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Take a look at the 1956 Pantherettes Basketball Team of Dunbar High School



In the 1955-56 basketball season for the Dunbar High School Pantherettes, they played a total of 17 games, losing 8 and winning 9. Those members were: front row, from left to right: Mary A. Davis, Arnett Brooks, Lucile Hurst, Mary N. Menefee, and Annie Alexander. Back row: Beatrice Hurst, trainer; Sarah Bailey, Mattie Kenney, Flossie Hicks, Frankie Jackson, Betty Smith, Vivian White, and Mrs. E.H. Kyle, coach.

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, 705 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:30pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mac 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 Pre-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 pm.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Clutman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

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Training for safe driving



In 1956, these Dunbar High School students wanted to drive an automobile. Those shown in this picture were Dunbar's first licensed drivers who completed the course in "Sportmanlike Driving" and passed the state of Texas requirements for a beginner's driving license. One of the many objectives that enabled these students to get their licenses was "to understand the standards of safe and sportsmanlike driving." The Driver Education course began in September, 1955, and its purpose was to train students to become safe drivers of automobiles. Mr. Booker T. Snell was the theory instructor, and Mr. Joe Phea was the driving instructor.

Rémy Martin 1738 announces national online poll for Black Music Month

Will it be Kanye or Ne-Yo? Mary J. or Keyshia? Hip-hop soul is the defining music of the day, but who's defining the genre at its best? To celebrate Black Music Month in June, Rémy Martin 1738 will give America a chance to decide. Beginning May 9, anyone 21 or older can log onto www.1738.com, sample hundreds of songs, and vote to recognize the top artists and songs in hip-hop soul history. Daily updates will provide a running list of the leaders in each category, and the final results will be revealed on July 1. The online poll is just one of many initiatives Rémy Martin 1738 is undertaking for Black Music Month. The brand will also co-host a national kick-off celebration in New York City with not music magazine XXL, where the first Rémy Martin 1738 Award for Contributions to Black Music will be announced. And local promotions in cities around the country will take place throughout June; a calendar will be posted on 1738.com later this month.



Playing for all four years

These seniors in 1956 played basketball with the Pantherettes for their entire high school years, except Beatrice Hurst who only played three years. Those members were, from left to right: Beatrice Hurst, Flossie Hicks, Annie Alexander, Sarah Bailey, and Mrs. Kyle, coach.

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

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Damon Hill, Jr.



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In Remembrance

Minnie Ola Ross Bunton

Funeral services for Minnie Ola Ross Bunton were held last Friday afternoon, May 12, 2006, at the Ethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Pastor Anthony Collins officiating. Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr., pastor, delivered the eulogy.

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

Pallbearers were William Locke, Charles Hobby, Joe Benson, Henry Monroe, E. J. Donaldson, Eddie Tate, Jr. and William Britt, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Paul Richardson, Bobby Thomas, Vincent Thomas, Tyrone Ross, Bernard Bynam, Joe Phea, William Ross, Jr., and David Ross. Flowerbearers were members of the American Legion, Post 808, and the Ma Jones Missionary Society of Bethel.

She passed away Monday, May 8, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born July 31, 1927 in Temple, Texas, and was the second child born to Luther and Roxie Ross. She attended Dunbar High School in Temple, and graduated in 1945. She moved to Lubbock in 1948 when she met and married Leon Andrew Bunton, Sr. in 1949. They were three children born to this union: Leon Andrew, Jr., Gary Wayne, and Sharon Patrice. Shortly after moving to Lubbock, she united with the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and remained a faithful member until her demise.

Mrs. Bunton was a member of the Chat & Chew Social Club, the American Legion Post 808, and the Ma Jones Missionary Society where she served as secretary. She was also an active member of the Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association where she was treasurer.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a son, Gary Wayne Bunton of Lubbock; a daughter, Sharon Bunton of McKinney, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Sarah Bunton of Lubbock; a niece, Roxie (Robert) Ford whom she raised; two grandchildren, Tracie Yonka (Bartholomew) of Midland, Texas and Marcus Bunton (Anash) of Lubbock; and four great-grandchildren: Jordan Leigh York, Ammar Khalid York, and Dominique LaTrice Bunton.

Also, a very dear friend, Marjorie Thomas, and a host of relatives and friends.

Hugh Lee Conner

Funeral services for Hugh Lee Conner were held Saturday morning,

April 29, 2006, at the Family East United Methodist Church with Rev. Shirley Allen Jenkins, senior pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Paradise Cemetery North in Houston under the direction of McCoy & Harrison Funeral Home, Inc. A special graveside service was conducted by the Maple Leaf Lodge #147, Worshipful Master, Rodger Jones.

He was born in Washington County, Texas September 15, 1912 to Willie and Emma Goldstein Conner. He was oldest of eleven children, and attended primary and secondary school in Brenham, Texas. Farming and raising animals were a very important part of his growing up years. His early church experience was at Harris Spring A.M.E. Church located on the Navasota Highway.

A resident of Houston since 1932, he was the brother of Elrud Devenport of Lubbock. Other sisters are Willie B. Phelps of Brenham and Vella Wright of Houston. Brothers: Sylvester Conner, Sr. (Bernice) of Philadelphia, Pa. and Charles Conner (Clarice) of Houston; a wife, Georgia P. Conner; a son, Donald Richard Conner of Houston; two daughters, Nelda Conner Lewis of Houston and Sandra Conner Tuelor (Henry) of Houston.

Lisbon Antonio Hughes

Funeral Services for Lisbon Antonio Hughes were held

Saturday morning, May 13, 2006, at the Greater St. James Baptist Church.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Hughes died Monday, May 8, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center.

