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Significant changes during Civil War & Reconstruction



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 Karma 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 Market 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 Grandtulepe & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.

- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles 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 p.m. All Estacado Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.

Growing Activism

During the 1840s black abolitionists developed a variety of strategies for abolishing slavery. The call by the Rev. Henry Highland Garnet (1815-82) for a slave uprising was almost adopted at an 1843 meeting of black representatives. The outspoken black orator and writer Frederick Douglass, a former Garrison supporter, in 1847 joined with Martin Delany (1812-85), a pioneer black nationalist, to establish an independent black journal, the North Star.

Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, and Maria Stewart (1803-79) were active abolitionists. Tubman and others helped slaves escape through the Underground Railroad.

The Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 (see Fugitive Slave Laws) increased pessimism among blacks about the possibility of a peaceful end to slavery. Several violent clashes occurred when armed blacks tried to protect escaped slaves or sought to free captured fugitives. Abolitionist resistance in Boston was so strong that 2000 soldiers were required in 1854 to escort Anthony Burns, an escaped slave, to a ship that returned him to the South. Black pessimism was further strengthened in 1857 by the Dred Scott Case ruling that blacks were not considered U.S. citizens. During this period, black militants such as Garnet and Delany decided that blacks could progress only by remaining separate from whites, and in 1859 Delany led an exploratory expedition to Africa to prepare the way for future African-American colonies. Although these advocates of black nationalism were a minority within the antebellum black community, they reflected the growing belief that slavery was a basic part of the U.S. political system.

Thus, the white abolitionist John Brown found many blacks in sympathy with his plans to spark a slave uprising, and five blacks later participated in Brown's unsuccessful raid on the U.S. arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Va. (now West Virginia), in 1859.



A group of "contrabands" (ex-slaves) in Cumberland Landing, Virginia. About 22 women, children and men. May 14, 1862. Photographer: James F. Gibson.

CIVIL WAR, RECONSTRUCTION, AND URBAN MIGRATION

Although most northern whites did not expect the Civil War to result in the elimination of slavery, black abolitionists offered their services to the Union cause with that end in mind. Northern policy regarding black enlistments was inconsistent, however, for President Abraham Lincoln and other leaders hoped to preserve the Union without abolishing slavery or ending discrimination in the North.

Blacks in Union Service

Few blacks were initially permitted in the northern military forces. As casualties mounted during 1862, however, northern military commanders sometimes recruited black soldiers without explicit authority, and Congress finally gave the president authority to use black troops. Lincoln also issued his Emancipation Declaration, freeing slaves held by southerners who remained in rebellion as of Jan. 1, 1863. This act had little immediate effect but did signal the change in Lincoln's

racial attitudes that eventually led to a constitutional prohibition of slavery by the 13th Amendment.

Even after gaining acceptance into military service, however, black soldiers suffered racist treatment from many of their white officers. The Confederates generally treated their black prisoners with brutality. When several hundred black troops at Fort Pillow, Tenn., were captured in 1864, they were murdered by the southern forces. By the end of the war, the Union had become dependent on the services of 186,000 black soldiers and sailors, 21 of whom received the Medal of Honor, and Congress acceded to black demands for equal pay, retroactive to the date of enlistment.

The slaves' desire for freedom was demonstrated during the war by escapes from plantations threatened by Union troops. In the early part of the conflict, some northern commanders returned slaves to their masters, while others forced escapes to work for the Union Army. In a few instances, blacks were allowed to farm land confiscated from white

planters, but most of these lands were returned to their former owners at the end of the war. The Freedmen's Bureau, established in March 1865, assumed responsibility for the welfare of free slaves, but a clear national policy regarding the future status of blacks emerged only gradually.

Reconstruction

Despite the Union victory, southern blacks experienced severe restrictions on their freedom after the Civil War. Many hoped that they would be given confiscated or abandoned lands and thereby gain economic independence, but white landowners succeeded in passing "black codes" to restrict black landownership and freedom of movement. This southern recalcitrance prompted Congress to extend the life of the Freedmen's Bureau and to pass civil rights legislation protecting black rights. President Andrew Johnson's veto of this legislation, and the subsequent defeat of his Democratic party in the 1866 congressional elections, led radical Republicans to take charge of the Reconstruction of

the South.

Congressional Reconstruction failed to eliminate black economic dependency, but the Freedmen's Bureau provided needed rations and medical care for ex-slaves. The bureau's greatest success was in literacy training and in helping to establish black colleges, including Howard University. Yet improved education was of little benefit to black farmers, who lacked both land and non-agricultural job opportunities; many blacks were thus forced back into conditions resembling slavery. Eventually, most former slaves became sharecroppers. This system left blacks under the domination of white creditors who provided them with animals, seeds, and tools (see Peonage).

