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Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G.
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, 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 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 Hunt Elementary.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.
- Estacado High School Alumni & Faculty Class Reunion meetings are held the second and third Sundays at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All Estacado Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.

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## Obama's enormous fundraising success rivals opponents' efforts

With a stunning \$25 million fundraising haul for his presidential campaign, Democrat Barack Obama affirmed his status Wednesday as Hillary Rodham Clinton's chief rival.

The freshman Illinois senator proved he could channel his appeal into significant financial muscle, and he dispelled, for now, questions about the durability of his anti-war, "hope"-driven candidacy.

Obama's three-month money total stopped just short of the record \$26 million Clinton brought in. By any measure, it was an astonishing figure for a political newcomer elected to the U.S. Senate just two years ago.

Obama was in Iowa Wednesday, with a rally in Mason City planned for the afternoon. In an e-mail message to supporters, he said his fundraising success represented "an unmistakable message to the political establishment in Washington about the power and seriousness of our challenge."

His campaign released additional details illustrating the breadth of Obama's support. He had 100,000 contributors in the first quarter, with more than half donating online for a total of \$6.9 million. Clinton, by contrast, had about 50,000 contributors and raised \$4.2 million online.

The campaign said at least \$23.5 million of the \$25 million total was available to be used in the highly competitive primary race. The Clinton campaign has yet to disclose how much of her \$26 million can be used for the primary and how much was earmarked for the general election. Clinton also transferred \$10 million from her Senate account, bringing her total campaign funds to \$36 million.

Obama's strong showing was a blow to Clinton, who sought to position herself as her party's strongest White House contender in part through her fundraising prowess. She has spent years devel-



Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., speaks at a town hall forum in Council Bluffs, Neb., Saturday, March 31, 2007.

oping a national fundraising network through two Senate campaigns and her husband's eight years as president.

Obama began his campaign with a relatively small donor base concentrated largely in Illinois, his home state. But his early opposition to the Iraq war and voter excitement over his quest to be the first black president quickly fueled a powerful fundraising machine.

He attracted Wall Street executives and big-money Hollywood moguls like billionaire David Geffen, a former Clinton supporter who shifted allegiances. But he also focused on smaller donations and raised money in several small cities, a practice Clinton aides say she will follow this quarter.

Still, her strategists point to numerous state and national polls that show Obama consistently trailing Clinton. A new poll of New

Hampshire Democrats by CNN and WMUR showed Edwards surging into second place. Clinton was leading with 27 percent, Edwards had 21 percent and Obama 20 percent.

Clinton was at home in New York Wednesday and had no comment on Obama's announcement. But her campaign manager, Patti Solis Doyle, issued a statement congratulating Obama and said the fundraising of all the Democratic contenders "demonstrates the overwhelming desire for change in our country."

Indeed, first quarter financial tallies show the Democrats vastly outpacing their GOP counterparts. Preliminary figures show the Democrats raised about \$80 million combined, while Republicans pulled in only about \$40 million.

Former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards reported \$14 million

in new contributions, including \$1 million for the general election.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson said he had raised \$6 million and had more than \$5 million cash on hand.

Aides to Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd said he raised more than \$4 million and transferred nearly \$5 million from his Senate campaign, for a total of \$9 million in receipts and \$7.5 million cash on hand. Delaware Sen. Joe Biden lagged behind, with his staff reporting that he had total receipts of nearly \$4 million, nearly half of which was transferred from his Senate campaign account.

Among the Republican candidates, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney was the top money-raiser with \$23 million, another eye-catching sum that placed him in the same league with Clinton and Obama and left his GOP rivals in the dust.

Former New York City Mayor

Giuliani raised \$15 million for the quarter, while Arizona Sen. John McCain posted \$12.5 million. Giuliani leads the GOP field in national popularity polls, followed by McCain.

For his part, Giuliani said Wednesday he was impressed with Obama's money totals.

"Congratulations. I admire his fundraising ability. It shows he has a tremendous amount of support," Giuliani told reporters in Florida.

But Edwards said in an interview with Davenport, Iowa, television station KWQC that the prodigious campaign fundraising was evidence that presidential races should be publicly financed.

"We shouldn't be doing these money contests. They're not healthy, they're not good for democracy," Edwards said.

Clinton made a similar plea for public financing Monday, even though she was the first candidate to completely opt out of the public funding system since it was established over 30 years ago. Since then, both Obama and Edwards have followed suit.

Donors can give just \$2,300 apiece for the primary election, but Clinton, Obama and Edwards can also solicit another \$2,300 from each donor to be used in the general election. The money has to be returned if they don't win the nomination.

Clinton's campaign often solicited the \$4,600 donations, while Obama's campaign focused on recruiting small dollar donors. In the coming months, he can return to those donors and ask those who haven't maxed out to give more.

But Fred Hochberg, a top Clinton fundraiser, said it was important to remember that Clinton had still come out on top.

"She did spectacularly well," Hochberg said. "It would be one thing if Hillary raised \$14 million or something, but she did so much better than that. If fundraising is a show of strength, she shows enormous strength."

## Gary speaks to Harvard Law students

Cambridge, MA - Willie Gary, prominent trial attorney and chairman of the Black Family Channel, recently served as the keynote speaker during the 24th Annual Harvard Black Law Student Association (BLSA) Spring Conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Gary addressed over 250 law students, administrators and faculty during the BLSA conference dinner in an effort to motivate them to strive for excellence in their studies and to challenge them to make a difference in the lives of others. Gary spoke of the challenges he faced as an African American lawyer, and how he was able to overcome the odds and realize his dream of being an attorney, cable television executive and entrepreneur. At the conclusion of the program, students were given the opportunity to ask Gary questions and take pictures with him.



Gary

Energy filled the room as Gary challenged the group of future lawyers. "If you stay focused, work hard, and accept the special responsibility that comes with the law

degree, you can make a difference in the lives of many people. You can be a voice for the voiceless," said Gary.

Gary, who is best known in legal circles as "The Giant Killer," is noted for taking on some of America's most powerful companies - winning billions of dollars in verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients. Gary is also the Chairman of the Black Family Channel, America's only minority owned and operated, 24-hour cable network. Known for his philanthropic endeavors, he and his wife, Dr. Gloria Gary, founded The Gary Foundation, which provides college scholarships to at-risk students who wish to attend college. The Garys have donated millions of dollars to help Historically Black Colleges and Universities - including \$10 million to his alma mater Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

## Fifth annual Stork's Nest Baby Shower

The fifth annual Stork's Nest Baby Shower, hosted by students in the community health class and high risk obstetrics classes at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's School of Nursing, will take place at 1 p.m. April 19 at the International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Ave.