Odessa E. Tate

Funeral services for Odessa E. Tate were held Wednesday afternoon, May 7, 2006, at the Ford



Tate

Memorial Church of God in Christ.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Friday, May 12, 2006, at University Medical Center.

Jerry L. Timmons

Funeral services for Jerry L. Timmons were held last Friday afternoon, May 12, 2006, at the St. Mark Baptist Church.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Timmons passed away Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at University Medical Center.

Carolyn Jean Walker

Funeral services for Carolyn Jean Walker of Arlington were held

Saturday afternoon, May 13, 2006, at Agape Church of God in Christ.

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

She passed away Sunday, May 7, 2006, at Baylor All Saints Hospital in Arlington.

She was born December 7, 1950 in Lubbock to Charlie Mae Walker-Coleman and Lenwood Roberts who preceded her in death.

A resident of Lubbock until 1960, she moved to Arlington where she resided until her passing. She was a member of the Holy Tabernacle Church of God in Christ in Fort Worth.

She is survived by her parents, Jessie and Charlie Coleman; four children: Elzotia (Candy) Walker, Kalvin Walker, Annie (Cookie) Walker, and Norman Nelson, all of Arlington; brothers: Lenwood Roberts, Jr. of Dallas, and Mickey (Evelyn) Coleman of Armona, California; a sister, Precious (L. Sgt. Dennis) Wallace of England; and nine grandchildren, seven nieces, and one grand-niece.



The women of the Missionary Society of the Smith Temple Church 4502 Avenue P, will sponsor its Missionary program on Sunday afternoon, May 21, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Speaker of the hour will be Evangelist Penny Planks. The public is invited to attend.

Rev. D. A. Smith is pastor, and Sister Catherine McCormick is president.

Members and friends of the "What Happens When Women Pray" had their annual program at the Golden Corral last Tuesday afternoon, May 16, 2006. A spirit filled message was delivered by Rev. Leon Armstrong. Scripture was read by T. J. Patterson, and Rev. J. H. Ford offered the prayer.

Sister Blanche Swisher, president, welcomed those in attendance and gave a history of the weekly program which began three years ago.

Other officers are: Sister Mary Birden, vice president; Sister Gladys Henderson, secretary; and Sister Tasha Hornoser, assistant secretary.

A very prayerful group of ladies, these members are: Liz Jefferson, Dorothy Johnson, Lucinda Griffin, Ollie Coleman, Mae Currie, Clemmie Sanders,

The Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday afternoon, May 28, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist

Church, 2710 East 14th Street, where the host pastor is Rev. Edward Casady. The services will begin at 2:30 p.m. Sister Bessie Sims is president.

Young people of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, along with the other sixty-three churches of the Greater Fort Worth District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, are getting ready for their Annual Sunday School Convention which will be held at Ceta Canyon Ranch & Retreat Center in Happy. The convention will be held May 31st thru June 2nd.

Sister Ruby Donaldson is superintendent and Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr. is pastor. The youth superintendent is Sister Nikki Sylvester.

School doors of the Lubbock Independent School District will close for another year next Thursday, May 25, 2006. So if you are a driver, let's be very careful as these young people are excited and will not be paying close attention on what they are doing. Keep a special eye out for our number one asset, our children.

Meals on Wheels plans Big Wheels promotion

It is that time of year again! On Friday, June 16th Lubbock Meals on Wheels will have the Big Wheels Deliver Meals promotion. For the tenth year, Lubbock Meals on Wheels and Sonic Restaurants have teamed up for this event in an attempt to raise public awareness and involve local celebrities in the mission of Meals on Wheels. On this day, local "Big Wheels" volunteer their lunch hour to deliver a Meals on Wheels route and are

chauffeured on the routes in classic cars generously supplied and driven by area car club members. Sonic Restaurants graciously donates more than 580 meals to feed all of the recipients, as well as, provide lunch for the celebrities and drivers. It is a treat for our recipients to be visited by these "important" people, see the old time cars and enjoy a special lunch of a "Sonic" hamburgers and fries.

Lubbock Meals on Wheels serves meals to almost 500 home-bound, elderly and disabled people each weekday. We have 38 routes with 9-12 stops on each route. The drivers and volunteers will leave from their assigned Sonic Restaurant location between 10:45 and 11:00 a.m. and each route requires about one hour to deliver. After the delivery, all drivers and celebrities are invited to the Lubbock Meals on Wheels office.

For more information, please call Lina at 792-7971.

City Summer Activity Guide now available

Parks and Recreation is your ticket to summer fun! The 2006 Summer Activity is now available! The 16-page guide covers Park activities from mid-May through August. Summer youth camps, Melodrama, Children's Theater and Concerts in the Parks are just a few of the great activities Parks will again offer Lubbock residents. In addition, the guide contains a calendar, athletic and tennis opportunities, class

schedules for Community and Senior Centers and the Garden and Arts Center, amenity information on each park, rental information, and information on Safety City and Lake Alan Henry. Class and camp registrations for all Centers are currently underway. Sign up now before classes fill up! For the first time, Parks and Recreation has the entire 16-page guide available (in Adobe Reader) at www.playlubbock.com. To have a free copy mailed to you, call 775-2685.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus You Know It's Praying Time!

Written by Evangelist BCy BJ Morrison, III - Your Broth. is in Christ Jesus Always.

II Timothy 3:1-2 - This know that in the last days, perilous (dangerous) times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful and unholy.

The Lord told us these things would be. Things that would happen in the last days, but the Churches are lukewarm in the Lord's work where souls need to be saved!!!

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a; 7b - To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

The Churches see these signs, and they should be about God's business. It's harvest time, but they want anniversaries, car wash, bake sales, fish fries, money in their minds.

Isaiah 56:10-11 - The Lord said, my watchmen are blind. They are ignorant. They are all dumb dogs. They cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand. They all look to their own way. Everyone for his gain from his quiver (anniversary).

