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## East Lubbock native helps urban African-American and Latino students prepare for college



Cedar Hill, TX - October 3, 2005 - Getting into college just got easier. P.R.O.P.E.L. College Prep Program has partnered with the Cedar Hill Recreation Center to offer a 9-month college prep program for surrounding high school juniors and seniors beginning November 14, 2005. Classes will be held at the Recreation Center once a month on Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons to meet the demands of working parents and active students. Each month focuses on a different aspect of the college admissions process. The cost of the program is only \$25 per month plus a \$5 enrollment fee compared to the costs of most college planning services that range anywhere from \$250 to \$3,500 and up. The Cedar Hill program is limited to the first 180 students.



Milton

P.R.O.P.E.L. is a practical, but revolutionary college prep program where juniors and seniors learn to master the college admissions process as well as gain valuable life and professional skills that aren't taught in today's schools. Local guest experts are brought in to discuss topics such as test taking strategies, college finances, stress and time management, essay writing and financial aid planning. The program also uses degreed professionals who serve as volunteer mentors for students through the college planning process.

According to the 2004 State of College Admission Report by the National Association of College Admissions

Counselors, the average counselor spent less than half (39 percent) of their work week engaged in college counseling. The role of the counselor has shifted from offering career and educational guidance to dealing with social problems, further reducing the time given to college planning in the school.

Saki Milton, P.R.O.P.E.L. founder and lead instructor explains, "This problem is glorified when you get into urban schools because of the larger student population. Our goal is to make sure that no child is left behind when it comes to obtaining a higher education. The Cedar Hill Recreation Center is

the perfect facility to launch P.R.O.P.E.L. to the general public. The Cedar Hill community itself is very progressive and the city's demographics are ideal for us. Most community centers offer fitness programs, but lack in educational programs for teens. The Center was very eager to expand its service offering the community, and P.R.O.P.E.L. was just a logical fit for them."

Paul Chappinduka, a sophomore Management Information Systems major at Oklahoma State University and former P.R.O.P.E.L. student states, "At first, I thought the class was pointless. They were trying to tell me about stuff I already knew. Now that I'm actually in college, I can see the program really did prepare me for things I did not know. College is hard because you not only have to be ready academically, but managing time, stress and money are just as important to your learning experience. That's what P.R.O.P.E.L. does. It prepares you on all fronts. I encourage every person to go through the program and take it seriously."

For additional information about P.R.O.P.E.L. or to request student application, contact Saki Milton.

For more information, visit [www.real-vision.net](http://www.real-vision.net) Contact: [saki@real-vision.net](mailto:saki@real-vision.net), Phone: 214-827-1619

### About P.R.O.P.E.L.

P.R.O.P.E.L. (Practical Ratification of Others Pursuing their Educational Launch) was created as a sub-ministry within

The Potter's House Church youth department in Dallas, TX in 2003. Since its inception, the program has been instrumental in placing students in top institutions across the U.S. such as Babson College, Morehouse College and Oklahoma State University. With its unique format, P.R.O.P.E.L. is ideal for church youth groups, high school programs or recreation center expansion.

### About Saki Milton

Saki L. Milton was born and raised in Lubbock, Texas. She graduated from Estacado High School in 1993 and attended Texas Tech University as a freshman and sophomore. Ms. Milton earned her B.A. in mathematics from the University of Texas at Austin and will earn her M.B.A. in marketing from the Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business in Dallas, Texas in December 2005. She is also a youth motivational speaker in the Dallas community.

### About the Cedar Hill Recreation Center

The Cedar Hill Recreation Center is a 54,000-square-foot state of the art facility. It provides a broad range of activities and services for all ages. This Center helps satisfy the growing demand for indoor recreation programs and provides community meeting space. Programs include fitness, youth fitness, after school enrichment, martial arts, dance, cheerleading, youth nutrition and first aid.

## Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Boeker 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/Mauhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center, party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

## Greater St. Luke Baptist Church to host 112th session of Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas



Pictured here are members of the Mass Choir of Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

The Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, will host the 112th Annual session of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas. Dr. G. V. Clark is president. The session will meet October 17 through 20, 2005 at the Lubbock

Memorial Civic Center. Highlights for the session will include services Sunday evening, October 16th, 7:00 p. m. at the Holiday Inn in an evening of Prayer, Worship and remembrance will be the theme with Rev. Robert Castle of Wichita Falls, Texas will bring

the message. Monday evening, October 17th, a Musical Extravaganza of West Texas will involve voices from Lubbock, Midland, Amarillo and Odessa. It will be an evening of "Melody in Songs for God." The program will begin at 7:00 p. m. at

the Convention Civic Center, beginning Monday, October 17th, through Thursday, October 20th.

Thursday morning, October 20th, at 11:00 a. m., President Dr. G. V. Clark will deliver his Annual Address to the Convention. According to Rev. Ford, host pastor, more than 1,200 delegates are expected to be in attendance. "We are glad to host this General Session, and we thank God for this opportunity," he said. "We are looking forward to having a wonderful time in the Lord," he continued.

The Senior Missions One, Two, Junior Mission, Brotherhood Union, Minister's Conference, Ministers Wives and Widow's Conference and Bible Band will be in Session at

the Convention Civic Center, beginning Monday, October 17th, through Thursday, October 20th.

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### Handgun License course offered at SPC

South Plains College Criminal Justice Department will be holding a Concealed Handgun License Course on October 29 at the Law Enforcement Building in Levelland. The new applicant course will be from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and the renewal applicant course will be from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

The class is open to persons that meet the legal requirements under Texas law to be licensed to carry a concealed handgun. The price for new applicants is \$70 and \$35 for renewal applicants. Payment is due

in full at the first class.

The course covers non-violent dispute resolution, weapons storage, safety practices, range safety, basic marksmanship, handgun use, proficiency and concealed handgun license requirements and restrictions. All participants must pass a final written exam demonstrating knowledge and proficiency at the firing range.

Students must pre-register and enrollment is limited to 15 students. For more information, contact 806-894-9611 extension 2356.

### Thompson celebrates 100th birthday



James Thompson, a Lubbock resident since the early 1940's, celebrated his 100th birthday this week. He was born October 13, 1905. He attributes his long life on "keeping his hands in God's hands." He moved to Lubbock from Littlefield.

Mr. Thompson, over the years, was always seen singing in the Mt. Giliead Baptist Church Choir where he led many songs. If you visit with him, he would tell you, "God is able!" A special program will given in his honor Sunday afternoon, October 16, 2005, at the New Zion Baptist Church, 1601 E. K. Blvd. Rev. H. K. Thomas is pastor.

## Space still available for Baby Sale Bonanza

Sell your infant, toddler, preschool clothing (up to size 5T), maternity items, toys, and miscellaneous accessories in a community garage sale setting! Maxey Community Center is hosting its first annual Baby Sale Bonanza on Saturday, October 22, from 2-5 p.m.

Tables are available for \$15 each. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. On the day of the sale, the public is invited to come and purchase items, and admission is free! Refreshments will be available.

Registration forms are available at Maxey Community Center located at 20th Street and Oxford Avenue. The Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 767-3796.

