxwell
Slaton - Funeral services for Ester Mae Parker-Maxwell, a longtime resident of Slaton, were



Parker-Maxwell

held Thursday morning, July 27, 2006, at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, with Rev. Clifton Peoples, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be held in Englewood Cemetery in Slaton under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Saturday, July 22, 2006, at the Lubbock Hospitality House.

FASHION FUN

By Shirley Roberson

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The American Urologic Association states that the ratio of urologists to the population in the West Texas region is one urologist to every 55,998 persons. There are currently only 34 urologists in this region. The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has established a new Department of Urology in hopes of providing more physicians in this field.

Because of our aging population, the number of persons older than 65 will increase by 100 percent between the years 2000 and 2030. Werner T.W. de Riese, M.D., Ph.D., chairman of the new department, said the increasing aging population is causing a demand for urologic services nationwide.

"This age group is the primary user of urologic services. As an academic health institution, the Health Sciences Center must meet our primary mission of teaching future doctors, in this case uro-

gists, as well as conducting research and providing quality clinical service in the field," de Riese said.

Currently the nation's academic health institutions are losing many urology residency programs. The number of residents being

trained in urology decreased 6.6 percent nationally over the last several years.

The Department of Urology also will provide urology care for University Medical Center and the Veterans Administration outpatient clinic.

Engagement Announcement



We would like to give "well wishes" to Bridget E. White and Burt Robinson of Lubbock on their engagement and upcoming wedding. The couple will be blessed to repeat their nuptials on Saturday, September 2, 2006 at the Reese Conference Center in Lubbock.

The Bride-elect is a 1985 graduate of Coronado High School. The Groom is a 1984 graduate of Lubbock High School, and a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Business Administration. Federal Express of Lubbock employs both the prospective bride and groom.

The couple will live in Lubbock after their wedding.

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St. Luke Baptist Church to celebrate 23rd anniversary

The Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street, will celebrate its 23rd Annual Homecoming Celebration on Sunday afternoon, August 20, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend this celebration. Rev. J. H. Ford is the proud pastor.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus The End Of Our World

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

Matthew 24:36 - As He (Jesus) sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, tell us when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of your coming, and the end of the world?

I know you have heard it said, that this old world is coming to an end, and if you would study your Bible, you would know it closer now than it's ever been!

Mark 13:7-8 - Jesus said, when you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be not troubled. For such things must need to be, but the end shall not be yet. For nations shall rise against nations, and kingdoms against kingdoms, and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles. These are the beginning of this old world.

The Bible says, when you and I see the troubles all over the world. That it is just a sign, for it is the warnings for every man, woman, boy and girl.

Are You Seeing And Hearing The Signs???

One might say, I've been hearing that all the days of my whole life. If you're a 100 year old person, you can only hear it a little longer in this life!!!

Luke 2:31-35 - Jesus said, when you see these things come to pass, know you that the Kingdom of God is right at hand. Verily, I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away until all be fulfilled. Heaven and

earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Many People Have Died Out Of This World!!!

(Let's study word world: In the Greek it is alone! Meaning a period of time long or short. It refers to the end of an age. The world only exists because of the person who is living in it. We can see the sun, the stars, moon and the rivers, but when we die, you will no longer see these things, and will say, the world has come to an end. But the world is yet here. The persons in the obituary they don't know we're yet alive. When my world came to an end is when I die, but my children still yet be alive, my grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Every one will not die at the same time, so the world will be here!!!)

The signs of time will never pass. They are given so mankind can get saved. They're the warnings. They let mankind know the Lord is headed yours and my way!!!

Mark 13:32 - Jesus said of that day that hour knows no man, nor not the angels which are in heaven, neither the son, but the Father.

It is the Churches' business to tell a dying world that these are their warning signs, but the Churches' are luke warm, playing money games and paying them no mind!!!

Hosea 4 - The Lord said, my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, because you

have rejected knowledge. I will also reject you that you shall be no priest to me. Seeing you have forgotten the law of your God. I will also forget your children.

Yes, The Churches Are Robbing God!!!

You and I can see time is winding down, and we don't want it said. We waited too late. So mankind need to accept the gift of God, Jesus, so we can make it to the heavenly gates!!!