***** Yes, The Watchmen Are Robbing God!!! *****

God tried to get America's attention through the Devil's CII bombing thing, and America came to her knees for

a little while, then went back to her old names!!!

Jeremiah 8:7 - The Lord said, "Yes, the stork in the heaven knows her appointed time, and the turtle, crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming, but my people know not the judgment of the Lord."

Then God let the Devil send Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to turn them his way. But America is a stiff neck heifer. She doesn't want to hear what God has to say!!!

Hosea 4:6 - The Lord said, "My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge, because you have rejected knowledge." I will also reject you. That you will be no priest to me. Seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.

So the hurricanes did get prayers, but it was just for a little time and a little while, but America went back to her ways: stealing, killing, and molesting even a little child!!!

Deuteronomy 12:8 - The Lord said, you shall not do after all the things that we do here this day. Every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes.

***** Yes, America Is Robbing God!!! *****

So God let the Devil send some forest fires. They burned up the land, and turned it back. The people prayed for a while, and put out the fires. But to God, they didn't turn back!!!

Luke 16:8 - Jesus said, the children of this world (The

Devil's) are in their generation, wiser than the children of light (God's).

Then God allowed the Devil to send a drought, and it sucked up the moisture from the land, and winds up to 60 mph. Then came prayer, because the people didn't like the said!!!

Hosea 8:7 - The Lord said, for they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. It has no stalk. The bud shall yield no meal. If so be it yielded, the strangers shall swallow it up.

Then the Lord let the Devil send rain in some parts of America. Over 40 days and nights, the people cried out to the Lord, please, please stop it. This is not right!!!

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

So God let the Devil into the White House. Cheating for all mankind could see. America is nothing but a liar, and it's on her money: "In God We Trust!!!" Now that can't be!!!

Galatians 6:7-8a - Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man sow, he shall also reap. For he that sows to the flesh shall of the reap corruption.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Pray First

There once was a man who had nothing for his family to eat. He had an old shotgun and three bullets. So he decided he would hunt and shoot something for dinner. As he went down the road, he saw a rabbit, and he shot at the rabbit and missed it. Then he saw a squirrel and fired a shot and missed it. As he traveled further, he saw a wild turkey in the tree, and he only had one bullet left. A voice came to him and said: "Pray first!" Aim high and stay focused. At the same time, he saw a deer which was a better kill, so he brought the gun down and aimed at the deer, but then he saw a rattlesnake between his legs about to bite him. So naturally, he brought the gun down further to shoot the rattlesnake. The still voice said again to him: "I said pray, aim high, and stay focused!" So the man decided to listen to the voice. He prayed!

Then aimed the gun high up in the tree and shot and killed the wild turkey. The bullet bounced off the turkey, and killed the deer. The handle of the gun fell off and hit the snake in the head and killed it. Then the gun had gone off, it kicked him into the pond. When he stood up to look around, he had a fish in all his pockets, a dead deer and a wild turkey to eat; the snake (Satan) was dead. Simply because the man listened to what God had to say.

"Bottom Line" - Pray first before you do anything. Aim and shoot high at your God and focus on "Jesus!"

Pass this on in order that someone else might be blessed. Never let others discourage you concerning your past. The past is exactly that - "the past!" Live everyday one day at a time, and remember that only God knows our future and he will not put you through any more that you can

bear. Look to Jesus first! He can open doors that he has prepared in advance for you in your favor.

Wait and be still! Patience! Keep God first, and everything will follow!

What a Mighty God we serve! This is the truth! Not a truth or the truth!

Keep praying, Saints! Stay a step ahead of Satan, and take our rightful place as people of God! Let us not forget all those who are hurting. **God can help! No matter how dark it looks to you in your life, He gave the power to his body, which is the Church to help. For we walk by Faith and not by Sight!**

We hope all of our Mothers had a very "Happy Mother's Day" last Sunday. May continue to bless each of you!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burselon, vice president; Sister Elnoira Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosiana Henderson, secretary.

Black church responds to internet porn companies targeting Black communities

BOSTON, May 17 /PRNewswire/ - Black pastors across the country are taking a stand on internet pornography companies that are targeting the Black community by hijacking domain names of Black leaders to use for pornography websites. An internet pornography company known as Club Pink now owns both martin Luther King.com and Jesse Jackson.com. Because domain names go to the first group registering them, pornography companies often buy domain names that might draw people unknowingly to their pornography site. While in many cases, domain name hijacking violates trademark laws, it requires an expensive, lengthy process for the legitimate owners of the trademarks and names to remove the hijack-

ers. Last month, TechMission's Safe Families Program and the Black Ministerial Alliance of Greater Boston hosted an online safety workshop for the Black community addressing concerns around those intentionally targeting the Black community (available online at www.safe-families.org). The workshop was led by Bill Mooney-McCoy, a Black pastor in inner city Boston who also serves as the Safe Families Program Director. The workshop was held at the historic Black church, Global Ministries Christian Church (GMCC), where TechMission initially began.

The Safe Families Program demonstrates that the Black Church is leading the world in addressing the issue of online safety. The Safe Families web-

site provides free software to protect children by blocking objectionable material online. TechMission's Safe Families software represents a long awaited update, building on the WebBlocker.com software, which has been the most popular free filtering software (last updated in 2001). The website provides the following training materials:

- For parents: steps to implement an online safety, a software ratings guide and a family internet safety pledge
- For pastors: steps for dealing with pornography in their churches including church bulletin inserts
- For nonprofits and schools: training materials and curriculum for online safety
- For pornography addicts: steps for recovery from pornography addiction including a



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Mexico! Do not Tick-off Middle Class America

Last week this writer expressed his displeasure with the leadership of the Hispanic community who put their people at risk in America for an agenda backed by the Mexican government. I would not doubt if Homeland Security does not have the pictures, name of families, gender, age, where they work and so forth by a foolish move in the name of a macho call against the United States Government and its people.