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# Gospel receiving excellent ratings and inspiring viewers

By Karin Williams  
BlackNews.com

It should come as no surprise that a flood of faith-based films would start arriving in theaters in the wake of the astonishing \$400-million box office



Williams

triumph of Mel Gibson's independently-produced, The Passion of the Christ. But what probably couldn't have been predicted, is that a major Hollywood studio might create a wholesome, Christian-oriented, family picture as engaging and entertaining as The Gospel.

Ostensibly inspired by the parable of the Prodigal Son as found in Luke 15: 11-32, the movie was written and directed by Rob Hardy. Now, unless Mr. Hardy has been Born-Again, it's more than a little ironic that he's the brains behind this moving morality play, since he's previously best known for Trois, Trois 2 and Trois 3, a steamy trilogy of thinly-veiled skin flicks passed off as psychological thrillers.

Be that as it may, The Gospel is set in present-day Atlanta, and features an ensemble cast headed by Boris Kodjoe as David Taylor, the son of the

much-beloved pastor (Clifton Powell) of the New Revelations Baptist Church. With the help of an impassioned choir, Bishop Taylor has managed, for years, to keep his local congregation on its feet most Sunday mornings.

Soon after the opening credits, we learn that, although David had once envisioned following in his father's footsteps, he's long since abandoned a spiritual path for a secular one, finding fame and fortune as a pop singing sensation. He's now a multi-millionaire. The plot thickens when Bishop Taylor's wife, who is stricken with an advanced cancer, reluctantly requests that he Me Understand You.

By contrast, during David's conspicuous absence, his childhood friend Frank (Idris Elba) has emerged as the heir apparent to his father's pulpit. For not only is Frank an ordained minister, but he's married David's cousin, Charlotte (Nona Gaye). The problem is that the young couple is already estranged due to his infidelity and his transparent aspirations to become a televangelist by turning her uncle's fledgling church into a media empire via a money-making infomercial.

The plot thickens when Bishop Taylor is stricken with an advanced cancer and left little time to get his affairs in order. When David learns

that his father is terminally-ill, he jets off for his next concert tour on hold and returns home to take care of his dad, over the objections of his avaricious hangers-on.

Though he had been living life in the fast lane, his return to his roots has the superstar rethinking the many selfish and materialistic choices he's made. The once-jeered ladies man even thinks of settling down, especially after he sees his eyes on Ruth (Danyia Gray), a single-mom raising an adorable five-year-old (China Anne McClain) with the help of her forever-meddling sister, Maya (Keshia Knight Pulliam).

While The Gospel introduces more characters than necessary to deliver its simple message about the importance of faith and family, its salsic plot does get delivered despite the clutter of a few too many subplots. The script, though occasionally given to religious asides which might bother non-Christians, deals mostly with commonly-confronted, everyday issues of a universal nature.

The best reason to recommend this movie might be its infectious, irresistible spiritual soundtrack, guaranteed to have persons of any faith swaying in their seats. The uplifting music was arranged by Kirk Franklin and imperceptibly woven into the storyline by adding a number of Gospel

grooves right into the cast, including Yolanda Adams, Fred Hammond, Donnie McClurkin and Martha Munizzi. Expect to dab away a few

tears as you dance up the aisle. Excellent (3.5 stars) Rated PG for adult themes, suggestive material and mild epithets.

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**God's Plan for Saving Man**  
All Ages - Romans 8:28  
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We must see God's will and they can't see heaven - Matt. 7:21-23  
How do we stay firm? - 1 Peter 2:2-10  
How the gospel - Romans 10:17  
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - 1 John 4:19  
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3  
Confess - Romans 10:10  
Be saved by the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38  
Be baptized with water - Matt. 28:19



The Gospel is based loosely on the parable of the prodigal son from the book of Luke.

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## Lubbock City Council votes unanimously for water improvements

The Mayor and City Council held a special city council meeting this morning to continue developing a 100-year water supply for Lubbock. They voted 7-0 to approve actions that will help ensure that the State Region O Water Supply Plan include all of the water supply alternatives that have been identified by the Lubbock Water Advisory Commission.

Final comments on the State Region O Water Supply Plan must be submitted by October 10. Once a water supply project is included in the state plan, the City is eligible to apply for possible state funding and grants, and the city can file for required water permits. The Plan is updated every five years, so the next chance to update the plan will be in

2010. Any interim amendments could cost the City of Lubbock thousands of dollars and could delay progress on project funding and water permits.

The Lubbock Water Advisory Commission presented to the Mayor and City Council a Water Planning Statement for consideration. This statement identifies available water supply alternatives and the infrastructure necessary for those alternatives to deliver water to Lubbock. The Water Planning Statement, like other water supply plans, will continue to be updated and refined as more information is available. The statement is a tool that can guide the planning process and assist the City in making sure that water supply plans, like the State Region O Water

Plan, includes all of Lubbock's water supply alternatives.

The Water Planning Statement supports current efforts for conservation, for use of local groundwater, and for making the best use of existing water supplies from Bailey County well field and from the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA).

The major new water supply alternatives and projects identified include:

Lake Alan Henry, which is already part of the State Region O Plan, and the augmentation of Lake Alan Henry from the North Fork of the Brazos River.

A second CRMWA pipeline to

well water in Roberts County located northeast of Amarillo to bring additional well water to Lubbock.

Further development of the Canyon Lake system in order to capture storm water, recycled water and other potential flows. The development of brackish groundwater that would require desalination efforts.

City staff will now prepare documentation and recommendations for the State Region O Plan to help ensure that all water supply alternatives are included in the plan.

## In Remembrance

**Katherine Montgomery**  
Funeral Services for Katherine Marie Montgomery were held Tuesday morning, October 11, 2005, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. W. d. Davis, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Montgomery passed away Thursday, October 6, 2005,

at Southwest Medical Complex.

**Savanah White**  
Slaton - Funeral services for Savanah White were held Tuesday afternoon, October 11, 2005, at the First Church of Christ in Slaton.

Funeral services were held in the Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. White passed away Thursday, October 6, 2005, at Covenant Health Center.

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by Shirley Roberson  
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**Chatman Hills Corner**  
By Doris Reynolds

The New Hope Baptist Church Family is inviting the community to attend the celebration for their 17 years of service for the First Family, Rev. and Mrs. B. R. Moton, and their daughter, Pam. The celebration will take place Sunday afternoon, November 6, 2005, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The New Hope Baptist Church is located at 2002 Birch Avenue.

New Hope Baptist Church is invited to participate in the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, October 16th, beginning at 3:30 p.m. The New Hope Mass Choir is asked to sing.

Another invite comes from the Irvin Street Baptist Church, 114-MLK Blvd., in Littlefield, on Thursday evening, October 20th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. It is in celebration of their "Annual Brotherhood Day" and the New Hope Male Chorus is asked to sing.