Although it left white economic domination unaltered, the federal occupation of the South temporarily provided a setting in which black leaders could seek political office and promote such political reforms as improved public education and an end to property qualifications for voting, imprisonment for debt, and segregation in public facilities. In South Carolina, blacks achieved considerable influence, holding at various times the offices of lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, and speaker of the house. In Louisiana, the black lieutenant governor P. B. S. Pinchback (1837-1921) served as acting governor for some time after the white governor was removed from office. Although two black men - Hiram R. Revels and Blanche K. Bruce (1841-98) - became U.S. senators, and blacks held some 15 seats in the House of Representatives, blacks never controlled any state government. The official corruption that was later attributed to black rule in the South was merely part of a national trend toward the exploitation of government by business interests. In general, southern blacks attempting to exercise their newly acquired rights faced growing terrorism from such groups as the Ku Klux Klan.

More next week.

Lubbock's Best Dressed awards to be presented next month



Berry

R. Davis

W. Davis

The "Top Ten Best Dressed Black Men & Women" contest will be held Saturday afternoon, March 3, 2007, at the Booker T. Washington, American Legion, Post 808, 4102 61st Street, in Yellow House Canyon. This is the second presentation by the Southwest Digest.

The purpose of this program is image building. There are no rules, and no ticket selling context. The community residents are the judges, and each contestant's name was submitted from a coupon which was published in the Southwest Digest, and our readers mailed those citizens' names to the newspaper. Anyone was allowed to nominate themselves, a neighbor, relative, friend, co-worker, a church member or other. The winners were chosen by the number of entries mailed to or delivered to the Southwest Digest.

This is two-fold occasion which is positive for the community and allows the contestants to model their wares in the community as well as a community topic and a chance for people to prepare for next year. The nominees for men are as follows: Lamont Ford,

Charles Taylor, Fulton Berry, Minister Edwin Scott, Floyd Price, Pastor Wendel Davis, Greg Ricks, Quincy White and Pastor Roy Davis.

Others are: Willie Griffin, Jr., Pastor Eddie Everline, Jr., Ossie Curry, Pastor William Watson, Bill Raven, Oscar Jones, Pastor C. C. Peoples, Larry Isaac, and Supt. W. David Haynes. Pictures were not available for these.

The nominees for women are as follows: Bennie Sims, Violet Price, Lula Spencer, Myra Haynes, Cleo Quigley, and Bertha Rainwater. Nominees who are not pictured include Legena Gena Collins, Karen Peoples, Lucy White, Carolyn Conwright, Minister Penn Planks and Vellie Blanton. Tickets for this event

maybe purchased at the Southwest Digest, 902 East 28th Street, or from Ms. Shirley Roberson, 773-6097. Tickets are \$15 per person; and \$5 for school children to age 12.

The Southwest Digest, since its inception, has been promoting people who would not have had an opportunity to appear in the media. "This is what we love to do for our people," said Richardson, co-publisher. "As long as there is a Southwest Digest and the good people support us, we will continue," he continued.

The Southwest Digest is a weekly community newspaper for all people, but primarily oriented to the Black Community and basically reflective of the Black Community, displaying a positive image.



Ford

Haynes

F. Price

V. Price

Quigley

Rainwater

Ricks

Scott

Sims

Spence

Taylor

White

If you find mistakes in this publication, please remember that the staff of this paper are only human. We publish things for all sorts of events and all sorts of people. Unfortunately, some people are always looking for something to criticize.



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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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

A Founders Day Celebration of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will be held at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, on Sunday afternoon, February 18, 2007, beginning at 3 p.m. Local churches have been invited to attend and participate in this program.

Sister Patricia Page is chairman; Rev. Sonia J. Beaty is pastor.

Rev. Sonia J. Beaty, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, will be preaching at the Carter Chapel CME Church in a Fellowship Service on Sunday afternoon, March 11, 2007, beginning at 3 p.m. Rev. Leon Moore is pastor of Carter Chapel CME Church.

This is a great opportunity for the youth of the New Hope Baptist Church as they are in preparation of the Annual Youth and Young Adult summer trip. This year, the group will be traveling to Anaheim, California to visit Disneyland, The Zoo and beach as well as other exciting places. This is a blessed opportunity for all. For more information, contact Sister M. Moton or Sister Hatcher.

This evening, Thursday, February 15, 2007, a Magnet Open House will be held at the Dunbar Middle School, 2010 East 26th

Street. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Gale Latimer at 766-1300.

There's an outstanding program taking place at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson, 1836 Parkway Drive, on Saturday afternoon, February 24, 2007. It is the 5th Annual African American History Month Program and reception. This program will honor our community's military personnel, active and veterans, from all branches of the U. S. Armed Forces. If you have a relative or friend, then advise Helen Viser by calling (806) 767-3300.

Those of us who love pancakes, don't forget the 55th Annual Pancake Festival, sponsored by the Lubbock Lions Club, on Saturday, February 17, 2007, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. This will include all the pancakes and sausages you can eat for only \$4.50 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. Children 2 and under may eat free. For more information, call Amy Paiva at 763-1310.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. There are so many each week. Remember, your prayers, visits, and telephone messages mean so

much to those who are shut in. God is able.

Word was received that one of our longtime citizens, Brother Charles Taylor, is recuperating from hip surgery at Highland Hospital. Your prayers are appreciated.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. The niece of Brother and Sister Hardin Barrow lost a niece, Annie Ruth Williams, who was remembered in Fort Worth, Texas on Saturday, February 3, 2007.

