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Happy 77th Birthday, Dr. King!

35th Annual MLK, Jr. celebration scheduled for Lubbock next week



The Lubbock Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 35th celebration will be held in Lubbock January 13 thru 16, 2006.

The celebration will begin with the Black Pearl Award Banquet on Friday evening, January 13th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the McInturf Center of the University Medical Center. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Dr. Damon Hill will be the guest speaker.

Saturday, January 14th, a High Noon Prayer March will be held at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 2512 Fir Avenue, where Rev. J. Jerome Johnson is pastor. At 6:30 p.m., a "Gospel Extravaganza" will be held at the Full Armor Ministries, 4201 Avenue J, where Bishop Leonard Chatham is pastor.

Sunday evening, January 15th, the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Citywide Services will be held at the LakeRidge United Methodist Church, 4701 82nd Street, Bill Couch is pastor. Services will get underway at 5:30 p.m. Bishop Leonard Chatham will be the speaker. The entire city of Lubbock is invited to attend.

The Annual Celebration will end Monday evening, January 16th, at the Estacado High School. It will be "Youth Night."

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 868 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, Esterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.

The life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Any number of historic moments in the civil rights struggle have been used to identify Martin Luther King, Jr. - prime mover of the Montgomery bus boycott, keynote speaker at the March on Washington, youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate. But in retrospect, single events are less important than the fact that King, and his policy of nonviolent protest, was the dominant force in the civil rights movement during its decade of greatest achievement, from 1957 to 1968.

King was born Michael Luther King in Atlanta on Jan. 15, 1929 - one of the three children of Martin Luther King Sr., pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, and Alberta (Williams) King, a former school teacher. (He was renamed "Martin" when he was about 6 years old.)

After going to local grammar and high schools, King enrolled in Morehouse College in Atlanta in 1944. He wasn't planning to enter the ministry, but then he met Dr. Benjamin Mays, a scholar whose manner and bearing convinced him that a religious career could be intellectually satisfying as well. After receiving his bachelor's degree in 1948, King attended Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa., winning the Plafker Award as the outstanding student of the graduating class, and the J. Lewis Crozer Fellowship as well. King completed the coursework for his doctorate in 1953, and was granted the degree two years later upon completion of his dissertation.

Married by then, King returned South to become pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala. Here, he made his first mark on the civil-rights movement, by mobilizing the black community during a 382-day boycott of the city's bus lines. King overcame arrest and other violent harassment, including the bombing of his home. Ultimately, the U.S. Supreme Court declared bus segregation unconstitutional.

A national hero and a civil-rights figure of growing importance, King summoned together a number of black leaders in 1957 and laid the groundwork for the organization now known as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). King was elected its president, and he soon began helping other communities organize their own protests against discrimination.

After finishing his first book and making a trip to India, King returned to the United States in 1960 to become co-pastor, with his father, of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Three years later, King's non-violent tactics were put to their most severe test in Birmingham, during a mass protest for fair hiring practices and the desegregation of department-store facilities. Police brutality used against the marchers dramatized the plight of blacks to the nation at large, with enormous impact. King was arrested, but his voice was not silenced: He wrote "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" to refute his critics.

Later that year King was a principal speaker at the historic March on Washington, where he delivered one of the most passionate addresses of his career. Time magazine designated him as its Person of the Year for 1963. A few months later he was named recipient of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. When he returned from Norway, where he had gone to accept the award, King took on new challenges. In Selma, Ala., he led a voter-registration campaign that ended in the Selma-to-Montgomery Freedom March. King next brought his crusade to Chicago, where he launched programs to rehabilitate the slums and provide housing.

In the North, however, King soon discovered that young and angry blacks cared little for his preaching and even less for his pleas for peaceful protest. Their disenchantment was one of the reasons he rallied behind a new cause: the war in Vietnam.

Although he was trying to create a new coalition based on equal support for peace and civil rights, it caused an immediate rift. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) saw King's shift of emphasis as "a serious tactical mistake" the Urban League warned that the "limited resources" of the civil-rights movement would be spread too thin.