Did the Hispanic community take note of how quickly President Bush unveiled his choice for the new C.I.A. director? Mr. Bush named Air force General Michael V. Hayden who he said had "vast experience" and was "the right man to lead the C.I.A. at this critical

moment in our nation's history." Illegal immigration is presently the critical moment in America's history because it threatens America's culture, social and economic fiber. If General Hayden was a participant in the eavesdropping program of President Bush or American citizens, what do you think he will do will illegal aliens from Mexico and South America?

Did the American Hispanic leadership hear John D. Negroponte, Director of National Intelligence when he said "it's fair to say that we expect a lot of questions" about the program of warrantless wiretaps of calls between people in the United States and overseas in which one is believed to have a connection to terrorism, begun by the N.S.A. under General Hayden's leadership. "You know that General Hayden is familiar with that program."

I have a deep feeling of pity for the common people of Mexico. According to the World Bank, 53% of Mexico's 104

million population live in poverty, which is defined as living on less than \$2 a day. Close to 24% of Mexico population live in extreme poverty, which means they live on less than \$1 a day. The bottom 40% of Mexican households shares less than 11% of the country's wealth. Millions live in extreme poverty and children are compelled to work on the streets in order to help provide food for their families. Unemployment in Mexico is realistically estimated near 40% and there are no government unemployment benefits. Get this! There are virtually no welfare benefits to provide the basics for poverty-stricken, often starving women and children.

However, I believe the ordinary Mexican need to have that deep conviction Blacks valued while fighting for the survival of their race during the Civil Rights Movement. That conviction is one can bring about change in their government.

Mexicans need to get some backbone and take pride in the fact that one's freedom for him or herself and their prosperity is worth the agony of death. The unwritten saying among black people is "I had rather be dead in my grave than to be a slave

(This message need to be conveyed to Vicente Fox and his successor)." 20 million Mexicans can return to Mexico and change the political landscape. 20 million people can change policies that governed their lives and the lives of future generations. If they returned to their native land they can keep their ways of doing things - fly their flag, and do at will what is acceptable in their culture and religion and not be a nation within a nation.

Mexico has a plutocracy form of government in which,

instead of the people being represented by their elected officials, those with wealth "buy" the officials. Those officials then create laws and policies, which produce profits for the wealthy owners of corporations.

I read a recent story told by an illiterate widow of a poor fisherman who made a miserable living by selling cold drinks in the shabby fishing village of Isla Aguada, Mexico. The widow was Romana Perez Vidal de Cantarell. This woman husband Rudecindo Cantarell's lead officials to the oily bubbles stopped gurgling up from the floor of the Gulf. Her husband discovery set off an oil boom in 1976 that earned Mexico ten of billions of dollars

The Mexican government gave her husband a small gold medal as a reward for the discovery. The widow is to have said, "They keep it all. The oil belongs to all Mexicans but even we have not benefited."

The story says in Isla Aguada, a desolate little town on a strip of land on the Gulf of Mexico coast, homes have old strips of cloth for doors and the fishing port lies in ruin, which in the distance Cantarell's rigs suck up \$100 million worth of oil a day.

The truth is the European nations, rich Mexicans and rich Americans have exploited poor Mexicans, and the oil reserves are quickly drying up. Fox and his kind want to reduce the population so the upper class can continue to live their rich lifestyle on the backs of middle class Americans. This also appears to be the mindset of some religious organizations whose headquarters are not in America.

Mexico! Do not tick-off middle class Americans. You are not pressing your luck!

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, last Sunday morning, May 14, 2006, were well attended. What a time in the Lord! Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Sunday School began at 10:15 a.m. with Sister Luella Harris, Superintendent, in charge. What a beautiful lesson. The lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The morning subject was entitled "Wisdom Invitation!" This brought about much discussion from those present.

The morning worship services began at 11:15 a.m. with the morning devotion led by Deacon Edward Williams. The members

of the Senior Choir sung out of their souls. It's a blessing to sing God's praises.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "A Mother's Love." His scripture text was I King 3:23-27. What a wonderful sermon for Mother's Day! May God continue to bless you, Pastor Canady.

The Senior Choir will present a Musical Sunday afternoon, May 21, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. The theme for the program is "O' Come, Let Us Sing Unto The Lord." Psalm 95:1.

Our Thought For The Week: "The dearest friend on earth is but a mere shadow compared to Jesus."

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Black Enterprise's May cover story examines the proliferation of the Pastor/CEO



Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell and Bishops T.D. Jakes and Eddie L. Long have impacted the media/religious atmosphere in America.

into high-profile CEOs of multimillion-dollar enterprises. In the May issue's special report, "The Business of Faith," BLACK ENTERPRISE (BE) conducts exclusive interviews with cover subjects Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell and Bishops T.D. Jakes and Eddie L. Long—religious leaders who have embraced business in a big way—often facing criticism—to further their church mission, spiritual message, and entrepreneurial aspirations.