The Frederick Dinglass

Lincoln Committee is sponsoring a Variety/Talent Show on Saturday evening, October 22, 2005, at the Mae Simmons Community Center, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Young people, between the ages of 2 through 21, are needed to participate. For more information, contact either: Joan, (806) 762-8063; Emma Jackson, (806) 762-3350; Gloria Moore, (806) 441-3679 or Hillary Hutchinson, (806) 747-6591.

The theme for this program is: "Be Proud of What You Can Do." Videos will be sold following the program.

The Lubbock Area Client Council will sponsor a "Getting Clients Involved" workshop Saturday, October 15th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., and concluding at 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the Parkway Neighborhood Center, 405 N. MLK Blvd. There will be a noon luncheon, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be a former Lubbock resident, Maria Luisa Mercado, who is a general practice attorney

in Galveston. She is also a member of the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors.

Congratulations are in store for the pastor and members of the Mt. Gilard Baptist Church as they are celebrating their Church Anniversary this week. Mt. Gilard Baptist Church is the oldest Black Church in Lubbock County, Texas. Rev. J. Jerome Johnson is pastor.

Let us continue to pray for those in our community who are sick and shut-in. There are many who are ill, and our prayers would be of great assistance. If you can get an opportunity, then a visit would be very pleasant for someone who is shut-in. Let us remember, God is able.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church. Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon entitled "I Still Have A Day." Scripture text was Phil. 4:4-7. It was a most inspiring message.

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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus Don't put that sinner man in heaven

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

Prover. 15:24 - The way of life is above to the wise. But he may depart from hell beneath. I have heard so many Preachers, who want to keep friends with the family, won't preach the sinner man's funeral the way it is suppose to be!

Mark 9:50a - Jesus said, salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, where with will it be salted? They preach about the truth, about the place we have gone.

Luke 16:27-29 - Jesus said, he (the sinner man) said, I pray thee, therefore, Father, that you would send him (Lazarus) to my Father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham said unto him, they have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them. (Many Preachers have a saying, "When Jesus returns, you are going to be lost!" But that is not the truth. When Jesus returns, if you are not saved, you are already lost!!!)

Revelation 20:15 - Whosoever name was not found in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. The Preacher wants to stay friends with his un-

godly hell bound friends. The Preacher will not preach the true word of God which is about dying in their sins!

James 4:4 - You adulterous and ad-herents know you do not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

The Preacher won't tell of his six scattered children who live in this very town, and him no waiting or supporting, not one of them, while he is around!!

Matthew 25:41b - Jesus said, depart from me, you cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels.

I Timothy 5:8 - If any provide not for his own, and specifically for those of his own house. He has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel (heathen).

The Preacher won't tell of his drug dealings, and wild living in the streets, but he came by the Church, and lift his so-called tithes and offerings you see!!

Acts 8:20 - Your money perish with you, because you have thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

The Preacher needs to tell his friends and family, this message

is not for the dead, because he won't be able to hear the word of God - the truth - and what is said!!

John 3:17 - Jesus said, for God sent his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

The Preacher won't tell of his fingers of diamonds, and the gold on his front teeth, but like I say, of his six children, not one of them did he ever give food to eat!!

Jeremiah 9:23-24a - The Lord said, let not be wise man glory in his wisdom. Neither let the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glory, glory in this, that he understand and know me.

Preaches need to start giving the Devil nightmares by preaching to the lost souls. They need to tell them while you can the truth of where the un-saved souls will go!!

Isaiah 5:14 - Therefore, hell has enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure, and their glory and their multitude and pomp, and he that rejoices shall descend into it.



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Real or Myth? The closing of minority neighborhood LISD schools

"We are fortunate to live in a community where we have elected officials who will listen to the taxpayer, take appropriate steps to respond to their concerns and make decisions in the best interest of all concerned."

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Editorial, Sunday, October 09, 2005

We appreciate the Avalanche-Journal editorial pleasant response to the Lubbock Independent School District Trustee's decision to withdraw plans for reutilization of O. L. Slaton Junior High School. We also were in agreement of having the opportunity to hear the real and not hidden reason of why a thriving minority school in central Lubbock was chosen for such action.

I would advise the people of that district to be on the side of caution and of the hidden danger that could stealthily lie ahead. I learned early in life that it is hard to tell the difference between a coral and a king snake.

The thought of closing O. L. Slaton opened up old

wounds that bears scars from the closing of schools in District 2. I remember in the 80's when I had been in Lubbock briefly and assigned to Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church that more than 400 people gathered to protest the closing of Dunbar High School. I remember the chilling effects of the children of Japhet and the Gestapo style leadership of the Lubbock Independent School District School Board toward the black Americans on the East Side of the city. My people: black Americans in Lubbock were treated in a less than skillful way beneath the treatment of animals. Yes, this was the past behavior of Lubbock, a conservative and compassionate city of West Texas.

And if this was not enough, I watched other schools closed and the cries and tears for the schools to remain open were null and void by the "powers that be." The chosen children of Japhet kicked poor whites and Hispanics to the sidelines as if they were children of fools

who could not fend for themselves.

As such, the silent majority of blacks in Lubbock and especially District 2 have no faith in the politics of the Lubbock Independent School District. The cause of action for a portion of East Lubbock by a Hispanic a year or so ago to be removed from the city of Lubbock might have seemed like a foolish act to some. The point made however, was there is a deep distrust in the system as it pertains to minorities and poor whites.

The minorities and poor whites of Lubbock should always be on alert to hire outside attorneys to protect their interests. There is such as thing as "a good old boy system." Remember, the law is complex and judges hear attorneys who are trained in the law. The thought of who LISD wanted to do is a sign that something bigger is in the making that a law firm will have to handle to protect taxpayers interest.

Have you heard the sermon: "Watch Those Dogs?"

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### The African American Church

The African American church has a long proud history and heritage. It has been in the forefront of the struggle for freedom and justice for all African American churches were the first to proclaim a liberation theology. This theology recognized human dignity and freedom as rights established under divine mandate and kept the fight against the enslavement of African peoples, against segregation, and against discrimination. It has championed laws prohibiting capital punishment and for quality education for all. The African American church has established numerous schools and colleges and has worked to make the ballot box and economic opportunity available to all.

As we observe today, the Black church is at the crossroads. Just as the early Christian churches zealously evangelized to all peoples in all nations. The Black church has an opportunity, regardless of denomination, to reach beyond ethnicity and culture and make inroads with today's gentiles - who are unloved people living on society's margins. These gentiles to whom the mantle of hope should be extended to include the homeless, men, women, children, and seniors who are routinely abused, the drunk, the drug addict, the prostitute, and the mentally ill. My friends, now is the time for an infusion of the

Holy Spirit power within the African American churches. All of us need the Holy Ghost power that will make our feet run down the aisles and into our schools to demand high academic standards and instruction for our youth, and this really includes all youth. We need a Holy Ghost power that gets us excited and makes us praise God through upbeat songs, but puts God praise in our hearts, thoughts, and in our actions. Yes, a Holy Ghost power which gets us excited about acting with mercy, loving with all tenderness, and walking humbly before our God.