Services were well attended at the New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning, February 11, 2007. Services began with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team was at their post of duty singing God's praises. Minister C. Wilson read the morning scripture. Minister J. McCutcheon offered the morning prayer.

The New Hope Choir was responsible for the singing of several selections. Pastor B. R. Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Standing In The Right Place." His scripture text was Matthew 9:2. It was another inspiring sermon.

After the invitation to discipleship was extended, the morning announcements were read by Sister Pamela Moton. All visitors were welcomed by Brother Bruce McKnight.

Gospel Chorus' Annuz! Musical

The Gospel Chorus of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church will present its Annual Musical on Sunday afternoon, February 18, 2007, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street.

The program will feature special guest Janice Carr, Rev. Norman Gertzi, Sheila Thomas, and Michael Horton.

The public is cordially invited to worship with the Gospel Chorus and others in this musical celebration.

Sister Gloria Lenord, Director; Sister Gracia Taylor, President; and Rev. B.H. Ford, Pastor.

Garnett tapped to lead development

At a press conference today, the North and East Lubbock Community Development Corporation (NELCDC) announced that Isaac Garnett has been named the organization's new executive director.

Before joining the NELCDC, Garnett served as a public housing manager with the Housing Authority of the City of Lubbock. He was responsible for the management of more than 200 units of public housing. From 1997 to 2004 Garnett served as administrator of the drug elimination program and public safety operations of the Lubbock Housing Authority. From 2002 to 2004 Garnett served in Iraq, performing duties in support of "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Garnett and his family have lived in East Lubbock since 1989. Garnett is a Texas Tech University graduate and played football for the Red Raiders under head coach "Spike" Dykes.

In his capacity as Executive Director, Garnett will be responsible for board relations and development; communication, coordination, cooperation with the City of Lubbock; strategic planning, budgeting, collaboration with community groups, external relations and resource development.

The mission of the North & East Lubbock CDC is to create, facilitate and promote development in north and east Lubbock. The NELCDC's current focus includes King's Dominion, a \$6 million single family housing development, financial literacy training, down payment and closing cost assistance, neighborhood shopping center development, and micro-lending.

In Remembrance

Verita Mae Tyrone

Funeral services for Verita Mae Tyrone were held last Saturday, February 10, 2007, at the House of Prayer.

Interment was held at Ralls Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Friday, February 2, 2007.



Tyrone

FASHION FUN

By Shirley Robinson

ELEGANT

Those who opt for the classics never go out of style. Right now, all you have to do to tweak your look is focus on



red, and you don't have to invest in a single outfit. Just wake up your makeup by doing your lips in bright

scarlet. The key to using lip liner is to match it to the color of your lips, not your lipstick. Rather than drawing a thick solid line, blend lip line into your lips by using tiny vertical strokes to build up the color subtly.

Many women steer clear of red lipstick because it seems hard to wear, but the right shade will make you look fabulous. The trick is application. Intense colors look best when they are just dabbed on with the fingertips to soften the edges, so that there are no hard lines... be daring, go red!

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

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Women's Conference at Carter Chapel this weekend

The Carter Chapel CME Church will be sponsoring a Women's Conference on Saturday, February 17, 2007, 420 N. MLK Blvd, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with registration.

The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 1:00 p.m. with the theme "Have You Been Washed In The Blood Of The Lamb?" Speakers will include the following speakers and topics: "Who Is The Lamb?" Sister Bessie Cox, Bethel AME Church, Rev. Sonia Beaty, pastor, "The Purpose Of Being Washed In The Blood Of The Lamb", Sister J. Lang, St. James Baptist Church, Rev. E. Harris, pastor, and "The Reward For Those Who Have Been Washed In The Blood Of The Lamb," Sister Louise Paeely,

Carter Chapel CME Church, Rev. Leon Moore, pastor.

Registration for the Conference is \$7.00, and \$9.00 at the door. Persons may pre-register by mailing to: Women's Ministry

Leaders, Sister Bettie Tinnell, Sunday School Superintendent, Carter Chapel CME Church, 420 N. MLK Blvd., Lubbock, Texas 79403.

According to Sister Tinnell, "men are welcome to attend."

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Where Is The Peace?

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

Ezekiel 13:10 - The Lord said, because they have seduced my people, saying, peace and there is no peace, and one built up a wall, and low, others dammed it with un-tempered mortar.

The America is in trouble, and it's because the people believed in a man with a dream. Jesus said to follow Him, but the Devil blinded their eyes with one of his smoke screens!!!

Jeremiah 23:25-26 - Am I a God at hand, said the Lord, and not a God far off? I have what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart.

America, like Adam in the Garden, thought he was getting his rights. They were wrong. Just like Adam, America doesn't want to repent, and return to God where she belongs!!!

Genesis 2:17 - The Lord said, of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it. For in the day that you eat thereof, you shall surely die.