But from the vantage point of history, King's timing was superb. Students, professors, intellectuals, clergymen and reformers rushed into the movement. Then, King turned his attention to the domestic issue that he felt was directly related to the Vietnam struggle: poverty. He called for a guaranteed family income, he threatened national boycotts, and he spoke of disrupting entire cities by nonviolent "camp-ins." With this in mind, he began to plan a massive march of the poor on Washington, D.C., envisioning a demonstration of such intensity and size that Congress would have to recognize and deal with the huge number of desperate and downtrodden Americans.

King interrupted these plans to lend his support to the Memphis sanitation men's strike. He wanted to discourage violence, and he wanted to focus national attention on the plight of the poor, unorganized workers of the city. The men were bargaining for basic union representation and long-overdue raises.

But he never got back to his poverty plans. Death came for King on April 4, 1968, on the bal-



cony of the black-owned Lorraine Hotel just off Beale Street. While standing outside with Jesse Jackson and Ralph Abernathy, King was shot in the neck by a rifle bullet. His death caused a wave of violence in major cities across the country.

However, King's legacy has lived on. In 1969, his widow, Coretta Scott King, organized the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change.

Today it stands next to his beloved Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. His birthday, Jan. 15, is a national holiday, celebrated each year with educational programs, artistic displays, and concerts throughout the United States. The Lorraine Hotel where he was shot is now the National Civil Rights Museum.

Based on The African American Almanac, 7th ed., Gale, 1997.

Lubbock M.L.K. Jr. Activities For The 35th Year of Celebration January 13 -16,2006

- Friday - January 13, 2006 Black Pearl Award Banquet McInturf Center U.M.C. 6:30 P.M. Tickets: \$20.00 per person
- Saturday - January 14, 2006 High Noon Prayer March Mt. Gilead Baptist Church 12:00 Noon
- Gospel Extravaganza Full Armor Ministries 6:30 P.M.
- Sunday - January 15, 2006 M.L.K. Citywide Services LakeRidge U.M.C. 5:00 P.M.
- Monday - January 16, 2006 Youth Night Estacado High School 6:30 P.M.

Dunbar Alumni Association meets each second Saturday

The members of the Dunbar Alumni Association are asked to meet the second Saturday of each month at the Dunbar Alumni Association Building, East 27th Street and MLK Blvd., beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Plans are being made for the upcoming Dunbar All-Class Reunion VII which is set for July 13 thru 16, 2006. Your input is valuable, so let's attend these important meetings.

Notice to home delivery customers

If you fail to receive your paper, please call the Digest at 762-3612 and give us your address. Due to the death of our delivery person, W.H. Pitts, we have had some difficulty getting papers delivered. We are aware of the problem and regret it. Please contact us and we will correct the situation as soon as possible. We apologize for the inconvenience.

The Southwest Digest

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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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This writer has a new twist for this week's issue. Here is an opinion which could be of importance to those of you reading:

"Accentuate More Positive"

We continuously complain about the drugs and crime in our community, but do you know of a city that has no drugs and no crime? I think not!!

What are the causes? There are many, but none more contributions than the media and politicians. The media, because of the glory given to a robbery, theft, shootings, drug-busts, murders, and other acts of unholiness. Politicians, because too many of them are crooks and stealers of monies themselves.

Why not Accentuate More Positive in a community? There are more positive programs and people in a community than gets media coverage. There are those of us who are sick and tired of hearing reading about the Black man who stole a one inch television set and received a sentence of 25 years for his crime. There

are those of us who are sick and tired of hearing or reading about one who steals millions of dollars from programs and helps people, but they are not in jail, because of this or that reason!! Why not Accentuate More Positives?

We should be proud of our young and old people who are doing the right thing! Hats off to those who are! Find something positive to say about your Church members, regardless of their age, what they give or what they do!

"Accentuate More Positives!"

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. There are many and your prayers would be most appreciative. If you get an important, then give them a telephone message or go by and visit.

Don't forget our family members who have lost loved ones. God is able.

Church services of the New Hope Baptist Church, 2902 Birch Avenue, where Rev. B. R.

Motun is pastor, were great last Sunday, January 8, 2006. New Hope is the "Church Where The People Really Care."

Services begun with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team sang some inspirational songs. The morning scripture was read by Minister McCutcheon and Minister Wilson offered the morning prayer. The New Hope Choir sang out of their hearts. God is able!

Pastor Motun delivered the morning message. His subject was "Watch Your Tongue." His scripture text was Proverbs 21:3 and Psalms 141:3.