The questions to be asked include the following and there are more: In what direction is the Holy Spirit directing your church? How is your church preparing its members to receive the full power of the Holy Spirit? Are you open to new opportunities for service in the community and beyond? Has the Holy Spirit helped you and your local church to identify persons of other racial and ethnicities with whom partnerships can be forged?

Now patience is a spiritual fruit. Patience is one of the most difficult virtues for us to perfect in our lives today. It takes patience and commitment when planning ways in which we can grow God's church. Prayer was the key to success for the early church and is just as important for Christians today. Patience will allow us to tarry at the throne of

grace until Jesus speaks to our hearts.

The next step is working with one another. Patience will help us to take time to know our brothers and sisters and allow us to focus on the God plan and not our own plan. Patience makes us work cooperatively on projects. Patience makes us listen to other voices and accept other ideas. Patience makes us seek first the Kingdom of God with the assurance that everything else will fall into place. God is in charge, so we can relax a little and let the stress of the world go away. On a scale of one to ten, what is the value of your spiritual gift -patience, that is?

Saints, thanks for reading. Let us hear from you about how you see the Black Church, and how you feel about patience.

Thought for the Week: "Lord, please slow down our nation. She has time to think, Oloha God, our Creator. The wage of sin is death!"

Let us not forget those who are sick and shut in. Saints, your drive by prayers are still needed. Will you continue to pray for our schools, churches and other public places in our community? May God continue to bless each of you?

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosiana Henderson, secretary.

### Area preacher provides dump site for "so-called" obscene materials

Anton Church of God in Christ and Pastor Elder Jerry Ellis, Sr. would like to invite the Full Gospel of the churches of God to join with them in the disposal of pornographic music, CDs, magazines and other materials.

On Saturday, October 15, 2005, you can attend the special service at Maxey Park (30th & Oxford) from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be a dumpster provided for young people, old people and anyone else concerned to dump DVDs, movies, books,

"devil music and porno books [sic]" so that people may place

them in the "garbage bin for the Lord".

**Alexander Chapel Church of God in Christ**  
4510 Ave. F, Lubbock, TX 79412 - Phone 747-3465 - Pastor William H. Watson, III

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## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, October 9, 2005, was another exciting day in the Lord at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services began at 10:15 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Lucella Harris was in charge. Sister Harris taught the morning lesson. The subject was "Christians Without Borders." Pastor Canady reviewed the lesson.

The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a.m. Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson led the devotional services.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sang out of their hearts and souls again. It is good to hear God in songs and hymns.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "Man's Problems Is God's

Privilege." His scripture text was St. Mark 6:35-44. Praise God for the message and the messenger.

Thought For The Week: "The highest kind of giving comes from deep down in the heart."

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# O.J. Simpson still punches racial hot buttons

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson  
BlackNews.com, Columnist

In between signing autographs at a horror movie convention in Los Angeles, a seemingly clueless O.J. Simpson claimed that he didn't know that October 3 marked the tenth anniversary of his acquittal. That defies belief. But even if Simpson suffered momentary amnesia, or is in deep clinical denial about the date, the mere mention of the verdict still sets tongues furiously wagging.

If a poll were taken today, a majority of whites would still rage that Simpson is a murderer who skipped away scot free, and that the trial and his acquittal were a farce and a blatant travesty of justice. In the same poll, a majority of blacks would rage that Simpson was victimized by a white racist criminal justice system and the verdict was a just one.

Their polar opposite reaction is not pure guesswork. Whenever a big name black athlete or entertainer

such as Mike Tyson, Kobe Bryant, or Michael Jackson, winds up on a legal hot seat, or even when a Katrina natural disaster hits, polls are instantaneously taken. In each case, blacks and whites think about their cases or the disaster. The results are always the same. A majority of whites say they race plays no part in man-made or natural disasters, and a majority of blacks say race has everything to do with it. The gulf in black and white attitudes is predictable in the polls that have measured their views on the Iraq war, President Bush's domestic policies, racial progress, where the blame lies for crime and violence, and failing public schools.

Simpson certainly didn't invent or originate the ugly, and frustrating racial divide. It has always lurked just beneath the surface. But his case propelled it to the front of public debate and anger. The carefully orchestrated TV shots of jubilant blacks high fiving his acquittal and rejoicing that a brother finally beat the system stood in stark contrast to the shots of grim faced whites railing that a murderer got away. This reinforced the notion that there are two Americas, one black and one white, and each one

continues to see the system in wildly divergent ways.

In times of social stress and tension, their frustration, hostilities, and fears explode in an orgy of racial recrimination, blame and finger pointing. That was glaringly evident in former Keagan Secretary of Education Bill Bennett's odd ball crack that about the black babies is a way to reduce crime was vile, and racist. But it came on the heels of the scenes of black looting in New Orleans, and the debate over black poverty. Bennett's quip, though, deplorable pricked the belief, and in some cases, the fact that blacks commit a disproportionate amount of street crime. But despite the hyper media sensationalism in the Simpson, Bryant, and Jackson cases, and the furor over Bennett's remark, there are legitimate concerns about race, crime, and violence on both sides of the racial divide.

Simpson as America's most celebrated accused murderer further fed the public's fear of crime. While far too many whites translate fear of violent crime into fear of black men, the fact is that far more black than white males are arrested, and jailed. One

out of three young black males are in prison on parole or probation. The explosion of black violence, the glorification of the "gangsta" image in film, and song and the enshrining of black male toughness continually paint a grim picture of black self-destruction. Types young black males in a mortal threat to society, even if in reality they are mostly a threat to themselves.

The fear of black crime no longer seems racist to many whites (and non-whites) but a realistic reaction to the perceived threat to their personal safety and property. When Simpson, a black male, was not convicted, this

deepened suspicions that criminals, especially black criminals, are not fairly punished for serious crimes, and that the criminal justice system is still filled with gaping holes that criminals waltz through. Those blacks that cheered Simpson's acquittal angrily disagreed.

The mountain of three strikes laws, disparities in the death penalty, and the drug laws they claim is stacked evidence that the justice system is racially warped and victimizes blacks. Many blacks, though, privately conceded that Simpson probably committed the murders. Yet, they still cheered at the outcome not

because they thought he got away with murder, but because his victory struck a blow against the system. They were more than willing to circle the wagons, spin theories of plots and conspiracies, and to defend a wealthy black man, even one who spent most of his professional career publicly evading racial issues.

A decade ago, the Simpson case punched his way into racial hot buttons for it to ever fade totally from public view. Ten years after the verdict, it still hasn't.

Earl Ofari Hutchinson is a columnist for BlackNews.com, an author and political analyst.



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## Lady Raider season opener set for Sunday

The Texas Tech women's basketball program will hold Lady Raider Super Sunday on Sat., Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. at the United Spirit Arena. It will mark the first open basketball practice of the Lady Raiders' 2005-06 season.

The doors for the event will open at 1:30 p.m. Super Sunday will get under way as the Lady Raiders practice from 2-4 p.m. The event will also include a

Coaches vs. Cancer presentation, and fans will be able to win prizes, meet the players and the coaches. An autograph session will be held at the conclusion of practice. There will be free posters, schedule cards and hand fans available to those in attendance.