***** **Yes, America Is Slowly Dying!!!** *****

America is like Adam and Eve. Adam knew the way of God, but listened to his wife, Eve. Bringing trouble into the world, by the way of the Devil. America has been deceived!!!

Ezekiel 13:8 - Therefore said the Lord God, because you have spoiled vanity and seen lies. Therefore, behold I am against you, said the Lord God.

The Devil is teaching a lie all over America called "Free At Last, Free At Last! But to be Free in Jesus is the best, and the most happy and peaceful a man can have!!!

*** **Yes, The Devil Robbed God!!!** ***

(The Devil's Rights: Women Rights, Gay Rights, Black Rights, White Rights, KKK Rights, No Prayer In School Rights, Parents Put The Prayer In The Child, Then Send Him To School, No Spanking Rights, Children My Space Rights, Abortion Rights, Drugs Rights, No Respect For Elders Rights, Children 911 When Upset With Parents Rights, Kill The Family Rights, Children Smoking Rights, Kill Your Children Rights, Black Suicide Rights, Child Molestation Rights, and many more!!!)

Luke 12:49, 54-56 - Jesus said, I am come to send fire on the earth, and what will I, if it be already kindled (lit)? 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 the earth. But how is it that you do not discern the times?

*** **It's The Churches That Are Robbing God???** ***

The world is looking for peace all over this un-godly, unhappy miserable land. But they will keep on looking, because they don't want to follow Jesus, God's only man!!!

Luke 19:14 - Jesus said, his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying we will not have this man to reign over us.

Many people try to find peace in jobs, homes, cars, and even marrying another race. But it can only be found in the walk with God, and through His loving grace!!!

Psalms 2:1-4 - Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine (dream) a vain thing? The Kings of the earth set themselves, and the Rulers take counsel together against the Lord, and against his anointed (Jesus), saying, let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cards from us. He that sit in the heavens shall laugh. The Lord shall have them in division.

In the homes there is no peace. There is no joy, and no happiness can be found. The father kills his children, his wife and himself. We know the Devil is all around!!!

Matthew 11:28 - Jesus said, come unto me all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith America's Love Affair with Fair Skinned People

It appears that many Americans have a love affair with the color of one's skin. This love affair appears to circumvent racial lines while attacking and infecting the very fabric of our society.

One of the major news media ran a story pointing out in the economic scheme; light skinned people earned more than their darker-skinned counter-part.

Those of us who are of majority African descent who attended segregated schools well remember how skin tone would affect your goals and directions in life. The statement "If you are black, get back" was not a falsehood or a joke of one's imagination. Persons of dark ebony complexion had to work harder to achieve the mark academically because of the unspoken and hidden notion their learning curve was not develop as those of fair skin.

In the community, I lived as a child the owner of the grocery store daddy was alleged to be a white man. His brother alleged to be white, own a business in the small town. Because of the skin-tone and his father, his family would let you know parts of his anatomy weighed more than others of darker completion in the community.

Last week I was dining with people who skin-tone was the object of mine. We were discussing the state of the economy

and the state of the country. We engaged in the conversation of the declining middle class in America and how Americans were feeling the pains of the Iraq war. I reminded them of how China was holding our note on borrowed money. I expressed the person who holds the financial note has the privilege of calling in the account if there is a default regardless of the so-called safeguards that may have been written in the loan. Because of the enormous budget deficit, I explained, our grand and great grand children are facing a financial dilemma.

This led to the question as to what do you think about Hillary Clinton and that boy Obama. The conversation continued with those who were of a different racial stock and white skin saying he is young and green. He lack experience and because of who he is, he does not have the intelligence to be America's president.

I replied saying, "I think the gentleman is qualified to be president in a way far superior than our present leadership. He was among the top of his class at Harvard and editor of the Harvard Law Review." The reply: "because he went to Harvard does not mean anything. His daddy is not an American" Those who are acquainted with this writer can imagine where the conversation proceeds from that

point. As Americans, we are dooming ourselves to ruin because of our love affair with people who are light in skinned tone. It appears that the state of Louisiana's old syndrome of one ounce of black blood is hidden in the hearts of many. You would think that the people who are hated by the majority of people on planet earth would not look down on their fellow citizens. One must not forget it says somewhere: "The bottom rail will become the top rail." It appears America is hastening its destiny.

Listen again to what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said in his "I Have a Dream Speech." - I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to self-evident: that all men are created equal; that one day (we) will lie in a world where (we) will not be judged by the color of (our) skin but by the content of (our) character: one day ... little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers; one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

We're just out here with a few words, asking what does the Lord require of us??? In order to please the Lord is not enough for us to attend Sunday morning worship, fulfill all the important rituals and responsibilities of the Church. But there is more to our faith than religious rituals. God wants us to dedicate ourselves to fulfilling his requirements in our daily living.