Luke 12:54-56 - Jesus said, when you see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway you say, there comes a shower and so it is. And when you see the south wind blow, you say, there will be heat, and it came to pass. You hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it that you do not discern this time?

That is why Jesus gave out the Commandment to save a dying ungodly world. He gave out that commission, and it was for every man, woman, boy and girl!!!

Matthew 28:19-20 - Jesus said, go you therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. AMEN.

I Am Just A Nobody, Trying To Tell Everybody About Jesus' Body, Dying On The Cross For The Sins of Everybody

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

In the 10th Chapter of St. John, Jesus said the thief cometh: not, but for to steal, to kill, and to destroy. We know the thief to whom he is referring to is Satan. Since Satan is a thief by nature, he steals. That is the nature of a thief.

Jesus says that Satan is a thief. So it shouldn't be uncommon for him to go around trying to steal things. Nor should it be surprising to us that he does. He is after something. The Bible says he is after the word in your heart. **Mark 4:15**. He is after your joy, your power, your peace, your courage, your faith and your comfort, but not only that, he's after your goods. One way Satan discourages many of God's people is through affliction and persecution. If that doesn't work, he attacks your material and physical possessions. HE will attack your finances and your physical body. We need to realize something about healing and divine health. Many people are struggling with healing, because we see healing as something to be attained, something out there somewhere. As far as God is

concerned, we already have healing. It was given to us through the work of the Cross.

Divine health is something we already possess. When symptoms come and they will, it is nothing more than the thief trying to steal the health which is already ours. We have to eat the world's diet, and they cause many problems as we all see. Divine health is not something we're trying to get from God. It is something the Devil is trying to take away from us. **Isaiah 53:5** and **1 Peter 2:24**. The minute he attacks, immediately began to confess God's word, that I'm healed by the stripes of Jesus. Rebut Satan and effuse his lying systems. This is not trying to get something we don't have, but keep something we already have - healing through the Word.

If you think the Old Testament is not effective when it reads, but he was wounded and bruised for our sin. He was beaten that we might have peace, and with his stripes we are healed. Also, written in the

New Testament: who his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sin, through righteousness by whose stripes we were healed. **The Scripture said it. I believe it!**

We want major on the Devil or Demon. Let's major on the victory that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Remember God is bigger than any problem you may have, **trust Him!**

Keep smiling, People of God, and loving everybody. Color doesn't matter. Did you pray for rain Sunday? God does answer prayer. We shouldn't get into a serious situation before we call on Him, our God.

Thanks for reading, Saints! We will meet Saturday morning, August 5, 2006, in the home of Sister Annie McBride, 402 Walnut Avenue, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith The Destabilizing of America

Several weeks ago, the Associated Press reported Dallas, Texas, at the intersection of four interstate highways, has become a focal point for drug trafficking from Mexico. Cocaine grown in South America and processed in Mexico, commonly travels across the border and through the city before heading to destinations around the country.

Dallas' Deputy Chief Julian Bernal was so astonished at the largest seizure of cocaine in the history of the city he cried out, "It is a wall of cocaine. A very, very large amount of cocaine." What they saw in the open bed of a parked pickup truck was 650 pounds of cocaine.

An hour later officers chased down two men who were about to drive away from a house they had been watching. Police discovered 294 kilos, about 13.3 million dollars in cocaine, stacked in packages on the back of the pickup truck outside the home.

Narcotics officers also seized \$26,353 in cash, three semiautomatic handguns, two assault rifles, a shotgun and drug packaging equipment.

Jailed on felony charges of manufacture or delivery of drugs were Oscar Fuentès, Octavio

Monreal, Alfonso Monte and Gerardo Soto.

If this is not enough to shake Lubbock up about drugs being brought in from Mexico, check out the following.

Elliott Blackburn of the Avalanche-Journal reported the Department of Public Safety troopers seized 148 pounds of marijuana out of false compartments in oil drums that were transported into Lubbock. The street value of the drugs was estimated at \$66,600.

The two men from El Paso arrested were Carlos Perez Flores and Tito Mayo Marquez. Both of these men were more than fifty years of age.

These men were jailed in lieu of bonds totaling in excess of \$25,000.

We cannot praise law enforcement enough for stopping this poison before it get to our children, grandchildren and some foolish old folks who have been hooked on drugs and will not seek treatment.