During Super Sunday, which is sponsored by Master Cleaners, free popcorn and cokes will be available.

The Lady Raiders will tip-off the season against LSU in the State Farm Women's Tip-Off Classic on Sun., Nov. 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the United Spirit Arena.

For tickets to Texas Tech women's basketball, please contact (888) GO-BIG-12 or (806) 742-TECH.

Tickets also can be purchased through the Texas Tech athletic website at www.texas-tech.com

## Cotton Kings gearing up for hockey season during this week's training camp



Cotton Kings head coach, Chris Dashney, watches carefully as players run through drills during training camp. Dashney was recognized several times last season for his coaching skills.

The Lubbock Cotton Kings are rapidly approaching their first game of the 2005-06 season and have kicked things off with a training camp, which started this week, on Monday, October 10.

During this week, head coach Chris Dashney will be evaluating skills and endurance to be able to determine the final roster for the season.

Practices are open to the public for anyone who wants to attend, and are free of charge. Please call the Cotton King's office for information about location on which doors in the Coliseum will be open.

This week, the Kings are gearing up for their lone home exhibition game on Friday, October 14th at 7:05 p.m. against the Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs.

Tickets for the exhibition game are on a first-come first-serve basis for \$5 each, and \$2 for students that show a valid college ID.

One dollar from each ticket will be donated the American Red

Cross to aid the victims and efforts of Hurricane Katrina.

Season ticket holders will be admitted into the game for free, as part of their season ticket holder benefits.

Lubbock will wrap up their preseason slate on Saturday, October 15th on the road with a tilt against the Odessa Jackalopes at the Ector County Coliseum.

The Kings will return to Lubbock for a morning skate (10-11:30 a.m.) on Sunday, October 16th, before preparing for another special event on Monday, October 17th. The Kings will have a 9 a.m. practice session (on Oct. 17th) and then will head to Lakeridge Country Club for their annual Swing With The Kings Golf Tournament. Additional information or team reservations for the 1 PM tee off can be obtained by contacting the Kings' offices.

The team will practice at 10 a.m. on October 18-19 and then will have a final 8 a.m. practice on October 20th before heading to Rio Grande Valley to open the sea-

son, on October 20th. For the season opener, the Kings can have no more than 18 active players on the roster. Of the 18, the Kings must carry at least five developmental/rookie players (128 pro games or less) and may not carry more than four veteran (200 pro games or more). Unlike last season, in which teams could carry 18 players on the roster, but could only dress 17, teams may dress all 18 players to play.

All practice sessions during Training Camp are open to the public and are subject to change. The Cotton Kings encourage working media attending practice sessions to conduct all interviews at the conclusion of practice sessions. Photographers may use the players' benches to shoot from, unless they are being used by the players. The team asks that members of the media refrain from going on the ice are into the Kings locker/training room unless otherwise specified. Any additional information in regards to training camp or individual

tickets can be made by contacting Chris Due at 806-549-4228.

The Cotton Kings open their regular season on October 21st and 22nd in the Rio Grande Valley, and will play their first home game on October 29th, as they welcome the Amarillo Gorillas.

This year, individual discounted tickets will be available at all Town and Country stores in Lubbock. Fans will be able to purchase vouchers at the Town and Country stores and exchange them for tickets at either the Cotton Kings office or at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum on game day.

Discounted ticket packages and corporate advertising opportunities are available for the 2005-06 season.

Additional Kings' info can be found online via their official site at www.cottonkings.com, or by calling the Cotton Kings office at (806) 747-PUCK (7825).

Pictured below are the players that are attending training camp. Come out and give hockey a try!

## Hockey Ministries International asks for help to minister to assist players and fans

by Doug Halcomb  
HMI Southwestern USA  
Ministry Director



When I tell most people that I am a chaplain for hockey players, the most common response is, "Good, they need one!" Well, I agree. Don't we ALL need a safe, spiritual resource to support us on our journey through life?

The challenge for hockey players is that their schedules and lifestyles prohibit them from connecting with a church and unlike most sports, chaplains are not common on hockey teams. However, with your help that could change.

Hockey Ministries International has been serving and reaching out to the hockey community for over 28 years. HMI Texas, a regional ministry of HMI, serves the CHL and Southwestern USA by recruiting, training and supporting volunteer Chaplains for two hockey teams. This ministry is in its early stages here in the Southwestern USA and needs your help.

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Hockey season is here, and hockey teams are busy recruiting and preparing their team to be prepared to have a winning season. HMI Texas is doing the same thing as we are busy putting together our team for the upcoming ministry season.

On Tuesday, October 25th, HMI Texas will be hosting its 40th Annual HMI Texas Banquet at

Live Oak Community Church at 10710 South Frankford. The goal of the banquet is to raise awareness of this ministry and to raise the financial resources needed to fuel the ministry. At the banquet, you will have the chance to hear about the ministry of Hockey Ministries International and hear about the impact it is having on the hockey community. There will also be a silent auction. There is no cost to attend the banquet, but everyone will be asked to prayerfully consider supporting this ministry. Please RSVP for your tickets.

For the HMI Banquet to be a success, we need your help. There are many ways you could help make this night a success and help HMI make a difference in the hockey community.

Here are some ways that you can help support the HMI Banquet and the players and staff that need prayer, support and ministry:

- Pray
- Attend the Banquet
- Host a table for 8 people
- Sponsor (any amount)
- Donate
- Auction Donor/Bidder
- Ask on behalf of HMI

Please prayerfully consider your ability to help, and let us know if there are ways you or someone you know could be involved.

I want you on the HMI Texas team as we seek to reach and serve the world of hockey: every player, every fan, every arena, everywhere.

For more information about the HMI banquet and how you could help, you can reach me at (806) 777-9383 or email me at doug@hmi.com. You can also get more general information about Hockey Ministries International by visiting:

www.hockeyministries.org. Thank you!

## Cotton Kings Training Camp Roster • October 2005

### Forwards



Josh Anderson #20



Matt Bothwell #2



Bobby Brown #10



Nick Economakos #6



Paul Floroni #24



Aaron Goldade #41



Nolan Graham #18



Jan Melicherck #25



Kyle Nosan #11



Emery Olason #23



Vic Pereira #9



Stacey Bauman #33



Jason Beatty #20



Nolan Brown #22



Mike Kirby #10



Matt McDonald #41



Matt McNeely #16



Darren Shakotko #28



Lance Leslie #31



Brett Kosciely #33



Kevin Kurk #1

### Roster by jersey number

(Players from last year may have different jersey numbers.)

#	Name (old #)	Position
1	Kevin Kurk	Goalie
2	Matt Bothwell	Forward
6	Nick Economakos	Forward
10	Bobby Brown	Forward
11	Kyle Nosan	Forward
16	Matt McNeely	Defense
18	Nolan Graham	Forward
19	Mike Kirby	Defense
20	Jason Beatty	Defense
22	Nolan Brown	Defense
23	Emery Olason	Forward
24	Paul Floroni	Forward
25	Jan Melicherck	Forward
26	Josh Anderson	Forward
28	Darren Shakotko (17)	Defense
37	Lance Leslie (31)	Goalie
33	Stacey Bauman (9)	Defense
33	Brett Kosciely	Goalie
39	Vic Pereira	Forward
41	Aaron Goldade	Forward
41	Matt McDonald	Defense

These players were invited by Coach Chris Dashney to training camp. The rules of the Central Hockey League (CHL) dictate that each team may only have 23 players on the roster. It is expected that two defencemen, one forward and one goalie will be released from the team.