Micah 6:8 says that there are three requirements of God for us - to do Justice, to Love Kindness, and to walk Humbly With Your God. For the Jews, these requirements were nothing new. God had already told them about Justice, Kindness and Humility, Justice simply means being Fair to one's neighbor and doing what is right in one's dealing with others. It means making a fair business exchange. Giving a fair deci-

sion. Justice means giving everyone a fair and equal chance under the Law, regardless of social or economic status. When there is Justice, the rich are not able to take from the poor, and the wealthy do not rob the weak. Where there is Justice, there is no segregation, discrimination and police brutality. A just people or a just Community will not take people's Welfare Checks or Food Stamps while permitting the affluent to have subsidies and big tax breaks. Kindness is another requirement of God that was very much an ethical teaching of Jesus. Kindness is a warm and friendly way, we are suppose to treat others. In order to be kind, we must be good to someone. Kind People do not lie and cheat on one another. A Kind society doesn't mistreat its children, youth and elderly. Nor does it

deny its members the basic necessities of life. Kind people don't spread false rumors and malicious gossip. Nor do they fail to help those who are in need. The way to God is through the door of humility - the one and only way.

Thought: - "Wealth without health is like a check without a signature." Think about it!

For all of our hurting people, if you can receive, speak to that mountain. Mark 11:22-26. Black History, remember "When we all get together, what a time!"

We're praying for you. It doesn't matter where you are or your condition, your color! We're praying for you, and you pray, Saints!

Sister Dorothy Hood, President; Sister Christene Burleson, Vice President; and Sister Elnora Jones, Teacher.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services last Sunday morning, February 11, 2007, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended. Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Harris, and was reviewed by Pastor Canady. The morning lesson was entitled "Life After Death." The lesson text was John 11:17-27.

The morning worship hour began with devotion at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Herman Wilson in charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls. Oh, what a wonderful time in God's house to hear His praises in songs.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful sermon. His subject was "The Lord Needs Volunteers." His scripture text was Isaiah 6:8. What a wonderful and uplifting sermon for all in attendance.

The Sunday School will have their annual program Sunday, February 18, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.

The speaker of the hour will be Rev. Ernest Hopkins from the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Slaton. The theme for the afternoon is "Study To Show Thyself Approved." II Timothy 2:15.

Let us continue to pray for all on the sick and shut-in list. If you know of someone who is ill, then continue with prayer and visits.

Among those include Brother

Gerald Jackson who is a patient at Covenant Hospital, Room 473 East.

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Thought For The Week: "Love people and not things, use things and not people."

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San Francisco, CA - February 13, 2007 - San Francisco, CA - February 13, 2007 - Sports legend Willie Mays and actress Dishon Carroll share a common interest: educating the African-American community of the risks of glaucoma through a national video campaign called "Glaucoma and You."

In honor of Black History Month, EyeCare America, a public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, is working to raise awareness for Glaucoma risk among African-American communities by providing VHS tapes of the "Glaucoma and You" video free of charge. Shipping charges within the United States will also be taken care of by EyeCare America. Those interested in receiving a VHS tape can call 1-877-887-6327 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. M-F, Pacific Time to place an order. The tapes will be available throughout the year while supplies last.

The 30-minute educational video has been developed to increase glaucoma awareness, diagnosis and treatment among African-Americans. The goal of the project is to ignite a call to action within the community that encourages African-Americans to visit eye care professionals earlier in life and get screened for glaucoma before serious damage from the disease can occur.

"Glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness in African-Americans," said M. Roy Wilson, MD. "It normally progresses so slowly that there are no warning signs before permanent damage has occurred to the eye. Educating the African-American community of the importance of having a yearly eye exam could detect glaucoma and prevent vision loss."

According to the Glaucoma Research Foundation, glaucoma is three to four times more common in African-Americans than in Caucasians. In fact, African-Americans ages 45 to 65 are seven times more likely to go blind from glaucoma than Caucasians with glaucoma in the same age group.

What are the symptoms for Glaucoma?

While occasionally, the condition may come on suddenly, most cases progress so slowly there are often no warning signs before damage inside the eye has already occurred. In many cases, a person's side vision (peripheral vision) is affected.

Who is at risk?

While the causes for glaucoma are not completely known, we do know that risk factors for its development include family history, race and older age. Glaucoma may affect people of any age from newborns to the elderly but is more common in adults as they approach their senior years. African-Americans, Hispan-

ics and people with diabetes are also at higher risk of getting the disease.

How is glaucoma treated?

Glaucoma can be treated with any of the following:

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Each exhibitor and dog team will be judged at one of the three different levels of competition: Novice, Open or Utility. These dogs will be demonstrating their proficiency in such exercises as heeling, high jumps, broad jumps, retrieving and scent discrimination. The dogs are working towards various AKC obedience titles and obedience trial championship points.

The newest approved AKC obedience sport, Rally, will be held at this trial. Rally exhibitors will be competing at 3 different levels of difficulty: Novice, Advanced and Excellent. Each dog and handler team competing in Rally will complete a routine filled with a variety of modified obedience exercises which includes 360 and 270 degree turns, jumps, heeling backwards, etc. Each routine is new and different each day.

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Black History in Action: Brooklyn students promote campaign to revive New Orleans

By Jeffrey Buchanan

Brooklyn, NY— Each February children across the United States study examples of student activism on behalf of human rights. During Black History Month, students read about young people marching for voting rights with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma. They see photos of youthful future leaders like John Lewis protesting segregation through student sit-ins in Nashville. They learn how the qualities of youth have helped promote social change in American communities throughout history.