The combination of church and business is booming as ministries grant pastors oversight of both for-profit and nonprofit ventures. A prime example is Bishop T.D. Jakes. As head of the Dallas-based The Potter's House—one of the nation's most prominent non-denominational churches with roughly 39,000 congregants—Jakes, 48, is adept at juggling projects. He successfully serves as the chief spiritual leader of his vast number of parishioners while simultaneously pursuing his entrepreneurial dreams. His \$15 million for-profit media empire, T.D. Jakes Enterprises L.L.C., includes books, CDs, a record label, and motion pictures, including *Woman, Thou Art Loosed!*

"The pastor oversees two kingdoms divided by a carefully constructed firewall," says BE News Editor Nicole Marie Richardson, who co-wrote the feature and spent months researching black

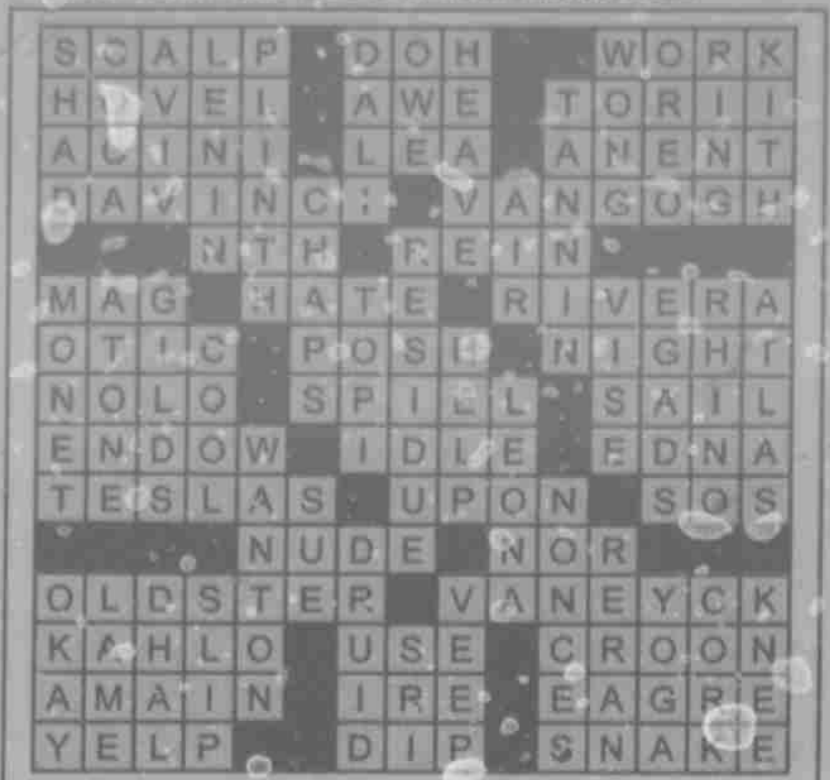
megachurches. "The ministry has a compensation board that determines Bishop Jakes' salary and approves all budgets, including last year's \$15 million MegaFest. This solid financial infrastructure has enabled the church to fund nearly 100 charitable ministries ranging from grief management to debt consolidation." To secure the flow of revenue for his far-reaching endeavors, Jakes employs what he calls the three P's: partners, corporations that help fund programs and initiatives; products, items sold to the public for proceeds that go to the church; and people, congregants who make significant contributions.

To avoid conflicts, Bishop Jakes employs two staffs and uses different accounting systems and financial institutions for The Potter's House and T.D. Jakes Enterprises. He also has two sets of accountants perform separate compliance audits. By embracing entrepreneurship and sound business practices for both his church and his companies, Bishop Jakes says he's answering God's call. "(Our) compliance audits are so thorough that if I bought you a

Coca-Cola on my church card, it would show up in the audit," says Jakes. "We are pastoring to the

equivalent of a small city. If you're going to be here for longevity's sake, you have to do things right."

Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers: Famous Artists



New York, NY - For a growing half of the job. A rising number of number of modern-day clergy, profitably managed black preaching from the pulpit is only megachurches are turning pastors

2006 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

The 27th Annual Juneteenth Celebration is vastly approaching and the Juneteenth Committee needs volunteers to help with preparations for this upcoming event. If you are interested in volunteering and/or participating in an event, please contact Tonya Johnson at 744-2495 for more information or return this form to: Juneteenth Celebration Committee, PO Box 3221, Lubbock, TX 79452. Help needed in the following areas:

- Scholarship Showcase
- Reception
- Basketball Tournament
- Set-Up Crew
- Freedom Health Walk
- Park Activities
- Parade
- Entertainment
- Other

We are currently accepting applications for vendors, for more information please contact Maxine McCormick, 763-6161. You are also invited to participate in our Juneteenth Celebration Parade, which will be held Saturday, June 17, 2006 at 10 a.m. A \$100 cash prize will be awarded for the best parade vehicle or float based on creativity, showmanship, and artistic design. For more information please contact Maurice Williams, 744-5496.

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Walking around campus

Do you recognize these girls? These two seniors of the 1956 graduating class of Dunbar High School are Bobbie J. Chew, left, and Bobbie Lavis, right. They were taking a stroll on the Dunbar campus on Date Avenue when a photographer snapped their picture!

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Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:38
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb 5:9
How do we obey him?
He is the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3
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Miller elected as Lubbock's new mayor

After all ballots were counted last Saturday night, May 13, 2006, it was loud and clear that David Miller was the new mayor for Lubbock. The Lubbock businessman won all six districts and took the majority of the vote.

In explaining this victory, Miller said, "The outpouring of

support has just been incredible, last Saturday evening at the Spirit Ranch.

He beat Mayor Pro Tom Tom Martin and three other candidates for the post. His closest competition was Martin who had been a city councilman since 2002, but the election was not as closely



Miller

contested as had been anticipated. People around the region had expected the results to have a much closer margin between the Miller and

Martin.

Perhaps the largest margin of victory came from District One where Miller received 55 percent of the vote to Martin's 23 percent.

Perhaps the catalyst for the Miller vote was when a decision was made by the city council to shift funds from a proposed

canyon lake project in District 1 to the Challenger Little League field in Martin's District 5.

Also, the city council's decision to purchase and renovate a Catholic Family Services building into a community center for the Guadalupe Neighborhood rather than building a new center.

The residents of Guadalupe wanted a new center.