# Johnson Controls presents \$100,000 to Huston-Tillotson University



Johnson Controls presented a \$100,000 check to Huston-Tillotson University during the 25th Anniversary of Historically Black Colleges and University in Washington, D.C. (L to R) Kristy Elmore, higher education sales director, John Kennedy, president Johnson Controls - Controls Group, Willie Davis, member of Johnson Controls board of directors and president of All Pro Broadcasting Group, Ken Durham, national sales manager, Lisa Menzies, HBCU business development director, and Larry Earvin, Ph.D., president Huston-Tillotson University. (PRNewsFoto)

MILWAUKEE (PRNewswire) - Johnson Controls, Inc., the global leader in facility management and design, presented \$100,000 to Huston-Tillotson University, located in Austin, Texas. The donation supports the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), an executive order issued to strengthen the excellence in education in

the areas of science, mathematics, and technology at historically black educational institutions. Huston-Tillotson University has been selected to lead the initiatives. The presentation was made as part of the 25th Anniversary of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) conference, in Washington, D.C. A proclamation from President

George W. Bush designates September 13 - 16, 2005 as National HBCU Week. About 400 college presidents, chancellors, deans and other administrators attend the function annually to review policies, procedures, best practices and challenges and opportunities collectively faced by the schools. This is the third consecutive year that Johnson Controls has sponsored the event.

Dr. Larry Earvin, president of Huston-Tillotson, accepted the check on behalf of the university. The funds will be distributed in \$20,000 annual installments over a five-year period.

"We will join with Johnson Controls and other companies to ensure all HBCUs benefit from a feeder pool of high-tech talent," said Earvin. "It is commitments like these that supports our mission to provide quality education to our students and look futuristically to providing society with diverse qualified graduates."

Johnson Controls board of directors member Willie Davis, addressed college presidents and business leaders during the dinner. Davis graduated from Grambling State University, an HBCU school. He provided a personal testimonial about how his Alma Mater, like all of the HBCU sector of schools, offers students not only an education, but also a nurturing environment conducive to learning.

"When I went to school I was the first to attend college and it was my first time away from home so I needed parenting and comfort," said Davis.

"Grambling wrapped their arms around me and provided the assurance I needed to succeed in school and in business."

Davis is the president of All-Pro Broadcasting Group, which owns radio station in

Milwaukee, Wis., Sacramento and San Bernardino, Calif. He also is a Hall of Fame former professional football player, having retired from the Green Bay Packers football team.

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## Genealogical Society Conference

2005 Texas State Genealogical Society Conference will be held October 21-22 in Lubbock, Texas at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza, 3701 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, TX 79423. Eighteen mini-sessions will be held over the two day conference and those who attend may enroll for Friday only, Saturday only, or both days.

Topics will include material for those interested in beginning, intermediate, or advanced family histo-

ry: Searching Vietnam Records, Tracing Texas Rangers, Dating Old Photographs, Printing a Family History, Civil War Medicine, Digital Restoration of Pictures, Gliders in World War II, Scanners and Printers, and DNA in Genealogy.

For more information contact the TSGS website or District XVII Representative Judy Womack, 2719 59th, Lubbock, TX 79413, (806)-792-6606.

## Enchilada Fiesta to benefit Guadalupe Neighborhood

The Guadalupe Neighborhood Center Building Fund Committee is pleased to announce that Friday, October 14, 2005, they will be having an ENCHILADA FIESTA from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm in the gym at St. Joseph's church at 103 N. Ave. P. The plates will consist of

2 enchiladas, rice, beans, salad and a drink. The cost is \$5.00 per plate. There will also be entertainment at 5:00. All proceeds from this lunch/dinner will go special fund for a new building to house the Guadalupe Neighborhood Center. If you would like to donate items or

volunteer your time, please contact Josie Sulaica at 763-5519. Deliveries will be made to your business. For information, contact Annette Chavez at 543-3339.

These projects are very important for the future of the Guadalupe Neighborhood. The

center was used for various after school programs for the children and teens in the neighborhood and surrounding areas. It also held summer camp to help keep the children busy during summertime. Your support will help to rebuild a new center for the Guadalupe Neighborhood.

## Parks to host Dog Day Howloween at Maxey Park

Join Maxey Community Center as it hosts the first annual Dog Day Howloween, a Halloween costume contest for dogs and their owners, on Saturday, October 29, at 2 p.m. Judges will be on hand to pick out the best-dressed dogs, and youth will compete in their own special category. Prizes for the

best-dressed dogs include gift certificates to 50th Street Caboose, Lite Bite Mediterranean Cafe, and dinner for two at Skyviews of Texas Tech. This event is free to dog owners and the public, and it is sponsored by the City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department.

The event will take place in Maxey Park on the volleyball court behind the Maxey Community Center at 30th Street and Oxford Avenue. Dogs must be on a leash at all times and have current vaccinations. For more information or to register, call Maxey Community Center at 767-3796.

## Peddler Show Rescheduled

The Peddler Show that was canceled due to the influx of Hurricane Rita evacuees that needed to be housed in the Civic Center has been rescheduled for October 21-23.

The show will take place at the South Plains Fairground in the Trade Mart and Coliseum buildings. Hours for the show are: 3 to 8 p.m. October 21; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. October 22; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 23.

Admission to the show is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children under 12 are free. One admission is good all weekend.

## LISD postpones ruling on O.L. Slaton Jr. High

Wayne Havens, Lubbock Independent School District (LISD) Superintendent, and Mark Griffin, LISD School Board President, announced the postponement of the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 at 6 p.m. on the reutilization of O. L. Slaton Junior High School. The administration withdrew the current proposal in order to exhaust every option that has been identified through input received over the last two weeks from the Board of Trustees, the stakeholders and administrators.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for Thursday, October 13 will not include O. L. Slaton on the agenda as an item for information, discussion or action. After evaluating the option, the issues will be discussed at a future meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The pressure put on by parents, students and individual supporters encouraged the Trustees, of which five School Board positions are up for reelection in May, to rethink the proposal.

According to sources, neighborhood schools will be facing potential closure (Jackson, Guadalupe, and Neil Wright). Low enrollment is cited as the reason for the closures. Currently more than 50% of the LISD district enrollment is comprised of Hispanic and Black students.