This writer has a hunch that the former president of Mexico, Vicente Fox and the elite that are in charge in Mexico have put together a unique plan to destroy America. These are smart people and they know they cannot win by

attacking American military. However, if they form a plan that will destroy the minds of Americans, they can take all of America without firing a shot.

When I think about Vicente Fox saying that Blacks had the character of monkeys, I see a diversion from his real agenda. If Blacks were made the scapegoats, he could keep the eyes of white conservatives on Blacks and not on his true intention to take back America. I believe President Bush in his quest for everyone to be like Americans has been played by the Mexican hierarchy. These people words are, as my late Native American grandmother ancestry would express: "They speak with a forked tongue."

I would encourage black males to quit using drugs. Do you know the elite of Mexico are living well from your foolishness? If you use drugs, you have become a financial prostitute for a Mexican. You are poor, broke, uneducated, and sore and have nothing to show for being a Mexican financial prostitute. More than likely you have a felony and cannot get a decent job. The construction jobs that pay over \$20 per hour are swallowed up by people from our southern borders who send ... to be continued...

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, July 30, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:10 a.m. with Assistant Superintendent Sister Orelia Moore in charge. Rev. Canady taught the morning lesson, "Love Comes First." 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. What a wonderful lesson for all in attendance.

The morning worship began at 11:15 a.m. with Sister George Ann Hereford and Sister Orelia Moore in charge of the devotions.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sang God's Praises to the highest. It is always good to praise God through sons of praise!

Pastor Canady delivered another powerful sermon. His subject was "Are You One of Them?" His scripture text was St. Luke 17:15-17. How did you answer this question? What a wonderful ser-

mon!

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in as well as those who have lost loved ones during the past week. Keep in mind, God

is able!

Thought of The Week: "Submission to God means taking our hands off what belongs to God."

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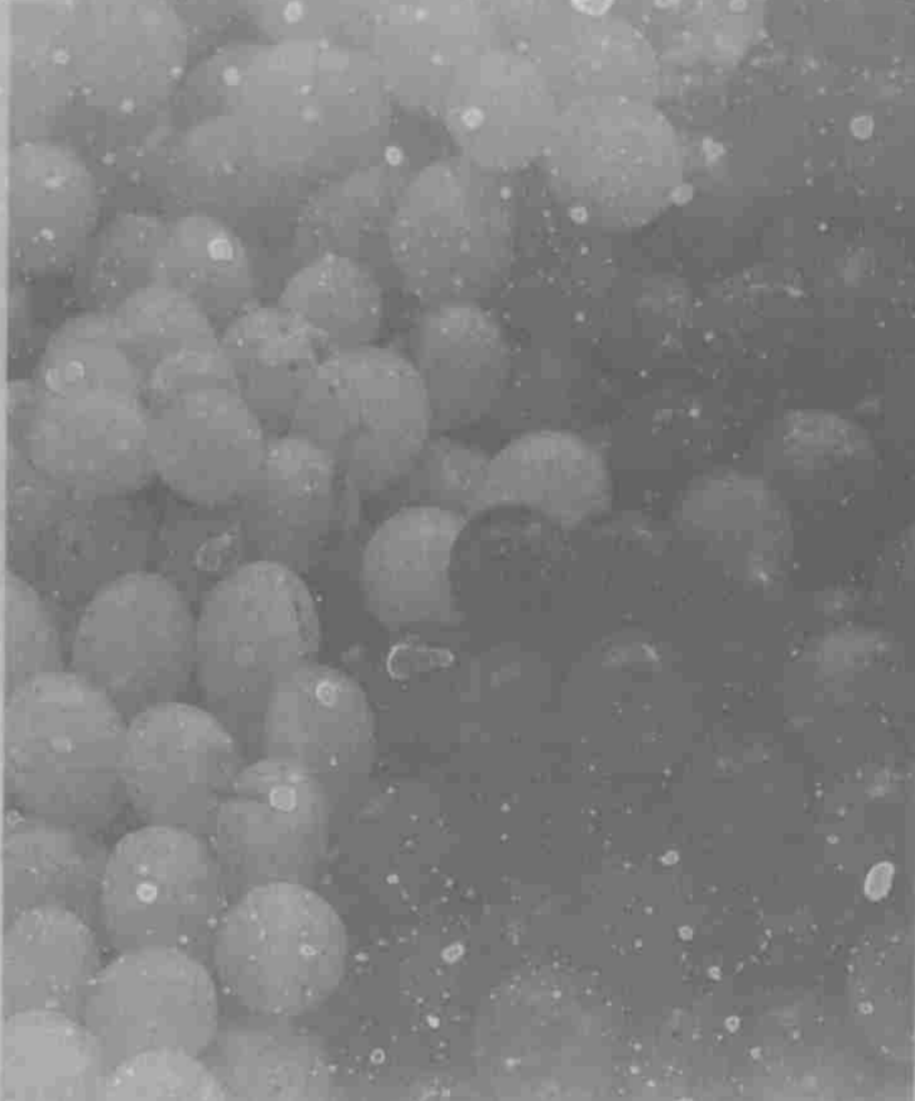
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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