After the invitation to discipleship was extended, Brother Duvelt Phillips read the morning announcements. Sister Tamara Quigley welcomed all visitors.

The Federation of Choirs will meet at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 2512 Fir Avenue, on Sunday afternoon, January 22, 2006, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Rev. J. Jerome Johnson is host pastor.

In Remembrance

Martha Ann Green

Funeral services were held for Martha Ann Green last Saturday afternoon.

January 7, 2006, at the Sunset Church of Christ.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial in Woodrow under the direction of

Griffin Mortuary.

She died Sunday, January 1, 2006, at Southern Speciality Rehab

Virginia Rays Horton

Funeral services for Virginia Rays Horton were held Tuesday afternoon.

January 3, 2006, at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ with Supt. W. David Haynes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2005, at Covenant

Medical Center

She is survived by her mother, Maureen Crawford of Lubbock; a son, Michael Loggins of Fort Worth; two sisters, Carolyn Sims of Lubbock and Camille Pearson of Gilroy, California; three brothers: Larry Crawford of Elk Grove, California, James E. Crawford of Richmond, California and Gary Crawford of Lubbock and a granddaughter, Aleshia Michelle Loggins of Houston.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Crawford, Sr.; her grandfather, Aleshia Michelle Loggins; and a brother, William Crawford, Jr.

J. F. Patterson, Sr.

Funeral services for J.F. Patterson, Sr. were held Friday afternoon.

January 6, 2006, at the First Progressive Baptist Church where Rev. Homer Avery is pastor.

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

Mr. Patterson passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at his residence.

FASHION FUN

A new look for a new year!

Show, and sexy is what's coming in 2006. Colorful evening glasses to bring the

looking colors and of course decorated in a colorful array of beads, all flowing in all colors and shapes enhances the savvy of the outfit. You are going to see a lot of feathers, feathers are also surfacing on collars, sleeves, waist line and hem line - of your top-of-the-line DESIGNER SUITS. These will be HEAD TURNERS FOR SURE!

REMEMBER, THE SKIRTS ARE GETTING SHORTER!

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

Texas Tech assistant football coach Dave Brown passes away

Texas Tech assistant football coach Dave Brown passed away late Tuesday afternoon of an apparent heart attack while playing basketball at the on-campus recreation center. He would have been 53 on Monday.

Brown was taken to University Medical Center in Lubbock where he was pronounced dead.

"Our heart goes out to Dave's family," Texas Tech Head Coach Mike Leach said. "Dave lived a great life that anyone could be proud of. He was one of the best people I have ever known. He had a tremendous impact on our program based on the kind of person he was. He will be missed, but we are honored to have had the opportunity to know him."

A five-year veteran on the Red Raider coaching staff, Brown coached the cornerbacks since his arrival in 2001. He initially retired from coaching in 1998 after a seven-year run as cornerbacks coach for the Seattle Seahawks, but returned to the sideline three seasons later for his only collegiate position.

Brown was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and held weekly bible studies for Texas Tech student-athletes. His

faith in God and his leadership made him one of the most admired individuals on the Texas Tech campus.

"This is a tremendous loss to not only the Texas Tech family, but also to the many lives Dave touched throughout his life," Texas Tech Director of Athletics Gerald Myers said. "He had a tremendous influence on everyone he came in contact with, including the student-athletes and people he worked with here in our department."

Brown was a two-time All-America defensive back at the University of Michigan, before beginning a 16-year professional career with the Pittsburgh Steelers

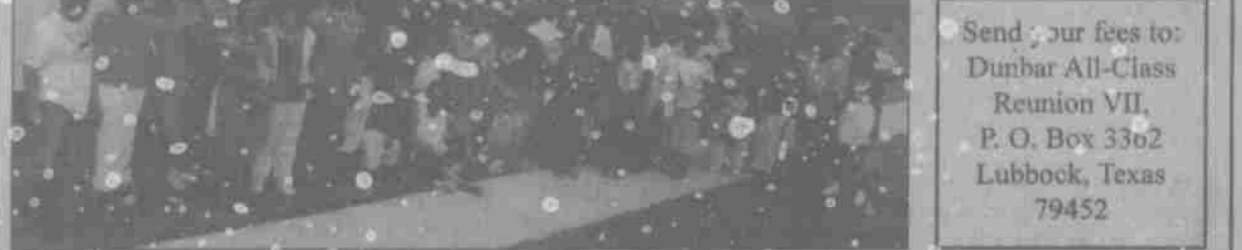
in 1975. Brown participated in the Steelers' Super Bowl X win against the Dallas Cowboys, before being picked up by Seattle in the 1976 expansion draft. The move proved to be a good one for Brown, who spent the next 11 seasons with the Seahawks.