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**WELCOME DELEGATES TO 112TH SESSION OF BAPTIST CONVENTION!** THIS N THAT wants to take this time and say, "WELCOME" to more than 1,200 DELEGATES that are arriving for the 112TH GENERAL SESSION OF THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS. This large body will convene at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center from October 17th thru 20th. DR. G. V. CLARK serves as president. The GREATER ST. LUKE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH is the local host, and REV. J. H. FORD is local host pastor. The public is invited to attend the upcoming MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA OF WEST TEXAS, which will involve voices from Lubbock, Midland, Amarillo and Odessa. It will be held at the Lubbock Civic Center Theatre, Monday evening, October 17th, at 7:00 p.m. THIS N THAT wants to take this time and WELCOME ALL OFFICERS AND DELEGATES! May your presence in the HUB CITY be most productive and we hope you are blessed on your journey back to your home base. Please let everyone know you had a most inspiring visit to Lubbock, Texas!!

**GOOD DECISION BY LISD!!** THIS N THAT wants to say, "CONGRATS" to the Lubbock School Board for listening to the citizens. Parents and community members voiced their disapproval of the proposed closing of O. L. SLATON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, one of our oldest schools. Regardless of how you feel about the decision not to close the school, it did show that the majority of the

school board members were sensitive to what was going on. Because of the closing of several schools in East Lubbock, this effort on the part of the school board no doubt served as a catalyst for parents and students to get involved. YOUNG PEOPLE who participated in this effort, will never forget the experience gained, and it will, no doubt, stay with them the rest of their lives. Who knows? More young people could become more involved in the political process. A mayor, city councilperson, school board member, state representative, state senator, governor or perhaps a presidential candidate one day. When we see those students grow, we may see, just because of the O.L. SLATON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL closure attempt, a leader come from that effort. A wise and active parent better stay involved, or something drastic could happen. No matter how you see it, the right decision was made at this time.

**PENNY HASTING THE BARBER SAYS:** "YOUNG PEOPLE need to observe what is happening in their community, so when their time comes, they will be in better position to GET INVOLVED and not just rely on EMOTIONS!"

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. THOMPSON!** THIS N THAT wants to take this time and say, "HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY" to one of our long time residents, MR. JAMES THOMPSON, who moved to Lubbock in the early 1940's from Littlefield. He was born OCTOBER 13, 1905! THIS N THAT is praying GOD will continue to bless you. Many of us remember your singing while you were a choir member

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**Hits off to O. L. Slaton Junior High School parents,** concerned, FTA, and students for making their voices heard. They made their concerns known which proves organizations and planning works. This proves an organization and positive planning will work. This proves disenfranchised and so-called minorities, we have more than emotions. Emotions, alone, does not work. It would be a great thing if parents and others follow Coronado High School lead or dealing with drug epidemic. This could make a sweep across town. The total is needed, because the problem is not only city wide, but world and nation wide. This kind of positive action can make a

## Think About It!

### Where are we going, and what should we do?

change. After all, with generosity and love their neighbor, we are our brother's keeper. Then the young punk policeman who started a worldwide bad image of us in New Orleans, he blames it on stress. It could be the case, but there is no excuse whatsoever for what he did to happen. It just didn't make any sense. Now the big picture is: Tom "The Hammer" DeLay with his two indictments. He and former Congressman Newt Gingrich help set up to rid of Dan Rostenkowski Illinois Congressman and Jim Wright of Texas, a former Congressman. This shows when one party stays around too long, it becomes a force. They, Gingrich

and DeLay, began to feel they were above the laws they put in force. "The Hammer" received two indictments, but should gotten three for the illegal and immoral redistricting sham. This took place when he took over the Governor's office where he prepared the redistricting gary.

The last indictment was on a money scheme which he and his wife and an associate from Missouri obtained funds, according to the Associate Press. Even our Congressman, Randy Neugebauer received \$15,000, which he refused to return.

**Thought Of The Week:** "Starting in time beats fast running in the end."

## Letter to the Editor

### From an educator

My party, the Republican Party, although holding the Governor's Mansion and a majority in the Texas House and Senate, has failed to develop a workable system to finance Texas public schools in one regular and two special sessions this year.

Not only have the elected officials of my party made the profession of public education their whipping boy, but fewer of the state's best and brightest students will choose education as their profession.

My party has become the enemy of public education in Texas. The Republican Party has consistently wrapped itself in the banner of local control but has turned on itself in legislating areas of local decisions.

If the Legislature can propose and pass laws detrimental to public education without outcry from the public, then we as educators must shoulder most of, if not all, the blame. If eradicating cupcake parties from elementary campuses creates more public outcry than reducing teachers' pensions, then we in the profession must better inform the public of our mission.

The first word in public education is public. Without the support of the public, there is little we can do to fend off the blitzkrieg of assaults every two years from the Legislature in the always fashionable name of "education reform."

Public schools take all students who enter our doors regardless of their abilities. We offer programs to accelerate instruction for students who have special learning needs and offer courses for college credit. We teach foreign

language to English speakers and the English language to foreigners. We drive, feed, exercise, remediate and accelerate any and all students. There is accountability, technology, ESL, LEPs, ARDs, IEPs, AEPs, ISS, SROs, drugs, drug dogs, drug testing, guns, gangs, steroids and, unfortunately, consternation from the lawmakers and rule-makers who should be supportive of what we do but instead tell us we're not good enough as they push through more and more unfunded mandates.

The governor enjoys the jingle: "We don't need more money for education, we need more education for our money." If that's the case, then let teachers teach, let principals oversee their campuses and stop asking public educators to correct all of society's ills. If the Legislature worked as hard upholding its promise of increasing teachers' salaries to the national average as it has cutting property taxes, then we would have more college-bound students choosing education as their profession and less of a need for emergency certified teachers.

We must elect officials who value public education and recognize that public education is the cornerstone of our American democratic way of life. We do not

need public education executioners as our legislative leaders. We need legislative leaders who will execute legislation that is positive for all Texans and positive for public education. We didn't create the \$1.50 cap on school funding, but we're told to run the schools regardless of increased costs. We didn't create the deficit in the Teacher Retirement System by reducing the state's contribution in 1995, but now we're mandated to put more of our salary into the system and accept a cut in benefits.

It is shocking that the Legislature would cut teachers' pensions and then propose to increase their own pension by raising the pay for judges and hiding their individual votes from the public through a voice vote. If raising the salaries of judges is the right thing to do, then make the vote a part of the public record.

We, the public and public educators, must change our message and the leadership in the Legislature. The current Legislature has done the talk. After the elections in this and subsequent Novembers, if we do our job, the enemies of public education and their supporters in the Legislature will take a walk.

**Ricky Williams** is superintendent of the Devine School District.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



The world now knows that the two 'baddest' sisters to hit the United States were the hurricanes Katrina and Rita. There is no doubt anywhere that they have dealt one of the most devastating blows to this country since the Civil War. Ironically, the damage has been done in the South. It is especially the city of New Orleans which has suffered the most from both storms. The damage from the storms has left many people homeless, but has opened up the hearts of America to do whatever they can to help those suffering to find some refuge and solace while trying to put the pieces back together. It is not easy to put the pieces back together when every earthly thing you owned or had possession of is gone. Some officials who are in charge of seeing to it that the residents do not return to

certain areas, must understand that any loss, material or otherwise, calls for a period of grief and mourning. They need closure to accept the fact that they have lost everything. That is why they go back. It is similar to a funeral of a loved one. That last act brings some closure to a difficult and unpleasant situation. They need to let the residents have that last look. No matter how little or how much an individual possessed, they still want to know and see what the final outcome was. They want to know if they can salvage something! Maybe then, they will be able to move forward. It is not easy, but when you hit the bottom, the only way to go is UP!