The public is invited to attend the event, which will feature numerous raffle and auction items, including sports items signed by Texas Tech coaches.

Prior to the event, Health Sciences Center nursing students will be in the community seeking donations of new baby items, auction items or money to be used by the

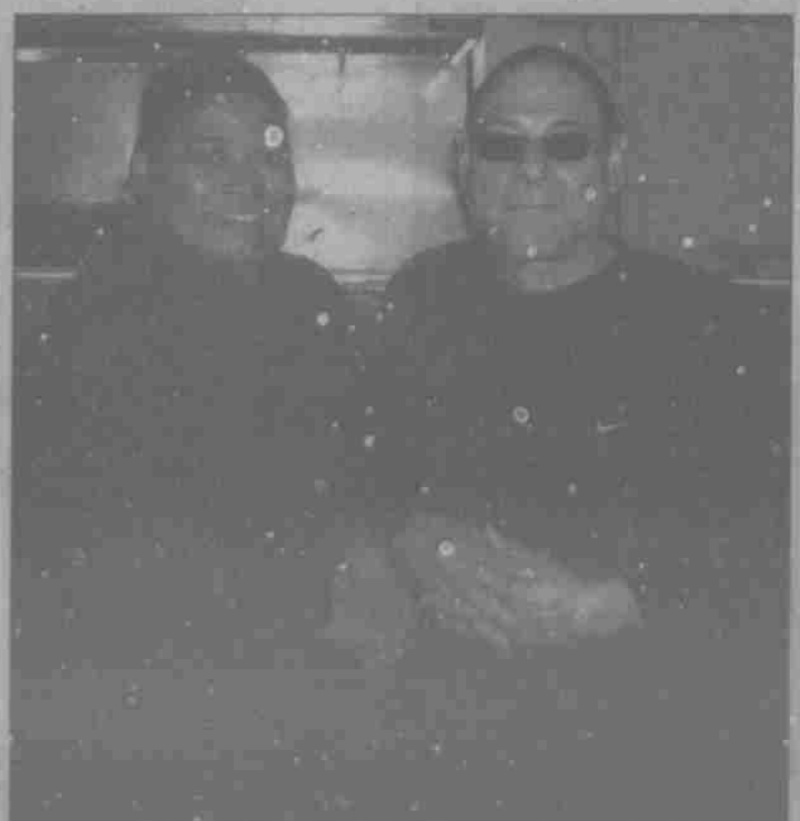
Stork's Nest, a program designed to increase the number of women receiving early and regular prenatal care. The Stork's Nest provides incentives to help pregnant women make and keep prenatal care appointments, as well as teaches expectant parents about healthy prenatal and infant care practices.

"This project is very important to the women who visit the Stork's Nest, many of whom are teenagers, as well as the nursing students who have a chance to see the importance of community health needs and have the opportunity to give back to their community," said Linda Brice, R.N., Ph.D., assistant professor in the School of Nursing.

The Lubbock Chapter of the Stork's Nest serves a vital community role in increasing the number of Lubbock women and teens who receive early and regular prenatal care so that more babies are able to start life healthy and hopefully not premature.

Brice said the students' goal this year is to raise \$25,000 from the shower to purchase additional baby items. The Stork's Nest is a national cooperative project of the March of Dimes and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Donations of baby items or monetary donations are now being accepted. For more details, contact Brice at 743-2730, ext. 234.

## Meet the hardworking folks who run Chatman Hill Restaurant



Here they are, the chef, Cyathia Wilson, at left, and the owner, Bobby Domingo, right, of the Chatman Hill Restaurant & Catering which is located at 512 East 23rd Street. This new establishment is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. For more information, call Ms. Wilson at 831-6672 or Domingo at 787-2046. For call in orders, call 744-2501. This photo is courtesy of Butch Avery.

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

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Keynolds

Easter Sunrise Services will be held at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, Sunday morning, April 8, 2007, beginning at 6 a.m. During these services, Mount Gilead Baptist Church, St. Luke Baptist Church and New Hope Baptist Church will fellowship together. Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor of St. Luke, will bring the message. Rev. J. Jerome Johnson is pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church. Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor of New Hope Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.

Good Friday Services will be held at the St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street, where Rev. S. Fields is host pastor. Ministers of the Churches United for Kingdom Building will be preaching on "The Seven I Am's." Services will begin at 7 p.m.

The Young People's Department of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will be in charge of services for Maundy Thursday, tonight, April 5, 2007. Young people will be making speeches, singing and praising God during this Easter Season. Services will get underway at

7 p.m. Rev. Sonia J. Beaty is pastor. The public is invited to attend.

Also, Good Friday Services will be held at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on Friday evening, April 6, 2007, beginning at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend these services.

The pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Sonia J. Beaty, will deliver the sermon during the 81st Church Anniversary of New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, April 15, 2007, beginning at 3 p.m.

Something new on East 23rd Street, that is, the opening of the Chatman Hill Restaurant & Catering Service, 312 East 23rd Street. The new establishment is open from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. There will also be a special menu for Easter Sunday. For more information, call the owner, Bobby Domingo at 787-2046. The chef is Cynthia Wilson, and may be reached at 831-6672. Many times, we complain about not having an eating establishment. Now there is one: Chatman Hill Restaurant & Catering Service. Give them our support!

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. Word comes that the father of Sister Vera Newsome had surgery in Lubbock last week. He is Brother Will Smith of Snyder and is doing nicely at this report. Among others who are ill include: Sister Dorothy Nash, Sister Bernice Wright, Sister Emma Rowe, and Sister Lillie Smith. There are many others, and let's not forget them.

There are those families who have lost loved ones this past week. They include the family of Sister Goidie McCullough, Henry High, and the father of Brother Garnett Lee, Matthew Lee. Let us not forget them in our prayers.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, April 1, 2007, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue. Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, delivered another inspiring sermon. His subject was "Your Struggle Is Over." His scripture-text was Mark 5:25-34.