LET'S ALL PRESERVE OUR PRECIOUS WATER! THIS N THAT is asking all Lubbock Citizens to help the MAYOR & LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL in supporting the recent ordinance passed to CONSERVE DRINKING WATER. In order to help with effort, you must not water your yards and gardens during the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. This area of West Texas, which includes Lubbock, is in a drought, and we must all do our part to help in this situation. Keep in mind that what we do today will help all of us, but most of all, it will help the future of our children. So let's do our part to help everyone. Remember, it takes all of us to make it really happen. Oh yes, THIS N THAT was pleased with the efforts of both the Lubbock Council and Lubbock Commissioners Court to ask all CITIZENS to pray to the ALMIGHTY GOD for rain, and there's no doubt about it, something will happen! This is the answer to any drought, because HE knows how much we can bear and what we need!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "PRAYERFUL THINKING leads to purposeful THANKING."

ESTACADO ALUMNI AND FACULTY NEEDED! THIS N THAT wants to encourage those of you who are ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI & FACULTY to get

involve with the upcoming 40TH YEAR 7TH-CLASS REUNION, which will take place July, 2007. At present time, there are class reunion meetings held at the Robbie Gean & T.J. Patterson Library at 1836 Parkway Drive. The reunion committee meets every second and third Sunday beginning at 7:00 p.m. Of most importance at present time are those of you who were students from 1967 - 2007. For more information, call the president, LINDA HUNTER-DAVIS at (806) 747-8389. As their motto goes, "TOGETHER WE STAND - A MATADOR FOR LIFE!"

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OUR YOUNG BLACK MEN NEED OUR HELP! THIS N THAT is pleading that as many of us who can reach out and encourage our YOUNG BLACK MEN, as it seems as though there are so

many obstacles in their path. Just think of what a little encouragement would do to help these YOUNG BLACK MEN. Now don't get us wrong. We are merely talking about those who have begun to give up, and don't realize they have so many opportunities to accomplish what they would like, and that they wouldn't need to take any short cuts to make it. THIS N THAT recognizes the fact that there is so much talent among our YOUNG BLACK MEN, but so many will become impatient and try to be slick, thinking they can make doing the wrong thing. But life is not like that. It has to be lived one day at a time. No one said it would be easy, so when you see one of our young Black men headed in the wrong direction, why not take a little time and let him know that there is a much better way. THIS N THAT wants each of you to know OUR YOUNG BLACK MEN need our help. Why not reach out and help one of them and you can do that by merely giving them a kind word. Will you help one of them today?

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Think About It!

Land of the free, home of the brave!

by Eddie P. Richardson

For America to be truly America it must be America for every one of us. This simply means one vote, one man. But when you look at Washington, D. C., it is not so. So what about the Capitol of the United States of America?

This is a strange paradox in American politics when the concerns of more than a half a million citizens are denied their full voting rights. They cannot elect lawmakers who can vote in the United States Congress. Oddly, this disenfranchised situation lives closest to the White House and Capitol Hill, right in the Nation's Capitol - Washington, D. C. It appears from the view this writer has, U. S. leaders careless about erasing this disgraceful glaring defect, perhaps because mostly Black citizens are involved.

We have a similar case in Texas as a result of former Texas Governor Tom Delay, who is also a former U.S. Congressman, who led the immoral redistricting plan for Texas. He actually took over the Governor's Office to orchestrate

this ploy which caused Texas much seniority to be lost in the House of Representatives, including a very good friend and West Texas Senior Congressman and a friend of farmers. He is Charles Stenholm who is also a farmer. Today, Delay who was also known as "The Hammer" is gone, but his memory and action lingers. It is hoped that his legal problems will continue because of his immoral actions.