American's heart is open to help the evacuees to move up and on and at the same time, there are those who capitalize on the misfortunes of others. Every store, club, church, and legitimate organization on just about every corner, is taking up a donation for hurricane victims. Very few are saying where the funds will be deposited or how they will be distributed. The Red Cross is making a showing to help vic-

tims and so is Wal-Mart. You can hear about what FEMA (Federal Emergency Management will or can do for six months and the victims are certainly happy about whatever help they can get, while many insurance companies are looking for loopholes to keep from paying the insured victims. Ex-President Clinton and Bush, Sr. have raised over \$100,000,000 to help the victims who need help the most. That will be a great undertaking. The internet is going to be very busy while they attempt to determine who needs help the most. It would be great if all of the help collectors had one entity to collect all of the money and any other articles donated; determine the degree of eligibility of all the applicant victims and distribute help accordingly. It is time for us as a people to get "in cinque" and unite our charitable efforts in times of great need.

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# Monster mold threatens health in the south



Jennifer Shimek wears a protective suit and respirator mask while cleaning up as mold grows on the ceiling of her home of 18 years in Orleans Parish in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 1, 2005. The home was damaged by flooding caused by Hurricane Katrina when the 17th canal flood wall was breached.

Wearing goggles, gloves, galoshes and a mask, Veronica Randazzo lasted only 10 minutes inside her home in St. Bernard Parish. Her eyes burned, her mouth filled with a salty taste and she felt nauseous. Her 26-year-old daughter, Alicia, also covered in gear, came out coughing.

"That mold," she said. "It smells like death."

Mold now forms an interior version of kudzu in the soggy South, posing health dangers that will make many homes tear-downs and will force schools and hospitals to do expensive repairs.

It's a problem that any homeowner who has ever had a flooded basement or a leaky roof has faced. But the magnitude of this problem leaves many storm victims prey to unscrupulous or incompetent remediators. Home tests for mold, for example, are worthless, experts say.

Don't expect help from insurance companies, either. Most policies were revised in the last decade to exclude

mold damage because of "sick building" lawsuits alleging illnesses. Although mold's danger to those with asthma or allergies is real, there's little or no science behind other claims, and a lot of hype.

"We went through a period when people were really irrational about the threat posed by the mere sight of mold in their homes," said Nicholas Money, a mold expert from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and author of "Carpet Monsters and Killer Spores," a book about mold.

"If you give me 10 minutes in anybody's home, I'll find mold growth somewhere," he said.

Mold is everywhere. Most people have no problem living with this ubiquitous fungus. It reproduces by making spores, which travel unseen through the air and grow on any moist surface, usually destroying it as the creeping crud grows.

Mold can't be eliminated but can be controlled by limiting moisture, which is exactly what couldn't be done

after Hurricane Katrina. Standing water created ideal growth conditions and allowed mold to penetrate so deep that experts fear that even studs of many homes are saturated and unsalvageable.

In fact, New Orleans is where mold's health risks were first recognized.

A Louisiana State University allergist, the late Dr. Julia Salvaggio, described at medical meetings in the 1970s what he called "New Orleans asthma," an illness that filled hospital emergency rooms each fall with people who couldn't breathe. He linked it to high levels of mold spores that appeared in the humid, late summer months.

"These are potent allergens," but only for people who have mold allergies, said Dr. Jordan Fink, a Medical College of Wisconsin professor and past president of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

Molds produce irritants that can provoke coughing, and some make spores that contain toxins, which further irritate airways.

"The real pariah is this thing called *Stachybotrys chartarum*. This organism produces a greater variety of toxins and in greater concentrations than any other mold that's been studied," Money said.

Doctors at Cleveland's Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital blamed it for a cluster of cases of pulmonary hemorrhage, or bleeding into the lungs, that killed several children in the 1990s, but the link was never proved.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says there is no firm evidence linking mold to the lung problem, memory loss or other alleged woes beyond asthma and allergy.

"The child who didn't have a significant problem before may be in a much different scenario now," said Dr. Michael Wasserman, a pediatrician at Ochsner Clinic in the New Orleans suburb of Metairie whose office and home were flooded and are now covered in mold. He plans to tear down his house.

Even dead mold can provoke asthma in susceptible people, meaning that places open to the public — restaurants, schools, businesses — must eliminate it.

This is most true for hospitals, where mold spores can cause deadly

lung diseases in people with weakened immune systems or organ transplants. Such concerns already led Charity Hospital's owners to demolish it.

Tulane University Hospital and Clinic's cleanup is expected to take months.

"The first floor's got pretty much no mold. It's going to be pretty much a total loss," said Rev. Chastagner, project coordinator for C&B Services, a Texas company hired by the hospital's owner, HCA.

"It might be difficult or impossible to reopen some of these medical centers," said Joe Cappiello, an official with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

"It's not just the physical destruction that you see," but ventilation systems and ductwork full of mold, ready "to seed the rest of the hospital with spores" if the heat or air conditioning were turned on, he said.

As for houses, "anything that's been submerged probably will be a tear-down," said Jeffrey May, a Boston-area building inspector, chemist and book author who has

investigated thousands of buildings for mold problems.

Closets can be washed or dry cleaned, but most furniture is a loss. Ditto for carpeting, insulation, wallpaper and drywall, which has a long life span up to its name. Mattresses that didn't get wet probably have mold if they were in a room that did.

"Anything with a cushion you can't get about," May said.

The general advice is the same as when food is suspected of being spoiled: when in doubt, throw it out.

When is professional help needed?

"It's simply a matter of extent. If you've got small areas of mold, just a few square feet, it's something a homeowner can clean with 10 percent bleach," said Ann Dixit, a fungus expert at Saint Louis University.

She studied mold after the Mississippi River floods in 1993 and 1994, and found cleaning measures often were ineffective, mainly because people started rebuilding too soon, before the surrounding area was completely dry.

In the New Orleans suburb of Lakeview, Toby Roesler found a water

line 7 feet high on his home and mold growing in large black and white colonies from every wall and ceiling on the first floor.

Wearing goggles, a mask and rubber gloves, he sprayed down the stairwell with a bleach solution. A crew will arrive soon to gut the lower floor.

"I think it's salvageable," he said, but admitted, "It's going to be some gross work to get it ready."

Others won't try.

Dione Thiel, who lives next door to the Randazzo family, was only 7 when Hurricane Detsy raced through her neighborhood 40 years ago. Returning on Monday, after Hurricane Katrina, something was instantly familiar.

"The mold and the water," she said. "It's the exact same smell."

Mold covered her dining room walls, snaked up doorframes and even found its way into the candles she sold for a living. She and her husband salvaged his golf clubs but left the rest. They'll move to Arizona.

"I would never want to live here again," said her husband, Don Thiel. "It's not going to be safe."

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