After an invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Brother Billy Dailey. Sister Linda Henderson welcomed all visitors.

## In Remembrance

**Zelma Lang**  
Dallas - Funeral services were held for Zelma Lang last Saturday morning, March 31, 2007, at the Black & Clark Funeral Chapel with Rev. Charles Devroe officiating. Evangelist Billy "B. J." Morrison, II, gave special remarks.

Burial was held in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Black And Clark Funeral Directors of Dallas.

She passed away Friday, March 23, 2007.

She was born to Dolphus Johnson and Arthur Lang in Kaufman, Texas on March 25, 1943. She graduated from Evans High School. For many years, she worked at R. L's Blues.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a daughter, Sandra Kay Williams; a son, Willie Lang, both of Dallas; three brothers: Robert E. Lang of Lubbock, Billy Joe Lang and Jimmie White, both of Dallas; four sisters: Bobbie Bryant of Slaton, Dora Faye Willard and Glenda Harris, both of Lubbock, and Claudine Ward of Dallas; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

**Rev. Matthew Lee**  
Plainview - Graveside services were held for Rev. Matthew Lee last Thursday morning, March 29, 2007, at the Plainview Memorial Cemetery, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Rev. Lee passed away Sunday, March 25, 2007, at Plainview Healthcare Center.

**Hazel Mae McGowan**  
Funeral services were held for Hazel Mae McGowan last Monday morning, April 2, 2007, at the Greenlawn Church of Christ with Dale Mannon officiating and Jack Cummings assisting.

Resthaven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She passed away Thursday, March 29, 2007, at Covenant Hospital.

She was born February 10, 1948 in Big Spring to George and Mozelle Green-Blueford, and grew up in Sweetwater. She did attend Booker T. Washington High School and graduated from Newman High School. She married Charles McGowan on September 5, 1966 in Sweetwater. Mrs. McGowan was an employee for Texas Instruments for 20 years.

She was a member of Greenlawn Church of Christ.

Mrs. McGowan was preceded in death by her father, George Blueford, Sr. and mother, Mozelle Green-Blueford.

She is survived by her husband, George McGowan of Lubbock; three daughters: Deidra McGowan of Lubbock, Desiree McGowan of Houston and Carla McGowan of San Antonio; two brothers, George Blueford, Jr. and wife, Kathy and Walter Blueford and wife, Dorothy, all of Sweetwater.

Her sisters, LaVern Owens and Earlene Gerst, both of Sweetwater; numerous nieces, nephews, an uncle, other relatives, and a host of loving friends.

**Jimmie Lee Perryman, II**  
Funeral services for Jimmie Lee Perryman, II were held last Saturday morning, March 31, 2007, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor, officiating.

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

He passed away Friday, March 23, 2007, at his residence.

Born June 6, 1949, he was a graduate of Dunbar High School. Before retiring, he was employed for 31 years.

He is survived by his grandmother, Mrs. Willie Johnson; an aunt, Mrs. Evelyn Gooden of Lancaster, Texas; four sisters: Kathy Hines (Nathan), Ina Coleman of Lubbock, Gloria Wheeler (Michael) of Dallas, and Diana Coleman of Ft. Worth; a brother, L. Donnell Perryman of Lubbock; two sons, Daryl Cleveland and L. Hambrick, III; two daughters, Dorothy Taylor and Kim Perryman; and many other relatives and friends.

## Good Friday services at Greater St. Luke

The public is invited to attend Good Friday Fellowship Services at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street, where Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor.

The theme is "Seven Last Words of Jesus from The Cross." Services will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday evening, April 6, 2007.

Guest will include: First Pro-

gressive Baptist Church, Dr. H. Avery, pastor; Divine Love Baptist Church, Rev. K. Burns, pastor; Bethel Baptist Church, Rev. W. R. Bolton, pastor; Full Armor Ministries, Bishop L. Chatham, pas-

tor; Rising Star Baptist Church, Rev. H. Culver, pastor; Faith First Baptist Church, Rev. N. Garret, pastor; and Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Rev. J. J. Johnson, pas-

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## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### Popular Spring Colors 2007

Ladies, spring is here! It's time to think light, bright and sheer delights. Color is

extremely important this time of year. The most popular spring colors are amethyst, black and white, red, aqua, frosty pink, rose, turquoise, coral and crisp whites. Of course, the number one spring color is CANARY YELLOW, AND LADIES THATS AS YELLOW AS IT GETS.

FASHION TIP: Always wear a smile!  
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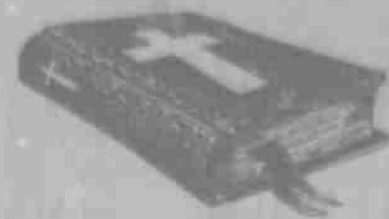
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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus America Too Much Is Too Wrong

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

**Deuteronomy 11:26-28** - The Lord said, behold (Look), I set before you this day a blessing and a curse. A blessing if you obey the Commandments of the Lord, your God, which I command you this day; and a curse if you will not obey the Commandments of the Lord, your God. But turn aside out of the way which I command you this day to go after other gods.

Lord, our forefathers prayed and worshipped, giving all the glory and praise to you. You said you would bless their seed, the land, and see them through.

**Exodus 20:5** - The Lord said, you shall not bow yourself to them, nor serve them. For I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the father upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

Now we know America hates God by all the wrong things that she says and does. We teach children to disrespect elders, and that is of the Devil. He's not the true!!!

**John 14:6** - Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes unto the Father but by me.

Lord, the Devil gave out rights in the 60's, and America knew that they were wrong. He even deceived the Churches' leaders back then, and yet going on, and on and on!!!

**Romans 1:19-22** - Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them (The Church

Leaders). For God has showed it unto them, for the invisible things of Him (God) from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His external power and Godhead; so that they (Church Leaders) are without excuse. Because that when they know God, they glorified Him not as God. Neither were thankful, but became in their imaginations (Dreamers), and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they (Church Leaders) became fools.

\*\*\* Yes, Church Leaders Robbed God!!! \*\*\*

Lord, America had a little lamb; his fleece was pure white as the fresh new snow. The children would take this lamb with them no matter where they would go.

**Deuteronomy 11:18-19** - The Lord said, you shall lay up the sayings of my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand. That they may be frontlets between your eyes, and you shall teach them to your children. Speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

The lamb followed America's children to school. There was joy, and it made their day. The schools had love in them, and it was a home away from home, and a place to pray!!!