Martin also lost in District 3, the area he has represented for the past four years. City rules dictate that when a candidate announces for office, he must step down from his current position.

Dunbar Panther Majorettes were outstanding



In 1963, the band performances could not have been complete without the Dunbar High School Panthers drum major and majorettes to lead the band's march down the field. They organized new baton routines which delighted the audience.

Here they are, from left to right: Dora Crockett, Winnie Taylor, Antoinette Roberson, Faye Berrow, drum major; Eileen Woods, featured twirler; Billie Eddins, and Irene Bolden, head majorette.

What an outstanding job they did as they stood tall for Dunbar High School.

New children's bookstore and library benefits children's literacy

A belief that all children should have access to libraries and bookstores inspired two Texas Tech University professors to imagine and build a space for young children to enjoy the magic of reading and purchase new and used books inexpensively.

Rosa Hernández Sheets, an associate professor in the College of Education, and Upe Fluehiger, an associate professor in the College of Architecture, worked together this spring to make this conviction a reality for Lubbock's Salvation

Army. "The WORM HOLE: Where The Bookworms Go" is a mini-bookstore and library designed and built by Fluehiger's graduate students and staffed by Sheets' Kappa Delta honorary society members.

Located inside the Salvation Army (1420 Ave. J), the facility is a safe haven where young children can read quality, multicultural books and can purchase books for 25 cents.

"This is a non-institutional place where children, regardless of the

economic status of their parents, can experience a safe, comfortable place to build memories of favorite books," Sheets said. "It's important for the Lubbock community to share the mutual goal of providing access to books to as many children as possible throughout their lives."

Donations of cash and books are being accepted throughout the year for the project. For more information on donating, contact Sheets.

Thanks to everyone for a great hair show!

A special thanks to three of Lubbock's finest hair stylists who delighted the crowd attending a tribute to Mothers at Full Armor Ministries. The group was there attending "Silhouette of a Godly Woman", sponsored by the Whole "E" Women of Full Armor.

The Show was a success, and the styles and models were the best! Thanks again for your time, effort, and energy!

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

LET'S MOVE FORWARD, LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT is hoping and praying that after our new mayor, DAVID MILLER, is sworn in, all of us in the City Lubbock will move in the same direction. It is very important that we do so! TOM MARTIN, who was the mayor pro tem and Mattie's main opponent, was rather unhappy over the outcome. He said he did his very best for DISTRICT 5. THIS N THAT, who experienced the same kind of action, really has an idea how he feels at this time, but I guarantee that he will get over it. THIS N THAT learned that "YESTERDAY'S HOME RUN WILL NOT WIN TODAY'S BALLGAME". It is essential that all of us come together for the betterment of Lubbock. If we would do that, we'd all get down the road much quicker, and with this kind of an attitude, the housing project, KING'S DOMINION, which is sponsored by the North & East Lubbock Development Corporation. Anyway, CON-

GRATS to the new mayor, DAVID MILLER, and we hope he'll continue the works he has talked about doing his campaign. LUBBOCK is a great city, and its citizens have so much talent. This is a very good time to begin using more of it.

STILL NEED YOUR HELP, CITY OF LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT mentioned the trees which have begun to grow in the same area of our telephone poles, beginning in the 200 block of East 26th Street, near the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church and going all the way to the OVERPASS. It sure would be nice if these trees are cut down. If they continue, it could become a hazard in driving in this area. THIS N THAT appreciates what the City of Lubbock does in taking care of these kinds of problems. Hope this same kind of spirit will continue. If the location is not really understood, then advise THIS N THAT!

M&E SIMMONS SWIMMING POOL WILL OPEN

MAY 26th! THIS N THAT has been advised that the M&E SIMMONS SWIMMING POOL will open Friday, MAY 26th, along with the other city pools. They will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday thru Sunday, and will be closed on Mondays. Admission for children younger than 18 will be \$1.50 and \$2.00 for those 18 years and older. TUESDAY NIGHTS will be \$2.00 for a family of four, with an additional \$1.00 for any other family member from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Several years ago, THIS N THAT remembered at the end of the summer, the PATTERSON LIBRARY had a special effort to see that young people had their library cards. Why not do something early in the summer for these young people to have a library card? Just something to think about.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THE MOST DECEPTIVE LIARS are those who live on the EDGE OF TRUTH!"



Think About It!

Now that it is over; A new beginning!

by Eddie P. Richardson

The election has come and gone. Let's look to the future. If your candidate won or lost, let's support the winners and look to the future for a better day. No matter the outcome of the election, you are a winner if you exercised your legal and moral right by voting.

In this writer's opinion and memory, this election was perhaps the most expensive mayoral race in Lubbock's history. Hope it (election) was worth it. Some very noticeable and important factors in the race was candidate David Miller's reference throughout the candidate which registered very high in this writer's opinion was the usage of "We" and not "I." As "We", not "I", was a very important factor

throughout the campaign.

Mayor-Elect David Miller, on his acknowledgment of the election results by the media made it perfectly clear his administration will focus on policy and the city manager's office will have the authority to perform administrative duties, including personnel situations. He made it clear the city council will get out of the way and let them do their jobs without interference from individual council members which apparently has been the ugly case in recent years lately. Our prayers for Lubbock in this issue for the good of Lubbock and let it die. Let it die.... Let it be..... Let it stay.... Let it be the end.. Lubbock's image has, in

some way, been misunderstood. Lubbock is a good city, even a wonderful city. We pray our new mayor-elect will be successful in bringing a positive can do, will do face to Lubbock, with "We", and not "I" attached to it. Let's all hope and pray for our mayor-elect overwhelmingly success for the good of Lubbock and all of us collectively.

Closing Thought: "Make hay while the sun shines, and remember yesterday is gone; tomorrow is not here, so let's love today and make the best of it!"