A 1984 All-Pro selection, Brown holds the all-time record in Seattle with 50 interceptions and was enshrined in the Seahawk's Ring of Honor in 1992. He finished his NFL career with the Green Bay Packers for four seasons before retiring in 1990.

Brown is survived by his wife, Rhonda, and sons, Aaron and Sterling.

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Ladies' Tea Set Here

The Parkway/Cherry Point Neighborhood, Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood and Chatman Hill Neighborhood Associations are sponsoring a "Ladies Tea" on Saturday afternoon, January 14, 2006, at the Hunt Elementary School, 415 North Ivory Avenue, from 4:00 p.m. until.

Since the beginning of time, the church has been the backbone of our community. We, the members of these neighborhood associations, have made an endless effort to unite our community to make a stand in our city. It has been said that behind every great man is a great woman. We know the leaders of the churches are very busy trying to do God's work. For this reason, we are asking the first Ladies, Women Ministers and all other Ladies in the Churches to help in this endeavor.

For more information or to make reservation, call Tina Betts at 762-0353.

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Bible Class - 9:00am
Worship - 10:15am
Evening Worship - 5:00pm.

Wednesday:
Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm

God's Plan for Saving Man
All have sinned - Romans 3:23
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?
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
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
Be faithful until death - Rev 2:10

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It's easy. Fill out the information below and mail to: Spotlight On Kids c/o Lubbock / Avalanche-Journal PO Box 491 Lubbock, TX 79408

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Name: _____ Grade: _____
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Parents Address: _____
Daytime phone (parent): _____
On a separate sheet of paper:
1) briefly tell us about your nominee and
2) list the accomplishments of your nominee.

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Name: _____
Relationship to nominee: _____
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Did you include a good quality photo of the child? _____
(Photos will be returned only if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.)

SPOTLIGHT ON KIDS RULES

1) No purchase necessary. Random drawing will occur periodically throughout the year in the Avalanche-Journal and at State Site, Coast 2, near Louisiana corner area. Prizes are awarded to the A-J Information Center, 710 Ave. J.

2) Nomination for an entry can be mailed to Spotlight On Kids, P.O. Box 491, Lubbock, TX 79408, or can be dropped off at the A-J Information Center, 710 Avenue J.

3) All information for entry is a responsibility of the nominator. Information should include: name, address, telephone, and e-mail address. Photos should be included. INFORMATION

4) Only one Spotlight On Kids nominee will appear in the A-J each day.

5) Selection will be made by A-J personnel based on the completion of information, parent approval and the merits of the nominee, including family social activities, citizenship, volunteerism, character, attitude and accomplishment, good behavior, church member.

6) PRIZES WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE A-J WITHOUT VERIFICATION AND SIGNATURE FROM A MEMBER OF THE A-J INFORMATION CENTER. Prizes will be returned ONLY if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.

7) The Avalanche-Journal is not responsible for subject and/or nominee that are harassed, late, lost, withheld, unopened, illegible, incomplete or postage due.

8) By entering, each nominator or their representative understands and agrees to the rules and agrees to be bound to them.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus

Free At Last! Free At Last! Free At Last!

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

John 8:31-32 - Jesus said, "If you continue in my word, then you are my disciples indeed, and shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!"

When I lived in the world pig pen, it was what I thought to be alright. Then Jesus came into my life. That is when I began to walk in the light.

I, at one time, walked with the world's thinking. I shall overcome the crowd. They had made me on the wrong word, thinking I was to be Black and Proud!!

Proverbs 10:16-17 - These seven things do the Lord hate. Yet, seven are an abomination unto him. A proud look, a lying tongue and hands that shed innocent blood.