**Luke 18:1** - And He (Jesus) spake a parable unto them to this

end that men ought always to pray, and not faint.

Then America changed the rules to have the lamb in schools and illegal it became. The children were told not to bring the lamb back, and don't even speak his name!!!

**Matthew 6:24** - Jesus said, no man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he hold to the one and despise the other.

Lord, everyday in America it gets worse and worse. Now the days have turned into years. No joy in America's schools. There are gun shots of killings, drugs and many, many tears!!!

**Galatians 6:7-8** - Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap. For he that sow to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. But he that sow to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

What must we do to stop this disaster? That has taken overall of America's land? Put God back in our homes, our Churches, The White House. In God we trust and stand!!!

**Jeremiah 9:23-24a** - This said the Lord, let not the 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 understands and knows me. That I am the Lord.



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Are Americans Prejudiced to Haitian Blacks?

A couple of weeks or so ago more than 100 illegal Haitian immigrants washed up on South Florida shores. These illegal immigrants made their way northwest from Haiti to a land they felt that was filled with opportunity to start a new and better life.

However, these who illegally made it to the U. S. shores were sent back. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Barbara Gonzalez said the agency was investigating whether the illegal immigrants were part of a human smuggling operation.

"This is why the U. S. government discourages illegal migration, not only because it's illegal, but more importantly it can be deadly, as we witnessed today," she said. It was indicated that the 100 or so Haitian had sailed a sailboat from Port-au-Prince, Haiti for the past three weeks.

What most Black Americans has no knowledge of is unlike Cubans, who are generally allowed to stay once they reached American soil (as some who made public news last summer), most Haitians who illegally make

it to the U. S. are sent back.

Most poor Haitian who tread the danger waters in leaky old wooden boats that are not worthy of a bond fire much less navigating the Atlantic Ocean to obtain a better life look like most Black Americans. They are black-skinned and have woolly hair. The French and Europeans have oppressed them over the years. They are uneducated, illiterate and without hope in their country (sound like America before the Civil Rights Movement).

What is so painful about the whole ordeal is the agenda of the Haitian is unlike the Cuban and Mexicans who cross illegally into the United States. They are not in the business of overthrowing America and have no notion to reconquer the American southwest. They just want to be free from the brutal mulatto rule, learn English and live a better life.

History tells us that throughout the nineteenth century, Haiti was ruled by a series of presidents, most of whom had a brief tenure. The country's economic was dominated by foreign governments and particular German.

Concerned about German influence, the United States invaded and occupied Haiti in 1915. The United States imposed a constitution and applied an old system of compulsory labor to everyone. It is worth to note this system had been applied only to members of the poor, black majority. The United States occupation ended in 1934.

A reading of Haitian history would lead one to wonder if the United States leaders studying it history remember the Battle of Vertières on November 18, 1803 and on January 1, 1804 declaring its independence, securing its position as the second independent country in the New World, and the only successful slave rebellion in world history. It is a world opinion; the Haitian Revolution inspired numerous slave revolts in the Caribbean and the United States.

Is America making a difference between 100 illegal Black Haitians aliens who sailed danger waters to make a new life and 12 to 20 million illegal Mexican aliens who will do job Americans (the word is coded) won't do, and Cubans who face no sanctions for illegal entry and who may walk into a top paying job?

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### Let's Walk On Water!

Peter was not testing Jesus. Something we are told not to do. Instead, he was the only one in the boat to react in faith. His impulsive request led him to experience a rather unusual demonstration of God's power. Peter started to sink, because he took his eyes off Jesus, and focused on the high waves around him. Then his faith wavered when he realized what he was doing.

We may not walk on water, but we do walk through tough situations. If we focus on the waves of difficult circumstances around us, without looking to Christ for help, we go through much despair and sink. We cease to maintain our faith in the midst of difficult situations.

Keep your eyes on God's power rather than on your inadequacies. Keep your eyes on Jesus, He's bigger than any problem we can have. When Peter ask to walk on the water, our Lord said to him, "Come!" He's saying to you and I today as well. When the storms of life keep on raging in your life, He's saying to you today, "Come!" Think about it, Saints!

Thought: Without Faith don't try walking on the water."

Let us continue with our drive by prayers for the entire City of Lubbock. Your precious prayers are needed, Saints!

Saints, we know that according to I John 3:22 - "Whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." So continue your drive by prayers in the community for our schools, businesses and churches as well as your homes.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in of our community. God is able and let us not forget what he can do for all of us.

As we celebrate the Easter Hol-

iday, let us keep in mind of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for you and I.

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, April 7, 2007, in the home of Sister Annie McBride, 402 Walnut Avenue, beginning at 9 a.m. We are looking forward to seeing all of you present. Why not bring a friend with you. Remember, You're so welcome!

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

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## \$2.2 Billion waiting for those who have not filed

WASHINGTON  
Unclaimed refunds totaling more than \$2.2 billion are awaiting about 1.8 million people who failed to file a federal income tax return for 2003, the Internal Revenue Service announced today. However, in order to collect the money, a return for 2003 must be filed with an IRS office no later than Tuesday, April 17, 2007.

The IRS estimates that half of those who could claim refunds would receive more than \$611. In some cases, individuals had taxes withheld from their wages, or made payments against their taxes out of self-employed earnings, but had too little income to require filing a tax return. Some taxpayers may also be eligible for the refundable Earned Income Tax Credit.

"Everybody who needs to

should file their tax return. But you simply can't get the money we owe you unless you file a return," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson.

In cases where a return was not filed, the law provides most taxpayers with a three-year window of opportunity for claiming a refund. If no return is filed to claim the refund within three years, the money becomes property of the U.S. Treasury. For 2003 returns, the window closes on April 17, 2007. The law requires that the return be properly addressed, postmarked and mailed by that date. There is no penalty assessed by the IRS for filing a late return qualifying for a refund.

The IRS reminds taxpayers seeking a 2003 refund that their checks will be held if they have not filed tax returns for 2004 or

2005. In addition, the refund will be applied to any amounts still owed to the IRS and may be used to satisfy unpaid child support or past due federal debts such as student loans.