Keep hope alive! Continue to support the North & East Lubbock Project!

Graduates looking to the future get sound advice

By Shelle Evans Guest Columnist

Whether it is high school, college or graduate school, graduation presents decisions, challenges, and many opportunities. It is a time for looking forward and discovering one's path and purpose. We look in different places for answers and direction.

Some people might think of Dr. Seuss as an unlikely place to turn to, but he has a book, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" which has wonderful advice for any graduate. In the same type of verse and with the clever illustrations many have grown to love from Dr. Seuss, he encourages his readers to find the "success that lies within us."

Giving this book and a note of congratulations has become a favorite graduation gift of mine. I also include a Bible verse. It is Proverbs 3: 5, 6 which reads, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge

him and he shall direct your paths." This is the important message.

A sequence of events in my life proved that a limited view of things could not provide the best and most rewarding course for me.

At my graduation I knew exactly how things should go. With a master's degree in school counseling, I would quickly find a job and immediately begin my new profession. It did not go that way.

There were no jobs available. So I accepted a position as an aide in the counselor's office at a large elementary school. I decided this would open the way for a regular counseling job. That did not quickly happen. I continued to work as an aide.

As the next school year approached, there were counseling positions available in several new elementary schools. I decided on the school that would be best for me. (I had not yet taken to heart the verse from Proverbs and was still trying to outline my own course.)

During that time, I also discovered a statement from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, "When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs our

path." To me it reinforced the Proverbs message and helped me to understand that I needed not only to trust and acknowledge Him, but to wait patiently, and seek God's plan (not my own way).

When it became obvious that I might not be selected for the school I wanted, I began for the first time to really try to see what God had planned for me. I then realized another school would have more opportunities to give to and help children, but it was not what I wanted. More humility was needed.

When asked to serve at the school I had before resisted, I was able to go joyfully and with great expectation of good. The extra time spent working as an aide proved to be a valuable experience. I loved my work, the children and the school. With gratitude I felt I knew my course had been directed.

Dr. Seuss says to "get on your wye!" But Solomon in all of his wisdom tells each graduate how to do it—to "trust in the Lord with all your heart." What wonderful blessings I found by choosing His path!

Shelle Evans lives in Abilene, TX

Book of essays by African-Americans continues its climb

Los Angeles /PRNewswire/ - *The Covenant with Black America*, a collection of essays by African Americans that examines issues such as education, health care and judicial disparities, has jumped to #1 on the New York Times' list of nonfiction, paperback books (as of April 23, 2006).

With an introduction by media personality Tavis Smiley, the book has appeared on the bestseller list for five consecutive weeks. Smiley spearheaded *The Covenant* project and edited the text. Popularity of the book has been spurred primarily by talk radio and word of mouth.

"Black America has spoken and the message is, 'We care

about the state of our families, access to education, jobs and health care,'" said Smiley. "This text provides the research and background on how to improve Black America. Now we look forward to the conversations from readers and the actions they will take to implement positive change."

The Covenant, published by Third World Press, Inc., the nation's oldest independent African American book publisher, is also the first non-fiction book by a Black publisher to reach and top the best-seller list. Third World Press, Inc. receives all proceeds from this text. The book debuted in the #6 spot in the Times' March 26 edition fol-

lowing its February release.

Covenant with Black America is a national plan of action to address the primary concerns of African Americans today — from health to housing, from crime to criminal justice, from education to economic parity. The 254-page book is divided into 10 core chapters outlining key issues.

For more information about *The Covenant* project or the book, visit www.covenantwithblackamerica.com.



As a child growing up during World War II, I was afraid that I would never reach adulthood because of the Atom Bomb. By the time I reached adulthood, I learned of the Hydrogen Bomb. By the time that fear was alleviated, there was the Three Mile Island incident in 1979 in Pennsylvania causing radioactive materials to escape into the environment and later, the Chernobyl incident in the Ukraine in 1986, where a nuclear explosion occurred, sending radioactive materials across Europe. Knowledge of a Nuclear Bomb was available at the time, but I felt that its use would by all means be contained and harnessed for peaceful use.

Getting over the fear of a devastating bomb, a manmade apparatus, has not been the easiest thing in the world to do, but the fear of natural disasters plagues me more in this time and age. Since Katrina, just about everyone who lives near water fears storms of all kinds and the many health hazards that can be caused by the ravages of a Katrina type storm and flood. Many people who left New Orleans because of Katrina, do not plan to return to the city for any reason. There is

great fear of the germs and diseases that are being discovered during the cleanup of the damaged areas.

One disease in particular which is bringing fear to many is the Avian Influenza or the disease better known as 'Bird Flu.' There is speculation in the medical field that a pandemic is on the way. It is rumored that a vaccine can only be made from a person whom has survived the disease and there are only a few. The rumor states that only the President of the United States and key government officials have such vaccine now available to them. The rest of us are up the creek without a paddle. I decided to investigate as I missed the movie sponsored by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention which was intended to be a warning and was for entertainment only, they said. They claim at this time that the disease is not passed from human to human but to humans whom

have come in contact with diseased animals, but a mutation of the virus could result in a human strain. This information can be found at www.pandemicflu.gov.

Aside from the CDC, the World Health Organization has information on Avian Influenza A/ (H5N1.) As of May 8, 2006, 297 human cases have been reported and 115 have died. None have been reported from Greater Europe or the Western Hemisphere. This information can be retrieved at www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and press our Congressmen to get our homeland public health organizations prepared for the coming disaster by getting the vaccine ready for the general population or the epidemic of 1918 which killed 500,000 in the United States will seem like child's play as there are more people in the country now who could possibly die.