*** Is The World Robbing God? ***

These are my Rights thing: Is of the Devil, and the Christians believed in what he say, but everybody has rights to Heaven, and Jesus said, "I am the only way!!"

John 14:6 - Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life, no man come unto the father, but by me.

I had Rights to drugs, alcohol, diamonds, women, cars and fine clothes, but I didn't have Peace, Joy and Happiness, and

there was white hate in my soul!!!

Matthew 6:19-33 - Jesus said, therefore, take no thought for saying what shall we eat? Or, what shall we drink? Or, with what shall we be clothed. But seek you the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

*** Try Jesus And He Will Make You Free!! ***

(I thank God for my Grandfather, Reverend Evangelist Billy Morrison, I of Bryan, Texas. He and his wife, Minnie Susie, too 350 acres of the worst timber land in 1924, and asked the Lord to bless them and their seven children to make it work. The Lord blessed. It was turned out to be a cotton farm, sweet potato farm, turkey farm, grocery store and a filling station, and four good fishing tanks on it with the blessing of the Lord which today is worth \$760,000.00. You take all their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, and took their land they got under "the My Rights Plan", and you can set it over into their 30 acres and have room over. They trusted in God, and got their blessings. They had a Right to wait on God's help.)

Matthew 9:23-24 - The Lord said, let not the wife man glory in his wisdom. Neither let the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the rich glory in his riches, but let him that glory in this. That he understands and knows me that in the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth for in these things I delight.

*** I Will Not Rob God!! ***

Didn't nobody have to give up their seat while riding on the City Bus. My freedom came from up above, and God said that was enough!!

Didn't nobody get hit with the policeman's Billy club. My freedom came from up above. God sent in the name of his own blood!! Didn't nobody have to get hit by the policeman's attack dogs. My freedom came from Jesus' dying out on the old jagged cross!!!

Didn't nobody have to get sprayed by the fireman's water hose. My freedom came on Sunday Morning when Jesus Christ arose!!!

John 8:32-36 - Jesus said, you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. And if the Son, therefore, shall make you free. You shall be free indeed.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The Civil Liberties Challenge of 2006

We are truly indebted to the readership of this column in 2005. Your support is valuable to the continued success of the press informed by your interaction and motivating their lack-adamical attitude toward reading.

The Black Press is still a valuable tool in a multimedia world. The Black Press expresses the opinions, views, and a multiplicity of other facts and ideas that can truly come only from the heart and soul of Black America. The Black Press does not look through rose-colored lens of an Anglo and Hispanic and other ethnic America, but through the sensory membrane of the soul of Black America that expresses social, political, economic, religious, and other mundane concerns of day-to-day life. In light of these facts, your support of the advertisers and subscription is very important for the continued enlightenment of Black intellect.

All Americans will face challenges in 2006. The challenge to the well being of Americans covers a vast spectrum. One of the most serious is a secret program to spy on Americans without any judicial

review. Americans should be very concerned about the misuse of this power by the President. The constitution provides a balance of power. No one person is in charge for all Americans without following the "rule of law." For example: If the President of the United States had a "nervous breakdown" and there were not check and balances provided by the constitution, Americans would be in serious trouble.

One writer states, "Blind to history, Bush accepted the arguments of his alpha-male Justice Department that Article 2 of the Constitution allows presidents to violate civil liberties in times of national emergency... One key difference from the current political climate is that in the Cold War no one of consequence tried to argue that warrant less monitoring of Americans is legal. Participants in HTLingual understood that the program violated the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution (the reasonable search and seizure amendment)."

The a priori of President Bush appears to be at odds with the thought processes of other Americans leaders. One wonder about the overall motivation

of those persons hired by the President to give him legal advises. Perhaps there need to be an inquiry as to whether or not they have hidden agendas and inner dictator tendencies and use the President to release their innermost desires. Let us forget, President Bush is not an attorney.

Again, Americans should be very concerned about their civil liberties because President Bush has chosen not to avail himself to the tool that Congress has provided for the purpose of listen secretly to what privately is conveyed by those who are suspected to be enemies of the state. The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, passed in 1978 permits the president to apply in secret to a special court for a warrant. By law, the executive branch has the power to begin surveillance for 72 hours while waiting for a warrant. Why not follow the "rule of law." Would not it be great to hear the President say he was given poor advise and correct the problem at the source instead of being arrogant and conversing to Americans as if they are ignorant peasants of a third world country?