By failing to file a return, individuals stand to lose more than refunds of taxes withheld or paid during 2003. Many low-income workers may not have claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Although eligible taxpayers may get a refund when their EITC is more than what they owe in tax, those who file returns more than three years late would be able only to apply it toward the taxes they owe (if any). They would not be able to receive a refund if the credit exceeded their tax.

Generally, unmarried individuals qualified for the EITC if in 2003 they earned less than

\$33,692 and had more than one qualifying child living with them, earned less than \$29,666 with one qualifying child, or earned less than \$11,270 and had no qualifying child. Limits are slightly higher for married individuals filing jointly.

Current and prior year tax forms and instructions are available on the Forms and Publications page of the IRS Web site at IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Information about the Earned Income Tax Credit and how to claim it is also available on IRS.gov. Taxpayers who need help also can call the toll-free IRS help line at 1-800-829-1040.

A state-by-state breakdown of estimates for individuals who failed to file a 2003 return with a refund due is attached.

## Swoopes, Pierson to appear in Lubbock WNBA game

Houston Comets and Detroit Shock to play exhibition game at the United Spirit Arena May 4

The Marsha Sharp Leadership Circle and the Texas Tech Athletics Department are proud to host the WNBA in Lubbock at the United Spirit Arena on Fri., May 4, at 7 p.m. The game will feature the defending WNBA Champions the Detroit Shock and the four-time WNBA Champions the Houston Comets.

Texas Tech is excited to welcome back to Lubbock former Lady Raiders Sheryl Swoopes of

the Houston Comets and Plenette Pierson of the Detroit Shock.

Tickets are now on sale to the public for this event. Tickets are available for \$10 for lower level reserved and \$5 for upper level general admission.

A limited number of tickets are available for the pre-game dinner for \$25, which will be held in the City Bank Conference Center at the United Spirit Arena from 5:30-7 p.m.

There is also a limited number of reserved parking passes available for \$20. The reserved

parking area is the North Lot of the United Spirit Arena. The other parking lots surrounding the arena will be open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Fans can also purchase a \$5 upper level general admission ticket to be donated to the local YWCA.

For tickets to the WNBA game, please contact (888) GO-BIG-12 or (806) 742-TECH or stop by the Texas Tech Athletic Ticket Office in the north end of Jones AT&T Stadium. Tickets also can be purchased through

the Texas Tech athletic website at [www.texas-tech.com](http://www.texas-tech.com) and at area United Supermarket and Select-a-Seat locations. If purchasing tickets from the Athletic Ticket Office at Jones AT&T Stadium, please use the east side parking lot as the west side parking lot is not accessible from 4th Street.

Dinner tickets and parking passes can only be purchased at the Athletic Ticket Office or online at [www.texas-tech.com](http://www.texas-tech.com).

For more information, please contact the Marsha Sharp Leadership Circle at 806-742-1950.

## Soul Sister's Social Club to host 57th District Meeting

The Soul Sister's Social Club of Lubbock will be hosting the 57th District meeting for the Texas Association of Women and Youth Clubs on Saturday, April 21, 2007. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Towers, 801 Avenue Q.

As a member of the National Association of Women and Youth Clubs, the Soul Sister's of Lubbock are part of the oldest women's organization in America. The Texas Association of Women's and Youth Clubs will celebrate its one hundred and second anniversary this year, and the Stokes-Parker District will celebrate its 57th year.

In 1847, Frederick Douglass, an ordained minister, founded a newspaper called "The North Star", which focused on opposing race discrimination. His principle was "Stop me and others will take my place." His motto was "Right is of no sex - Truth is of no color - God is the Father of us all, and we are all Brethren." In keeping with this tradition, local young men will be honored for standing in the footsteps of Frederick Douglass in their communities.

Young men, between the ages of 16-25, who have made noteworthy strides in education, religion, extra-curricular activities, and/or community service, will be honored. This recognition will take place at the annual Stokes-Parker District Spring Conven-

tion luncheon at 12:00 noon at the Holiday Inn Towers. Each recipient will receive a North Star Leadership Award and lunch at no charge.

For more information about this event, call Angie Wilson, vice president, at (806) 535-8250.

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#### FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program

Residents of the Cities of Lubbock and Wolforth and Lubbock County citizens living within the Metropolitan Area Boundary of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are encouraged to review and comment on the FY 2006 - 2008 Transportation Improvement Program. Written comments will be received until 4:00PM, April 23, 2007.

#### Public Forums will be held as follows:

<p>April 3, 2007 Wolforth City Library 328 East Hwy US 62/82 Wolforth, Texas 6:00PM</p>	<p>April 5, 2007 Patterson Library 1836 Parkway Drive Lubbock, Texas 6:30PM</p>	<p>April 24, 2007 Room 103 Lubbock City Hall 1625 13<sup>th</sup> Street Lubbock, Texas 8:30AM</p>
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The Transportation Improvement Program is a short-term (4 years) listing of projects that are expected to begin construction during fiscal years 2008 through 2011.

#### Projects included in the FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program are:

50 <sup>th</sup> Street from Slide Road to W. Loop 289	W Loop 289 from FM 2525 to US 84
FM 179 from Donald Preston Drive to Loop 193	Slide Road from W. Loop 289 to 4 <sup>th</sup> Street
Erskine Street from Frankford to Salami Avenue	Slide Road from Marshal Street to US 84
Marsha Sharp Freeway Phase 4 from US 84 to I-27	W. Loop 289 from 4 <sup>th</sup> Street to 34 <sup>th</sup> Street
FM 1730 (Slide Road) from 9 <sup>th</sup> Street to FM 1585	Slide Road from Erskine Road to W. Loop 289

Transit Projects are also included in the FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program.

#### Locations of Draft FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Program:

Lubbock MPO Office 916 Main, Suite 706 Lubbock, Texas 79401	Lubbock City Hall Public Information Office 1625 13 <sup>th</sup> Street Lubbock, Texas 79407	Lubbock County Bldg Main St and Texas Avenue Commissioner's Office Lubbock, Texas 79402	Wolforth City Hall 328 East Hwy US 62/82 Wolforth, Texas 79382
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The FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program may also be viewed on the Lubbock MPO's website [www.lubbockmopo.org](http://www.lubbockmopo.org). Comments may be sent to Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization, 916 Main St., Suite 706, Lubbock, Texas 79401 or via email to [tblavin@mylubbock.us](mailto:tblavin@mylubbock.us).