Now back to our Nation's shame seeking to arouse voters to face up to the challenge. D.C. delegate Eleanor Holmes-Norton, the District's Non-Voting attendee in the House of Representatives, launched a new campaign to change the current law. With the Congressional Black Caucus, which is considered to be the most effective Black Political Organization, many supporters are paying attention to the efforts of several members to succeed current Chairman Rep. Mel Watt of North Carolina. At this time, both political parties are seeking to attract minority voters for this upcoming

fall election, as a Presidential Election in about two years. The Caucus' Chair will be a key figure in setting up the party's race relations from work. Odds favor a woman, and a Southern for the Caucus Chair post. High on the list of favor are: Texas Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee; Michigan Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick, and South Carolina Rep. James E. Clyburn. Now is the time to register to vote and make your voice heard if you fail to vote. Shut the hell up as you have no right to complain as too many people suffered and even died to give all citizens the right to vote. We are too apathetic, too lazy, and just don't care. We need to vote so our voices will be heard. Fail to vote, and we have no reason to complain as you deserve what you get.

Closing Thoughts: "Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

"We can't all be heroes, because someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by." Will Rogers

Texas Tech basketball releases upcoming schedule and announces televised games

The Texas Tech Red Raiders have their 16-game conference schedule for the 2006-2007 season in place with all of the games being televised.

The Red Raiders open conference play on ESPN Regional from the United Spirit Arena against Oklahoma on January 6 followed by their "Big Monday" appearance on ESPN against Kansas State on January 8.

Twelve of the sixteen conference games are currently marked for national or regional television with four of the eight home games and all eight away games featured on national or regional telecasts.

In addition to the game at Kansas State, ESPN will broadcast the Texas Tech-Kansas match-up from the United Spirit Arena on January 20 and the February 10 game at Oklahoma State.

After the home opener against OU, ESPN Regional coverage will be provided for the following games: at Baylor (Jan. 13), at Missouri (Jan. 27), at Oklahoma (Feb. 3), at Texas (Feb. 20), and at Iowa State (March 3).

ESPN2 will televise the January 31 home game against Texas as well as the game at Texas A&M on February 13. CBS will feature Texas Tech's home game against Oklahoma State on

February 24.

The four remaining games (Texas A&M - Jan. 24, Nebraska - Feb. 6, Colorado - Feb. 17, and Baylor - Feb. 28) will be televised on the Texas Tech Television Network as part of the third tier television package created and maintained by Texas Tech Men's Basketball - Special Projects.

Head coach Bob Knight needs 11 victories to break the all-time record for Division I wins held by North Carolina's Dean Smith. Coach Knight is 869-350 (.713) in 40 seasons of head coaching.

Red Raider senior guard Jarriss Jackson was the leading scorer in the Big 12 last season. He topped the conference overall with 20.5 points per game and was first in league contests, averaging 21.7 points. Jackson finished

the year averaging 26.0 points over the last seven games. Overall, he surpassed the 20-point mark in 18 games in 2005-2006.

The Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship will take place in a new venue and state this season, as Oklahoma City hosts in 2007. This season marks the first time since the league began play in 1996-1997 that any city other than Dallas or Kansas City has hosted the basketball postseason championship.

The four-day, 11-game event will take place at the Ford Center from March 8-11. The venue has hosted numerous college basketball games since it opened on June 8, 2002, including the NCAA Championship First/Second Rounds in both 2003 and 2005.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

From time to time, all human beings must come to the realization that they will not live forever. Most of us are healthy when we are young and live vibrant lives. We become adults and become parents and raise our children according to our beliefs and values which we learned from our parents and our education or those things which we learned outside our home, in school and from our friends and associates and our life work experiences.

The work scene and the associates we meet and formulate play a great role in our actions because of our observances of the actions of others and the ultimate outcomes. We amass a great deal of worldly possessions while employed; things that we desire

to help us to be happy on this journey of life. Other than things, some of us gain and put away a good deal of money in some form or another for our rainy days or to leave an estate for posterity. Sometimes we have tunnel vision when it comes to what will happen to our possessions once we have taken that last step toward eternal rest. Sometimes we do not have enough information about the laws of the state in which we reside to make worthwhile decisions. Since we cannot determine when the end will come, we should make plans that will be effective anywhere.