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, January 8, 2006, was another glorious day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor. Services began with the morning devotion, which was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Vincent Bailey.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir again sang out of their hearts and souls praising their Lord and

Savior Jesus Christ. Pastor Canady delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Have You Had A Pentecostal Experience?" His scripture text was Acts 2:4. What a wonderful message.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. We were happy to see our Superintendent, Sister Luella Harris, back in services

last Sunday morning. It just to show all believers what God can do for any of us. This is what our Sunday School lesson, "Everybody Needs Prayer," 1 Timothy 2:1-8, was all about as it was taught by Pastor Canady. What a wonderful lesson!

Thought For The Week: "You must accept God's Son today if you want to live in Heaven's Sunshine tomorrow."

MADD DWI Trailer scheduled for Citizens Traffic Commission meeting

The Lubbock Citizens Traffic Commission (CTC) and City of Lubbock Traffic Engineering Department are sponsoring the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) DWI (driving while intoxicated) mobile exhibit trailer on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, as part of the CTC's monthly scheduled meeting.

The trailer will be parked on the east side of the main parking lot of the City of Lubbock Municipal Building, 1625 13th Street.

A presentation will be conducted during the CTC meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot next to the trailer.

Invitees for the presentation include: news media; MADD; IPCSP (Injury Prevention Coalition of the South Plains); Texas Department of Transportation safety division; Texas Department of Public Safety; City of Lubbock

departments; Frenship Independent School District; Lubbock Independent School District; Lubbock-Cooper Independent School District; Texas Tech University Student Government Association; South Plains College; and Wayland Baptist University.

The public is invited to view the trailer at any time from 9:30 a.m. to Noon.

The trailer is a traveling exhibit to show the consequences of drunk driving. On August 28, 2004, a vehicle driven by Dirk Lindsey, and occupied by his wife, Tara, and their three children, Rachel -10 years, Madelyn - 6 years, and Yates - 1 month, was hit by a speeding and drunk driver who ran a stop sign in downtown Seminole, Texas. Both parents were critically injured, and all three children were killed on impact.

The Lubbock chapter of MADD

organized the effort to build the trailer, which is designed to raise awareness of the ultimate consequence of drunken driving. The trailer was unveiled in October 2005.

Shannon Ramos, victim services director of Lubbock's MADD chapter, said the 27-foot trailer was donated by Wells Fargo and the crashed vehicle housed on the trailer was donated by Gate Farm Insurance. The \$50,000 exhibit was made possible by private and public funding. The trailer includes audio and video equipment that runs footage about the Lindsey's lives before the children's deaths, as well as documentation of the tragedy. A transparent photo of Rachel, Madelyn and Yates covers the rear window.

The DWI mobile exhibit is designed to help educate the public and hopefully prevent a similar tragedy from occurring again.

The cost of not-voting: The Boss Of The County

by Jordan Leigh York

In county government, the most important role is that of the voter. I will explain what I mean. If a voter doesn't vote, oh, no, will we have good people to fix our county roads? When you are driving along that bumpy road and your car gets stuck in a hole, you can't complain because you didn't take the time to vote for knowledgeable road workers.

If that scares you, just listen to what else I have to say. What if you are sitting at home being lazy and what if the other voters elected a person you didn't like for county judge? If that person is not capable, you can't blame anyone because you didn't get out and vote.

What if there is a new sheriff that puts the wrong person in jail for robbing a bank and that person is

YOU! Does that frighten you? That is exactly why you need to get out and vote for people who know what they are doing.

You are the boss of the county when you vote. SO DO YOUR JOB AND ELECT GOOD PEOPLE!

(Editor's Note: Jordan Leigh York, age 8, of Midland, Texas, was named the 1st place winner in a county-wide essay contest. Her winning essay discussed how citizens

should get out and vote or not complain when things do not go the way they would like. She was awarded a \$700.00 savings bond, and will be honored later this month.

Jordan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew and Tracie York of Midland, Texas; the granddaughter of Sarah Bunton and the late Leon A. Bunton, Jr., and the great-granddaughter of Minnie O. Bunton, all of Lubbock.)

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What you see in the mirror every day is what torments you. What you have sowed, "America", you will reap in his world. What you have sowed!