# Turning back the hands of "T.I.M.E."

by Greg Ricks, New York Life Insurance Company

In our hectic lives, it seems there's just never enough time. But when it comes to planning for our financial future, there's always too much "T.I.M.E." T.I.M.E. stands for Taxes, Inflation, Mistakes, and Emergencies. Building a nest egg that can withstand the test of T.I.M.E. requires careful planning. We can't change T.I.M.E., but there are some steps we can take to help minimize its ravages.

**"T" Is for Taxes** - The old saying is that only two things are certain in life: death and taxes. It's true, we can't evade taxes, but some financial products do have particular tax advantages.

Permanent life insurance, which is purchased for death benefit protection, has three distinct tax advantages: cash value accumulates within the policy on a tax-deferred basis; loans taken against cash value are generally not taxable; and in most instances, the death benefit paid to beneficiaries is free from federal income tax. A fixed annuity is another product that puts the power of tax-deferral to work for you. With a fixed annuity, you won't pay taxes on your

funds while they're growing, only as you withdraw them. Withdrawals prior to age 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10% early withdrawal penalty.

**"I" Is for Inflation** - Always lurking just around the corner, eroding the buying power of hard-earned dollars, is the specter of inflation. Even moderate inflation can have harmful effects on your lifestyle and purchasing power. For example, in just 15 years, a 4% inflation rate will almost double the cost of everything you buy. An option? Place a portion of your portfolio in growth-oriented financial products, provided these are suitable investments for your individual financial solution. There may be risk to your capital, but over the long haul, you may be rewarded with returns that keep you ahead of inflation.

**"M" Is for Mistakes** - Nobody's perfect, we all make mistakes. But financial mistakes can cost us dearly. There's no foolproof strategy to avoid missteps, but here is an outline of the five most common insurance and personal planning errors:

1. Failure to Plan - Most people don't put together a cohesive plan for reaching their financial goals. However, with a comprehensive and flexible plan, you can have a blueprint for success.
2. Insufficient Diversification -

"Don't put all your eggs in one basket" is an excellent rule of thumb. True diversification utilizes a variety of different products, asset categories, and lengths of maturity in an attempt to reduce risk and raise the potential for a positive return.

3. Inadequate Life Insurance - Failure to cover all income earners with a sufficient amount of life insurance can cause a burden for survivors.

4. Inadequate Disability Income Insurance - Our income earning potential is the engine that powers our lifestyle. If that engine were to break down, would our lifestyle suffer? Sufficient disability income insurance could help in that emergency.

5. No Estate Plan - Some people think that estate planning is just for the wealthy. Not necessarily true.

A proper estate plan can help reduce exposure to applicable taxes and provide heirs with an inheritance.

**"E" Is for Emergencies** - Unfortunately, from time to time disaster strikes, and we end up paying the bill. We can do little to prevent death and disability, but through sufficient insurance coverage, the financial damage can be lessened. Life insurance proceeds can provide beneficiaries with the means to pay final expenses, defray

lost income, and continue to live in the lifestyle to which they're accustomed. Disability income insurance covers a portion of your salary (usually 50-60%) if you become unable to work due to disability. Private insurance, such as long-term care insurance and Medicare Supplemental Insurance, may help fill in the gap of government-sponsored programs.

Yes, T.I.M.E. marches on, trying to wreak havoc on your finances. But you don't have to surrender to it. With proper insurance and personal planning, you can limit the ravages of T.I.M.E. in order to retire with a comfortable nest egg.

For more information on insurance and other financial products that can help you deal with T.I.M.E., please contact Greg Ricks, Financial Services Professional at 806-761-7700 extension 7734 or 806-773-3252.

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## Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church News

By Deborah Coppage-Hutchinson

**Crosbyton** - The Youth Department's program on Sunday, March 18, 2007, was a great success! The Heaven and Hell Party, chili for hell and ice cream for heaven, was very filling for the mind, body and soul.

The Black History Trivia Contest was very entertaining and increased the knowledge of 'Our Black History.' The youth captains were Ebony and Diante' Mitchell. Team Diante' came out victorious, but Ebony put up a battle to the end. We ask God's blessing to all who participated and a "big" thank you also.

The Sunday School lessons for the month of March were focused on Love, which is very hard for some of us to do. All of the lessons were very well taught by our teachers, Sister Mollie Thomas and Sister Deborah Hutchinson, who are not only sisters in Christ, but biologically.

March 4th: "Love Is Light" - 1 John 2:7-11; March 11th: "Striving For Pure Love", 1 John 3:11-24; March 18th: "Showing Divine Love"; and March 25th: "The Way To Love And Life." The most profound "moment of love was shown to us when God gave his son Jesus to die for sins of the world, yet some fail to show their appreciation to God and love to mankind on a daily basis. There needs to be an outpouring of love at all times, especially from "Church Folk!"

The 11 a.m. worship services

have been very inspirational. Rev. Price's sermons have been focused on becoming aware of who God is, His plan for us, and His requirements for our lives. March 4th: "Where God Is To Be Found", Acts 17:27-28; March 11th: "I Am Not Ashamed Of The Gospel," Romans 1:1-16; March 18th: "Walking In The Will And Word Of The Lord"; and March 25th: "The Lord's Requirements."

We send our wishes to all of you for a "Happy Resurrection Day." This message comes from Rev. Price and the members of the

Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church family. We extend an open invitation to anyone who like to worship with us at Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Crosbyton.