Students from the Benjamin Banneker Academy for Community Development in Brooklyn are putting these lessons into action.

"Black History Month celebrates the black leaders whose struggles and sacrifices gave us the rights and freedoms we cherish today," said La-Keisha Towne, a senior at Banneker Academy. "We want to honor their courage by raising money for Katrina survivors struggling to realize their human rights to return and rebuild their communities."

Banneker Academy students pledged to raise \$5,000 in February for the grassroots social justice group the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) in New Orleans and are also planning on traveling to the region for their spring break to aid ACORN in cleaning up and rebuilding family homes and working class neighborhoods.

ACORN's members have been a driving force for human rights in New Orleans since the levees broke by helping Katrina's survivors to realize their right to adequate shelter, to be able to return to their neighborhoods and to participate in the rebuilding process.

The students are also issuing a challenge for 1,000 other schools, groups, churches, philanthropists, or businesses to step forward and launch their own campaigns to raise a \$5,000 dollar matching donation to help ACORN New Orleans towards a goal of raising \$5,000,000.

Beatriz Grullon, a junior remarked, "By raising these funds and going down to New Orleans we can not only repair homes but the culture. During Black History Month we remember the legacy that our ancestors have left us; New Orleans is a part of that legacy."

The students kicked off their fundraising effort on February 1st, the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's first speech in New Orleans. Banneker Academy are inspired by Dr. King's claim that, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." They recognize the current injustice in New Orleans and how it threatens our national ideals. Banneker Academy students hope this campaign will help more Americans to realize their responsibility to support the storm's survivors in overcoming the many obstacles they face in rebuilding their lives and communities.

Led by their teacher, Terry Ann Samuel, who volunteered with ACORN New Orleans for six weeks and brought the group's work to her student's attention, the students have begun selling items at their school store, selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and snacks during lunch periods, and taking up donations from the community.

"It is easy for people to look at a problem situation and say 'that's a shame', it is quite another to DO something about it and provide realistic, meaningful ways of becoming change agents," said Samuel. "We work with the understanding that every little bit helps; that one is the difference between 99 and 100. This fundraiser is our school's

"little bit" and we hope, sincerely, that others will join us"

The fundraising effort is being coordinated with ACORN Louisiana's head organizer, Stephen Bradberry, who visited the students February 1st to help kick-off their efforts.

During his visit Bradberry described the situation on the ground in New Orleans to the students and thanked them for their efforts. Thousands of homes still lay in shambles almost a year and a half after the storm, Bradberry explained, especially in working class neighborhoods like the Lower Ninth Ward where many still displaced ACORN members once lived.

Federal assistance for rebuilding homes has only reached a handful of families. ACORN has gutted and preserved almost two thousand storm damaged homes free of charge, more than any group in the area, with the help of volunteer labor. Gutting homes is a

necessary step to ensure homeowners have a right to return home by meeting city ordinances, which threaten to possibly seize blighted properties. ACORN continues to mount legal challenges to unjust FEMA policies and lobby the federal, state and local government to protect working class families many who are still displaced from the city.

"How the government treated the largely black victims of the storm generated a lot of emotion out of the black community but now a year and a half later we need to put some of that emotion into action," Bradberry said. "Black communities across the country can work alongside the storm's survivors who are already working in New Orleans by raising funds in their own communities or organizing trips to come down and rebuild these neighborhoods."

"President Bush and other leaders might not make good on their

promises to rebuild New Orleans but together if we can build on the efforts of these kids, bring together a thousand or so groups and raise these funds, together," he said, "then as a community we can still make good on these promises and heal these neighborhoods and the wound this tragedy has left open in our country."

Groups or individuals interested in participating in this campaign can learn more at by emailing donor@acorn.org, visiting www.neworleans.acorn.org/blackhistoryproject, or by calling ACORN New Orleans at 1-800-790-2290.

"No one can help us but ourselves," said Banneker Academy 11th grader Darian Springer. "We are the future. It's up to us to try the hardest to make it better."

Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers: Dogs

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

FIRST ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MARCH! THIS N THAT is glad to see this initiative by the **LUBBOCK JUNE-TEENTH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**, who will sponsor the **FIRST ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONOR MARCH** in honor of influential **AFRICAN AMERICANS**. Participants are asked to bring posters or T-shirts representing these people. The march will take place this Saturday, February 17 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and will begin at the corner of **MLK BLVD. & PARKWAY DRIVE**, and will proceed to the **MLK MEMORIAL** located at Canyon Lake Park. This should be a very electrifying event, and should remind all of us from whence we have come from, and be willing to make positive contributions in our community. **THIS N THAT** would hope this kind of an event will let us, as Black People, know we must **CONTINUE TO PUT BACK INTO THE NEIGHBORHOODS** we grew up and attended school. So **THANKS** to those responsible for this event, and may this serve as a catalyst for many of us.