If there is no justice, there is no Peace! Rubbing the name of Jesus out of things do not make them better. Look back, people, you know the answer and we do too. The answer is in Jesus. Face it, people, while we can. Tomorrow might be too late!

Have a blessed New Year. Step out in Faith! Take it from this writer, it will surely work, no matter the circumstance.

Thought of the Week: "Hold on, Saints. We know you can make it. Pray! Pray! Pray! He has given us a clean sheet. Almost!!"

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast will be meeting in the home of Sister Elnora Jones, 2416 East 30th Street, if you get an opportunity, please come and be with us. Would you be so kind as to pray with us this year??

Why not start the New Year off by driving by the houses of those who are sick and shut-in. Let us pray for them. There are

those you know and those you do not know. Still, pay for all of them. Pray, Saints. That's our privilege!

It is always a blessing for us to pray for our homes, churches, and schools while we are driving throughout the community. Don't forget your pastor and ministers! Yes, prayer changes all things.

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Pair of Kings crowned for CHL All-Star Game

The Central Hockey League announced the non-starters for the 2006 CHL All-Star Game, presented by Obra Homes, to complete the roster announcements for the contest to be held on January 18th in Hidalgo, Texas, and Laredo Bucks and Southern Conference Head Coach Terry Ruszkowski and the CHL Hockey Operations Department selected Lubbock Cotton Kings defenseman Stacey Bauman and forward Nolan Graham to the Southern Conference squad.

Bauman, a third-year pro and second-year member of the Cotton Kings, will make his first All-Star appearance. Last season's "Fan Favorite" is leading the Cotton Kings in points among defensemen with 14 off of 4 goals and 10 assists (tied for eighth among Southern Conference defensemen). Bauman also leads the team with a 9 plus/minus rating. The 26 year-old Hanover, Ontario native led the Kings in defenseman scoring in November (2g, 6a, 8pts.) and December (2g, 5a, 7pts.). He had a four-game point streak from 12/17 - 12/28, which co-leads the season high for the Cotton Kings. The Yale product has not missed a game since joining the Cotton Kings last season, playing in all 60 games last season and 28 games thus far for 88 consecutive games played with Lubbock. "Baur.er" will team up with Amarillo's Mark DeSantis, Austin's Aaron Schneckloth, Rio Grande Valley's Jeff Mushaluk and starters Serge Dube (Laredo)

and Bernie John (Corpus Christi) to represent the Southern Conference All-Star defensemen.

Graham will also be making his first All-Star appearance as he travels down to the Dodge Arena, which also serves as the home for the Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees. The second-year King leads the Cotton Kings offensively with 15 goals and 11 assists for 26 points. The 15 goals ranks fifth for fifth in the Southern Conference. Graham, a 26 year-old from Nanaimo, British Columbia, also leads the Cotton Kings in power play goals with 7 (fourth in the Southern Conference), empty net goals (2) and shots with 103. He holds single game highs this season in goals (3 on 11/6/05), assists (11 on 11/6/05), fastest two-goals in a game (5:59) and co-leads in single-game highs this season in

assists (3 on 12/2/05), longest point streak (4 games from 11/5 - 11/11) and longest goal streak (3 games from 11/6 - 11/11). Graham will join Amarillo's Scott Wray, Austin's John McNabb, Laredo's James Hebert and the Odessa tandem of Sebastien Thinel and Dominic Leveille, along with starters Derek Harty (Amarillo), Jeff Bus (Laredo) and Daymen Bencharski (Rio Grande Valley).

Missing out on an opportunity to head to the All-Star festivities is Cotton Kings goaltender Drett Koscielny. Corpus Christi's Scott Reid and Eyan Lindsay of Rio Grande Valley join starter Mike Gorman of Odessa as the Southern Conference goaltenders. Koscielny missed the nod despite leading the CHL with a 2.20 GAA and ranking second in the league with a

92.9% save percentage. The Cotton Kings' next two home games are Saturday at 7:05 pm, and Sunday at 5:05 pm

at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Individual game ticket information is available by contacting the Cotton Kings office at (806) 747-7825. Additional Kings info can be found online via their official site at www.cottonkings.com.