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Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:36  
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt 7:21; Heb 5:9  
How do we obey him?  
Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17  
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16  
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3  
Confess - Romans 10:10  
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- ✦ I Am the Resurrection and The Life Pastor B. R. Moton

**Community Feedback Requested: HIV/AIDS Services**  
Under the auspices of the Texas Department of State Health Services, Lubbock Regional MHMR Center is the HIV Services Administrative Agency for the PanWest Area, which covers 58 counties in West Texas. As the Administrative Agency, Lubbock Regional MHMR Center allocates Ryan White Title II funds to three (3) provider agencies in Amarillo, Lubbock and Odessa to provide HIV/AIDS services.  
Community feedback is requested for the 2007-2009 Comprehensive Plan for HIV Services, which provides a guide to how services are delivered in the PanWest Area. Community review and feedback about the plan are necessary to ensure the plan best meets the needs of people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. The current plan is posted at [www.panwest.org](http://www.panwest.org) in the "Documents" section. Please provide feedback in any of the following ways:  
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Attention: Maria Salazar, Planning Coordinator  
PO Box 2828  
Lubbock, Texas 79408-2828  
By Phone: (806) 766-0308 or Toll Free at 1 (800) 658-6198  
By e-mail: [info@panwest.org](mailto:info@panwest.org)

**TEXAS** Department of State Health Services  
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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**CITY HALL DOES NOT NEED THIS! THIS N THAT** who has been directly involved with the City of Lubbock for twenty years, was surprised to see the recent developments which have taken place. Regardless of how anyone may feel about what has taken place, **THE CITY OF LUBBOCK** does not need this kind of a situation. The outcome of the recent developments have caused a resignation of a one term city councilman, and the spokesperson for the Lubbock City Council is under investigation because of alleged negative racial activity, and has been placed on paid leave until the investigation is complete. **THIS N THAT** is hoping the truth will come out so this city can move to another level. Now if these allegations prove there was apparent racial activity, then this person should not be allowed to return. On the other hand, if it clears him of any negative activity, then let's move on. **THIS N THAT** visited with **MAYOR DAVID MILLER** for a brief moment at the February meeting of the Federation of Choirs. There was discussion about the lack of **BLACK IMAGES** in the public relation campaign which is called **"LUBBOCK, THE GIANT SIZE OF TEXAS"**. No matter how you may think about this kind of publicity, it can help our city and the Black community. There is no doubt about it. **BUDDY HOLLY** made many positive contributions to the City of Lubbock, but there is another gentleman who made many contributions in the music industry as a pro-

essional and sold many records because of his talent. He is none other than **VIRGIL JOHNSON**. So why hasn't he been on the promotions for **"THE GIANT SIZE OF TEXAS"**? Maybe **THIS N THAT** is rambling this week, but there is no doubt about it. **CITY HALL DOES NOT NEED THIS!**

**SUPPORT THE NEW RESTAURANT ON EAST 23RD STREET! THIS N THAT** is suggesting that as many of you as possible will go by and support the newly opened **CHATMAN HILL RESTAURANT & CATERING**, which is located at 512 East 23rd Street. The restaurant is open **TUESDAY THRU SUNDAY, from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m.** The proud owner is **BOBBY DOMINGO**, who is excited about has been done. The chef is **CYNTHIA WILSON** who enjoys preparing delicious meals for her customers. **THIS N THAT** remembers years ago when there was a restaurant called **"PAULS"** and many would go by for a delicious meal. So here we are years later, and there is another eating establishment which is asking for your **SUPPORT!** This can happen if you go by and taste some delicious food. They will also have a special on Easter Sunday!

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "RUNNING with patience is perseverance in the LONG RUN!"**

**APPLICATIONS FOR 2007 ALL STAR SPORTS CAMP! THIS N THAT** is glad to see that many plans are underway for the **2007 ALL**

**STAR SPORTS CAMP**, which will be held at Alderson Middle School, 219 Walnut Avenue, July 23rd thru July 27th from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. This sports camp is for young people who have just completed K thru 6th grade. **APPLICATIONS** may be picked up at either of these locations to pre-register: **PATTERSON LIBRARY**, 1836 Parkway Drive, **SOUTHWEST DIGEST**, 902 East 28th Street, **ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 2005 Avenue T, or **BRITO WIRELESS**, 2508 Auburn Avenue. For more information, call 535-6427. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, let them know

**57th STATE CONVENTION HOSTED BY SOUL SISTERS! THIS N THAT** is glad to see the involvement of the **SOUL SISTERS SOCIAL CLUB OF LUBBOCK**, as they are hosting the **57TH DISTRICT MEETING OF THE STOKES-PARKER DISTRICT**. From a larger perspective, they are a member of the **TEXAS ASSOCIATIONS OF WOMEN'S 7 YOUTH CLUBS**. During their annual luncheon on Saturday, April 21, 2007, they will be honoring young men of the community who have made noteworthy strides in education, religion and extra-curricular activities. According to **ANGIE WILSON**, they need names of young men. If you have any names, then call her at 535-8250. This year's theme is **"Right is of no sex - Truth is of no color - God is the Father of us all, and we are all Brethren."**



## Think About It! City Hall, What Happened?

by Eddie P. Richardson

This writer had the privilege of doing research and over a few years ran a series on "Know Your City Government" with the assistance of the then public relation person Tony Pruitt and the blessing of the then mayor and sitting city council.

The series began with state legislation forming home rule. Texas is a home rule state. All cities with the exception of a very few cities, especially small cities with Houston being the largest, have a mayor/council government. This means the city council hires only three people, namely: city manager, city secretary and city attorney. The city manager has the opportunity through the personal office to hire responsible citizens.

City council as alleged is out of line dipping into personnel matters, especially in the Lubbock City Council when one council person is alleged to be involved in dipping. There is a chain of command as in any organization, and it should

be abided by for a good flowing organization.

Now back to our series, we began with the Texas legislators who set up the home rule state, followed by the mayor and city council. They were reelected individually, beginning with the mayor and each city councilperson individually. Next the city manager, followed by each department head, with photo of each and a complete explanation about the department.

Now in this writer's opinion, Lubbock has been fortunate enough to have had three Texas Municipal League presidents, and all were highly recognized by their peers across Texas and the nation. They were Mayor Alan Henry, who was the first; Jean Baker, and T. J. Patterson. Now from what this writer observes, there is no participation which is bad since Texas is a home rule state. No matter how Lubbock looks at it, it should belong and participate in this professional organization. When this writer travels to Austin for various meetings,

it is a hurting situation to see how the rest of the state feels about Lubbock and its isolation from the rest of the state. Just think all of this happened because of one Lubbock city council member trying to fight TML. What a pity!

Recently, the junior city council member stated there is a witch hunt going on. Brother, you are very much in the dark. If you knew anything about Lubbock and its politics, you'd know that what's going on now is minor. We have had professional critics of city government and they were well armed and informed with their facts and figures, either factual or manufactured.

There is no doubt about, the calls we've received suggest that the moral is at an all time low among employees, because of alleged city council meddling in personnel matters.

Nuff sed, why not?

Closing Thought of the Week: "You can't lead where you do not go, and can't teach what you do not know!"