It is difficult for married couples in states with community property laws to each make a separate will for things that they own together, because God only knows which one will pass into eternity first should they remain together and married. Too often, a sick husband with a seemingly well wife is expected to die before the wife, so she will make a will to dispose of their property and behold, she will die first.

Then what happens to her will, especially if she has chosen her favorite son to execute it. He cannot ignore the fact that his father still lives and the joint property is now all his. No matter which spouse bought property while married, whatever is accumulated while married, belongs to both spouses. Children of such situations, need to get "in cinque" and confer with the law before feeling that they can put Pop out and ignore him and take control of his possessions just because their mother died. She may have ignored him, but the law is still on his side. The children must deal with the living parent and accept whatever he decides that they can have and when.

Even in states where community property laws do not exist, married widows do have some rights, regardless to the number of children either spouse owned. When making your will, it is best to see a counselor at law unless you are well versed in your rights in your state.

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Don't let back-to-school break the bank

PHOENIX, Ariz. - Many parents have a love-hate relationship with the back-to-school season. They love that their children will be back in class, but they hate the costs associated with it.

According to the National Retail Federation (NRF), families in the U.S. are expected to shell out \$17.6 billion on back-to-school gear this season, up from \$13.4 billion last year. The average family will spend nearly \$530 for back-to-school items.

"Back-to-school spending can be a huge burden for many families, especially those living paycheck-to-paycheck," said Mike Sullivan, director of education for Take Charge America, a nonprofit credit counseling agency. "If you use a credit card to pay for back-to-school expenses and can't pay the balance off immediately, you can end up paying hundreds of more dollars in the long run."

The NRF says electronics and clothes fuel the majority of school-related costs. Finding ways to control spending while ensuring your children are prepared for a year of learning is no easy feat.

Sullivan has seven tips to help you stretch your cash this shopping season:

Create a Back-to-School Budget - How many times have you gone shopping for a few small items, and come back with much more? It happens to all of us, and it can be detrimental to our pocketbooks. Create a list of what your child absolutely needs and stick to it. If your child is shopping with you, explain your strategy ahead of time and enlist him or her in helping you find the best bargains. This can be a good opportunity to brush up on math and life skills for your child.

Buy in Bulk - Organize a back-to-school shopping trip with family, friends and classmates. Purchasing the basics in bulk can save a lot of cash now and in the future when more supplies are needed.

Go Online - Before you shop for textbooks in bookstores, check out online sales. Web sites like www.amazon.com and www.campus.com offer deals on new and used textbooks. Just be sure to

order the books at least two weeks before the first day of class to allow for shipping time.

Break Open the Piggy Bank - Have your kids chip in for their back-to-school shopping. They will be more likely to spend less if they are paying a percentage of the total cost.

Wait It Out - Unless your child's school requires uniforms, don't buy your child's entire back-to-school wardrobe before school starts. Buy a few items for those important first days and let them scope out the new trends before purchasing the rest. Most kids wear a few favorite things anyway so large wardrobes usually lead to unworn or barely worn items. When it comes to supplies, wait and see what teachers require before you blow your budget. This way, you don't end up paying for items that your child won't use.

Recycle Supplies - If your kid's backpack or binder are still in good shape, don't purchase new ones just because it's a new school year. Offer to trade with a friend or encourage your child to decorate with appropriate, original art. If

you must buy new items, purchase a classic-looking backpack that won't go out of style before the next school year.

Out with the Old, In with the New - Many kids outgrow their clothes before they are worn out. Sell clothes that are still in good condition to consignment or used clothing stores. You can use the money you make to help purchase new clothing items. You can also take brand-conscious kids to outlet malls and spend a fraction of what you would in department stores or boutiques. Save gas and money by buying online. There are a number of second-hand and surplus Web sites with good bargains. Just make sure to check out the seller through online feedback.