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By Steve Swartz

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Upcoming Library Events

Mother/Daughter Bookworms Discussion at the Godeke Branch Library

The Mother/Daughter Bookworms group will meet at the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, on Monday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. Girls aged 13-16 and their moms, grandmothers or older sisters are welcome. For more information, call 792-6566.

Knitting Class at the Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a beginning knitting class at 7 p.m. on

Monday, May 22. Learn how to knit a scarf. No experience necessary. Call 767-3733 for more information.

Movie Night at Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker Avenue, will host a movie night on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. Colin Farrell and Q'orianka Kilcher star as Captain John Smith and Pocahontas in a film directed by Terrence Malick. Rated PG-13. Please call the library at 792-6566 for more information.

Estacado graduate publishes his first novel

Young African America Author releases first novel; *Friends, Lies, and Allibs*

Damion Davis, a 26-year-old African American, has just written his first major release. Published by "Publish America", it is said to offer a great look into the life of its three main characters. "Not many books delve into the life of three ordinary individuals and can bring them alive as Damion does. I am excited to see what his future holds in his writings," says one of the critics that have read his work.

Somewhat autobiographical, *Friends, Lies, and Allibs* offers something for everyone that reads it. It has a comedic sense not seen by many in a great while. At the same time it is making you laugh, it also makes you cry with tear-filled stories of death and lovers gone wrong. You are taken through a whirlwind of feelings and in the

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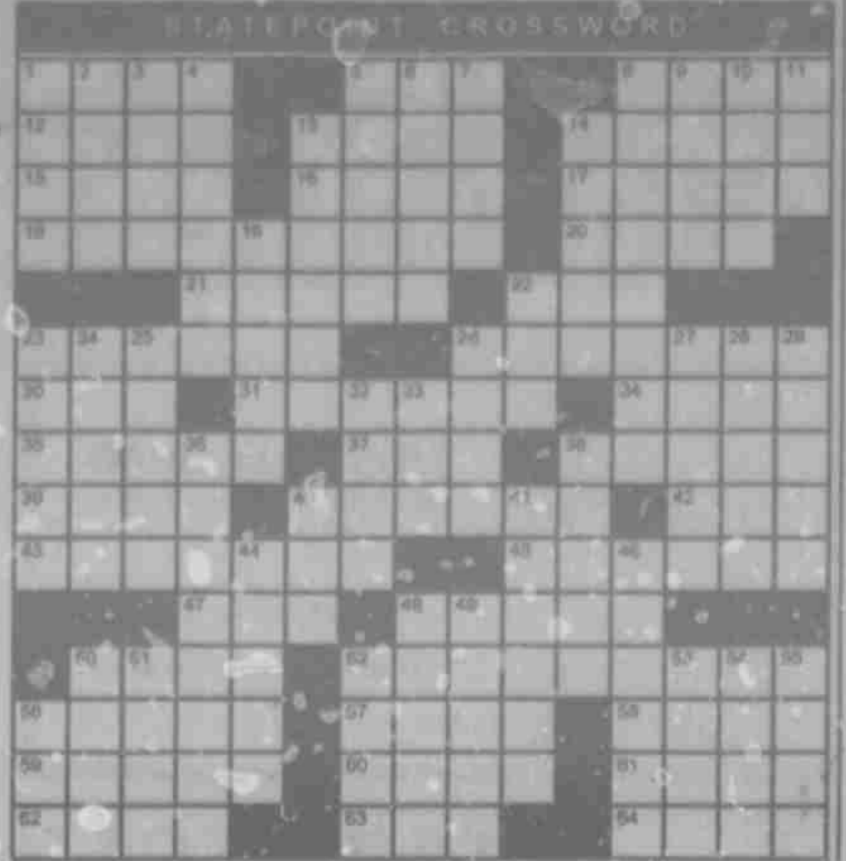
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- John Galsworthy's Forsyte story
- ____-been
- One thing on a list
- Crash preparation for an exam
- Sound of a bell
- Pleasant odor
- Chills and fever
- 7th letter of Greek alphabet
- Mazda in TV ad, pl.
- Father of Perestroika
- No more than
- Essential oil obtained from flowers
- Be unwell
- Solidarity leader who played role in fall of Eastern Bloc
- Encloses in a case
- Bass or Redhook
- Can disorder
- Mark for omission
- South American domesticated animal
- Cassius Clay
- Bordering country of Iraq
- Short for linoleum
- This is to ankle as bracelet is to wrist
- U.S. President responsible for New Deal
- Women's civil rights leader, Susan
- Rackets
- Sculpture or painting
- Smooth silky fabric
- Sudden spasm of pain
- Sat to the right of FDR at Yalta in 1945
- Black and white mammal
- Verdi's opera based on a historical incident
- Great Lake
- Secretary-General of U.N.
- Pink one means you're out of your job
- Caviar, pl.
- The Red and Black are two of them
- Angular distance of object above the horizon
- "Ali's well that ____ well"



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- Slang for heroin
- Golden Fleece ship
- Wild ox of eastern India
- Different spelling for ameba
- Tumult and commotion
- Modify
- Member of eastern European people
- Nickname for UK's first woman Prime Minister
- Screwdriver, e.g.
- Television award
- Mothers
- ____ Toe
- Pro-life
- On a cruise, two words
- Santa ____ winds
- Town in WA that repeats itself
- TV sitcom "____ the Family"
- Past tense of lean
- Male version of Emily
- People of Middle Ages
- owned by a feudal lord
- Omit
- Tallest tower in the U.S.
- Like a clown
- Large deer found in mountains
- Gandhi's first name
- Indifferent to emotions
- Rocker Adam
- Snare
- Donor can bequeath it
- Opposite of out there
- Decoy
- IRS' threat
- Framed section of a window
- Tolstoy's heroine Karenina
- Home in Spanish
- Golf club
- German art song of 19th century
- Some believe "more is ____"
- Ballet step

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