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### Miller indicted for murder of Rodney Collins

A Lubbock County grand jury issued an indictment Tuesday, March 27, 2007, against Brodrick Miller, 35, on one count of murder against his housemate, Rodney Collins. Miller is accused of killing Collins, who was found murdered in his home during February. Collins, 36, and Miller were roommates.

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## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



The longer one lives, the more one realizes that history very well does repeat itself.

A few decades ago, on May 15, 1915, a British ship, the *Lusitania* was attacked by a German submarine and over a thousand people lost their lives, which included 128 Americans. This was the beginning of a time when the citizens of America called for war against Germany. As more ships were sunk and especially American ships, the closer America came to entering the war against Germany, on the side of Great Britain. Finally, on April 2, America declared war on Germany. America had entered World War I.

Just as America was working hard to come out of the throes of the great depression, Germany was busy attempting

to conquer Europe while Japan was attempting to conquer China. These situations made it difficult for America to remain neutral, but that decision came to a close when the Japanese dropped a bomb on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii causing America to enter World War II (*A People and a Nation*, Ver Steeg and Hofstadter).

America entered Iraq on its own, but it carried members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization with it. France has pulled back and Great Britain was on its way until 15 British sailors were captured a few days ago by Iran, allegedly, because they were in Iranian waters, though the British have evidence that they were in Iraqi waters. Britain has declared bilateral sanctions against Iran causing them to say that they will release the female sailor.

We are all aware that Iran has been accused of helping the Iraqi fight and kill Americans. This has been going on for quite

some time. Now that Iran has British troops captured, what can we expect next? It is possible for Britain to declare war against Iran and if that happens, where will America stand? It is clear cut, that if war is declared against Iran by Britain, the United States will be involved. Then, this country will be, and already is involved in three fronts in the Middle East; Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran. Keeping the troupes in Iraq until late 2008 is too far away. Bring them home now and let the fallout be on Iraq. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and realize that lives are being lost for no good reason. The Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, seems to have her head on straight, but she and Congress needs to show President Bush that the United States is a representative government.

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# New study details devastating effects of eminent domain abuse on African Americans

Arlington, Va. - "Eminent domain has become what the founding fathers sought to prevent: a tool that takes from the poor and the politically weak to give to the rich and politically powerful," concludes Dr. Mindy Fullilove in her new report released today titled, "Eminent Domain & African Americans: What is the Price of the Commons?" The report is available at [www.castle-coalition.org/publications/index.html](http://www.castle-coalition.org/publications/index.html).

Eminent Domain & African Americans is the first in a new series of independently authored reports published by the Institute for Justice, Perspectives on Eminent Domain Abuse, which will examine the different aspects of eminent domain abuse from the vantage point of noted national experts. The release of this inaugural report is particularly timely this month, as millions around the nation learn about African American history.

In this study, Dr. Fullilove, a research psychiatrist at the New York State Psychiatric Institute and a professor of clinical psychiatry and public health at Columbia University, examines the effects of eminent domain abuse on the African American community. Focusing specifically on the Federal Housing Act (FHA) of 1949, Dr. Fullilove finds that "[b]etween 1949 and 1973 ... 2,532 projects were carried out in 992 cities that displaced one million people, two-thirds of them African American," making blacks "five times more

likely to be displaced than they should have been given their numbers in the population."

Although urban renewal under the FHA was discontinued in 1973, Dr. Fullilove reported "the tools of urban renewal had been honed through 20 years of projects. Politicians and developers found that they could repackage eminent domain and government subsidies in many new ways, facilitating the taking of land for 'higher uses.'"

Dr. Fullilove shares the story of David Jenkins - who lost his Philadelphia home to urban renewal in the 1950s - to illustrate the devastating impacts of forced displacement. "Within these neighborhoods there existed social, political, cultural, and economic networks that functioned for both individual and common good," explains Dr. Fullilove. "These networks were the 'commons' of the residents, a system of complex relationships, shared activities, and common goals" - the loss of which

cannot be replaced or remedied.

"What the government takes from people is not a home, with a small 'h,' but Home in the larger sense of the word: a place in the world, - community, neighbors and services, a social and cultural milieu, an economic anchor that provides security during the ups and downs of life, a commons that sustains the group by offering shared goods and services," continues Dr. Fullilove.

"Dr. Fullilove's pioneering research reinforces the need for state and federal legislative reforms of eminent domain laws," said Steven Anderson, director of the Castle Coalition, which helps homeowners nationwide fight eminent domain abuse. The Castle Coalition is a grassroots organization coordinated by the Institute for Justice, which litigated the Kelo eminent domain case before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2005. Anderson said, "Property owners nationwide - particularly minorities, as evidenced by this paper

- will remain vulnerable to seizures by tax-hungry governments for land-hungry developers until the use of eminent domain is reined in and limited to only true public uses."

A recent example of eminent domain targeting African American communities can be found in Riviera Beach, Fla. Despite the state's new restrictions on eminent domain, city

officials are pursuing a plan to remove thousands of mostly low-income, African American residents from their waterfront homes and businesses to make way for a luxury housing and yachting complex. The Institute for Justice is representing property owners there who want to protect their rights and save what rightfully belongs to them.

In addition to her clinical and teaching duties, Dr. Fullilove is the author of Root Shock: How Tearing Up City Neighborhoods Hurts America, and What We Can Do About It, which takes a powerful look at the effects of urban renewal on African Americans. She coined the term "root shock" to describe the devastating effects of forced displacement.

## Simpson indicted for manslaughter

One count of manslaughter was issued to Christopher Lee Simpson, 19, by a Lubbock County grand jury Tuesday, March 27, 2007.



Simpson

It was made known by prosecutors that Simpson was under

the influence of drugs and/or alcohol on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, when he ran a red light at the corner of Martin Luther King, Blvd. and East 19th Street and did hit another vehicle.

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- Fashion mecca
- Her counterpart
- Italian white wine
- Piece out by a laborious or scanty addition, pl.
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- Lies in sheltered position
- Helpers
- Archaic yes
- Shade of purple
- Synchronize
- Capital of Singapore
- Mythological show-off who turned into stone
- Slat
- Musical composition
- Debate
- Kick out
- Without in French
- Bell sound
- One of several wood layers
- Additional

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- "\_\_\_ red-handed"
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- Force out
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