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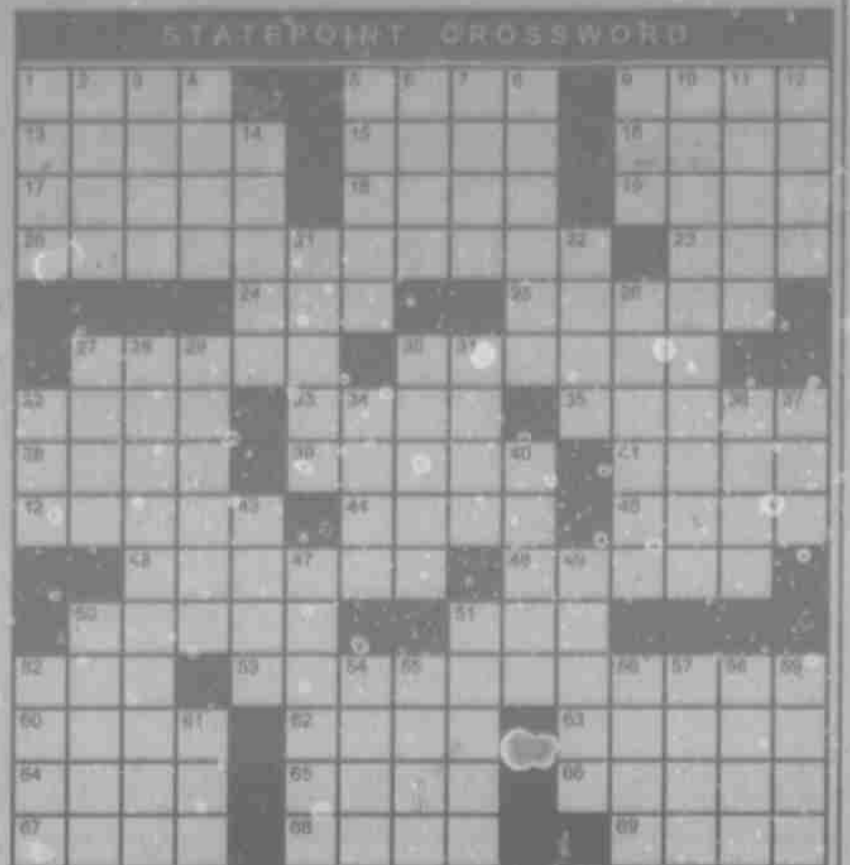
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5. Soviet Union and its allies formed Eastern _____
9. Open
13. Used in adhesives and synthetic rubber products
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17. Muslim God
18. Alight, past tense
19. Sound made to get attention
20. Home to Old Faithful
23. Step on it
24. Female
25. Sudden occurrence of disease
27. Alaskan national park famous for its fjords
30. Actress Loren
32. Video In Video Out
33. Racy
35. This Grand national park is named after the tallest one on the range
38. Individual unit
39. Porch
41. Pakistan's official literary language
42. Six of them are in 1 million
44. Edible pod
45. Part of a hammerhead
46. Gramophone-shaped award
48. Smelling organ, pl.
50. Popular Russian female name
51. Heart to Cupid
52. Female reproductive cell, pl.
53. Huge gorge in Colorado River
60. A la _____ with ice cream
62. Prayer leader in mosque
63. Hangman's knot
64. Augments
65. Australian palm
66. Short poems of pastoral life
67. Famous Loch in Scotland
68. Yemen port
69. It gets on a chimney sweep


- of Cavalier and _____
2. "The Man Without a Country" author
3. Short for it will
4. Deep, prolonged sound
5. Nonchalantly unconcerned
6. Jaunty rhythm in music
7. A mixture or medley
8. Cats' favorite herb
9. Great mountain range in Europe, sing.
10. U2's 1987 hit album is namesake of this national park
11. Same as apse
12. Network of intersecting nerves
14. Bantu language related to Zulu
21. Party members who supported American Revolution
22. Not counterfeit
26. Traffic jams
27. Flying toy
28. National park famous for its gators
29. "_____ mister nice guy!"
30. Distinguishing feature of Great Mountains bordering Tennessee and North Carolina
31. _____ and terminator
32. As follows
34. Particle in A-bomb
36. Lyric poems
37. The female equivalent of a monk
40. Jodie Foster hid in this room in 2002 thriller
43. Spill the beans
47. Home to boats
49. Native of Oman
50. Call forth
51. He's in advertising
52. A sign
54. In the middle of
55. Back of the neck
56. Sign of assent, pl.
57. Cellist Ma
58. Capital of Norway
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