FORMER MAYOR OF DALLAS WILL SPEAK HERE! THIS N THAT is very excited about a program being sponsored by the **LUBBOCK**

AREA INTERDOMINATION-AL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE & AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY LEADERS. The event will bring the former Mayor of Dallas, **RON KIRK**. He will speak on the subject **"THE BLACK HISTORY, BLACK FUTURE LUNCHEON"** and will be held Monday, February 26, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. According to the president of the organization, Supt. W. David Haynes, "It is hoped this will be the beginning of bring us Black Folk back to our basic and contribute more to our community. Regardless of what people may say or think we as a people can come together and do what we are supposed to do in our community." Tickets for the event are \$25 each and \$250 for a table of eight. For more information, call (806) 441-0151.

YOUNG PEOPLE, ENTER TPA ESSAY CONTEST! THIS N THAT is asking our young people who are **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** and are interested in attending college to enter the **TEXAS PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION** contest, which will have monetary awards of \$2,000, for 1st place, \$1,000 for second and \$500 for third place. The essay must be written on the theme, **"The Texas Black Press: Challenging the Past, Creating the Future."** See the advertise-

ment in the Southwest Digest for more information.

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14TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY BOWL! THIS N THAT remembers when former principal of Hunt Elementary School and school board member **VERNITA HOLMES** came up with the idea of an **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY BOWL**. This year's event will be held next Thursday, February 22, 2007 at Alderson Middle School, and will start at 9:30 a.m., with an opening ceremony. This annual even brings sixth graders from throughout the Lubbock Independent School District, and is a very positive event. It continues to help our young people to know about African American History. If you get an opportunity, why not drop by the opening ceremonies?

State leaders to recommend tips for enhanced education

Statewide Leaders in Workforce, Education and Economic Development will meet in Austin Thursday to discuss the current education system in Texas as it relates to Texas employers. The meeting, hosted by the Texas Association of Workforce Boards, will be moderated by Dr. Ray Marshall of the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Marshall currently serves as the Commissioner for the New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce. The group will review education reform recommendations brought forth in the recently published "Tough Choices, Tough Times" report issued by the New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce. This report addresses the gaps, challenges and needs of the nation's current education system and provides a number of recommendations to enhance the education system to meet the future demands of a global workforce.

The recommendations include, but are not limited to, the following: Make much more efficient use of available resources; Develop Standards, Assessments and Curriculum that reflect today's needs and tomorrow's requirements; Create high-performance schools and districts; Provide high-quality, universal early childhood education; Give strong support to the students who need it most; Enable every member of the American adult workforce to learn new literacy skills; Create Personal Competitiveness Accounts.

Texas Association of Workforce Boards Chair Tyane Dietz urges Texas business and education leaders to participate in the discussion and development of legislative recommendations.

"Participants will be asked to consider and support the proposed legislative recommendations developed by The New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce. Texas must educate and train its people in order to ensure our state's growth and success in the world economy. It's in everyone's best interest - be they rich or poor, rural or urban - to prepare our young people with education and training to ensure the highly skilled workforce required for Texas and the United States to compete in today's global economy."

The Texas Association of Workforce Boards is comprised of twenty-eight local workforce development boards across the state. As the Governor's resource, the Texas Association of Workforce Boards is uniquely situated to provide input from business leaders and serve as the business voice for the state's workforce system. The association is a primary resource for workforce matters when legislation arises affecting Texas' workforce system and works hand-in-hand with the workforce development, education and economic development leaders in Texas to ensure a competitive business climate.

The Texas Association of Workforce Boards Education Taskforce Committee is chaired by Simon Salas of San Antonio. The taskforce members have worked for the past twelve months to study and address the state's current education system as it relates to business and economic priorities. Having reviewed the "Tough Choices, Tough Times" report, the taskforce members believe the recommendations developed by The New Commission

on the Skills of the American Workforce are fundamental to the future success of the American workforce. The meeting will provide a forum by which other state leaders may join the Texas Association of Workforce Boards in developing and supporting legislative recommendations suggested in the "Tough Choices, Tough Times" report. For more information on the "Tough Choices, Tough Times" report, visit the New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce website at www.skillscommission.org.

MEETING DETAILS:
Texas Association of Workforce Boards Education Taskforce Forum
Thursday, March 15, 2007
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12:00 - 4:00 pm

RSVP's have been received by representatives of the State of Texas Governor's Office, the Texas Business and Education Coalition, Texas Education Agency, Texas House of Representatives, The Office of Rural and Community Affairs, US Dept. of Labor and the Texas Workforce Commission, to name a few.

For more information, contact Lisa Spears at (806) 777-6387.



Think About It!

More On Black History Month

by Eddie P. Richardson

For the past two weeks, we have been giving information on Black History Month on how it was formed. This week, we will continue with some information and quotes from the book, "The Mis-Education of The Negro," by Dr. Carter G. Woodson.

The esteemed Dr. Carter G. Woodson was a man ahead of his time. Back in 1926, he founded a week that would soon grow into what we now know as **Black History Month**. Then in 1935, he wrote what is considered his most important work, "The Mis-Education of The Negro", which is an analysis of the roles of Black people in society which the mind of a man who was unafraid to question history's exclusions from schools before the dawn of African-American studies. He challenged our perception of ourselves as Black people in America and The Mis-Education behind it.

If you have not read it yet, you must; not only for your sake, but for the sake of generations to come.

This writer also has problems with Black History or any other ethnic history. Personally, I do not believe in Black history, but have to go along with it because it is a necessary evil. I believe in true American history. If we would have over the years been exposed to true American history, there would not be any need for Black history or any other ethnic history. If we would have had true history all along. As H. G. Wells said many years ago about the poison given to us as history.

Every group that came to these shores made positive contributions to this country, but so much has been left out or altered or lied about. If we would have had true history every group's positive contribution would be

known and a lot of the problems we have now would not have happened, especially racial or group problems. These would not have happened!

America is the melting pot with many tribes and groups who have been denied its true place in making America what it is today.

Yet, it is not too late to correct these overlooked rightful places in history. Then, we all can sing God Bless America in unison and have the true meaning of America The Beautiful and truly the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave!

Anyway, this is the way it really is today, and all of us really have a tremendous job to do for the benefit of the United States of America.

Closing Thought: "I am my brother's keeper and love thy neighbor as thy self!"

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

It is becoming more and more difficult to have all of America's classrooms manned by a teacher. Colleges are offering the curriculum necessary to become a teacher, but many are still not fully qualified to teach in some areas due to the detailed requirements of many states to fulfill the "No Child Left Behind" which has been federally mandated. This has resulted in a fast turnover in some school districts.



Howard

There are many, too many children being left behind because qualified teachers are at a premium these days. Retired teachers are going back into the classroom to teach because there is a shortage of teachers. Teachers who have been retired for more than two years, though qualified, are being treated as though they are "new" teachers who need to learn how to teach when they come out of retirement to help to bridge the gap between what many states want and what they have regarding qualified teachers.

There has been in place the screening of teachers who wanted to major in education which eliminated young people whom probably would have been good teachers, had they had the opportunity to prepare. As a result of past screening, many vacancies are open for teachers. Consequently, the retired pool is being called upon to fill the vacancies which could have been filled by qualified young teachers. As a rule, the older teachers who command higher salaries based on education and experience, cost school districts more than a cadre of young teachers with up-to-date fresh ideas, but so often lacking in skills.

Many school districts have tried to cut down on expenditures by buying out the tenured contracts of older experienced teachers in order to hire young blood

and many have discovered that too often, the young blood is not available and they must fill vacancies with whomever they can secure, qualified or not. It is difficult to meet the demands of NCLB with qualified teachers, so how can districts meet the standards when there is constant personnel turnover coupled with burnout? They cannot do it.

Education was an area which was left to the discretion of the several states in the U.S. Constitution, but with all of the federal funding, executive orders seem to be here to stay. It is time that we get "in cinque" and get our Congressmen and women to realize that states have a grasp on the educational outcome for the state and overall federal mandates should not be the order of the day.

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Texas Tech announces Guaranteed Tuition Program

In an effort to increase access to higher education, Texas Tech University System Chancellor Kent Hance announced a plan to offer free tuition and mandatory fees to some Texans.

During testimony before the Texas House of Representatives Higher Education Committee, Hance announced a plan that would guarantee 100 percent of tuition and mandatory fees for the average course load for all new freshman students from Texas whose family's adjusted gross income does not exceed \$40,000. The plan will go

into effect for the fall 2007 semester. "Texas Tech is committed to providing higher education opportunities for financially disadvantaged Texans," said Hance. "It is vital that we find ways to make college affordable for as many Texans as possible. The state's future depends on a well-educated population."

"We will pay for eight semesters of higher education, the time it typically takes to complete a degree," said Texas Tech University President Jon Whitmore. "This means that many students who did

not think they could afford college now can. A degree from Texas Tech means a brighter economic future for these students and for our state."

The Red Raider Guarantee program is available to first-time freshman students who are Texas residents and who enroll as full-time students each semester. Students must also be eligible for federal financial aid. Eligible students who complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form before May 1, 2007, are guaranteed to receive funds. Any applications received after

May 1, 2007, will be awarded based on available funding. Students may qualify for the program for up to eight semesters of full-time enrollment.

Texas Tech students who are enrolled in 15 credit hours per semester currently pay \$6,800 in tuition and mandatory fees per year. Under the new program, tuition and mandatory fees will be paid by a combination of federal, state and institutional funds.

Eligible students are encouraged to learn more at www.redraiderguarantee.ttu.edu.

Arbor Day Foundation offers ten free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees

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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to

grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28,

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Ron Kirk to be guest speaker at luncheon

The Lubbock Area Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and African-American Community Leaders will present The Black History, Black Future Luncheon at the Baker Conference Center, Lubbock Christian University on Monday, February 26, 2007, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25.

Keynote speaker will be the former mayor of Dallas, Ron Kirk, who had made a bid to be elected U. S. Senator in 2004.

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