Graham



Koscielny



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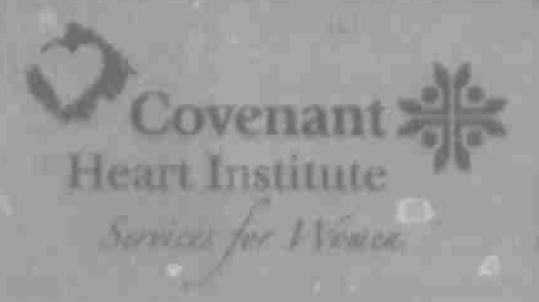
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Volunteers are able to assist in areas such as crisis intervention, children's programs, social

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

ANOTHER YEAR TO CELEBRATE DR. KING'S BIRTHDAY! THIS 'N' THAT is reminding us of the upcoming birthday celebration of the late DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., who was born January 15, 1929 and would have been 77 YEARS OF AGE had he lived to this birth date. He was gunned down in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968, some 38 years ago. Beginning this week in Lubbock, as well as through the country, many celebrations will be held in his honor. THIS 'N' THAT would hope that young people rally understand what he stood for and why he wanted all to have an opportunity to grow in the United States of America. Sure, he is not among us today, but many of the ills he fought to get rid of are still with us, and it should remind us of what we must be doing to make our country a much better place for all of us. Are we better off today than we were when he was the DRUM MAJOR OF JUSTICE for all of us - WHITE, BLACK, BROWN OR YELLOW? Some will say we have made some progress, but others will yell, "We have mighty ways to go!" There were those who fought hard for the national holiday which allows us to celebrate the birthday of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. One name stands out, and that is the name of STEVIE WONDER who coordinated an effort to find the necessary funds to make it become a reality. So, when you drive north or south down Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., take a mental note as to why it was named and the struggle it took for it to happen. If you get an opportunity, take part in some of the programs, and let's keep his birthday among us.

COULD BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE! THIS 'N' THAT learned

this past week that there is an opportunity for someone or an organization to develop the once CHURCH'S CHICKEN on MLK Blvd. and East Broadway Avenue. Word comes that it was closed because a new group brought all the CHURCH'S CHICKENS & POPEYES in Lubbock, and the group didn't want the one on East Broadway, as it was not losing money. The new group wanted to build a new one in Southwest Lubbock. Regardless of why it was done, at this time the building is vacant, and it could be a great opportunity for someone. THIS 'N' THAT doesn't want to mention any numbers or bottom line, but it looks real attractive. If there are those among us who would be willing to take a step into this area for investment, THIS 'N' THAT would advise for us who are interested in this opportunity to contact JOHN HALL at the North & East Lubbock Development Corporation. No doubt about it, this is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "SCHOOLING, at best, TEACHES how to do a job, but EXPERIENCE teaches how to SURVIVE IN IT."

NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT CORP. STILL WORKING! THIS 'N' THAT is happy to see that the Board of Directors of the NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION is still working with vigor to see that things will continue to move in the right direction. When it comes to moving these areas of our city in a very POSITIVE POSTURE, there is no doubt about it. THIS 'N' THAT knows that one day, these areas of the City of Lubbock will reach their full potential. At present time, it

appears to be bumpy, but we will continue to make it happen. Many in the community appreciate what you are doing, so keep on doing what you are doing! Those of us who are BLEEPY-ERS would say, "He didn't lead us this far to leave us."

DUNBAR ALL-CLASS REUNION VII IS SET! THIS 'N' THAT has been hearing about the upcoming DUNBAR ALL-CLASS REUNION VII, which is set for JULY 13 THRU 16, 2006 here in Lubbock. Now, if you really want to get involved, then attend the meetings which are held the second Saturdays of each month, at 4:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the DUNBAR ALUMNI BUILDING. Now what are you waiting for?

NEED TO VISIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL! THIS 'N' THAT is still encouraging as many as will to VISIT one of our outstanding public schools. Go by and see what our young people are doing in their schools. If you get an opportunity (after checking with the principal's office) have lunch with these great young people. So why not visit this week or next?

AKA'S, WE MISS YOUR DEBUTANTE BALL! THIS 'N' THAT wants the Sorors of Eta Delta Omega Chapter of ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. know that we miss the DEBUTANTE BALL that occurs every other year and which involves many young, talented young ladies who are presented to SOCIETY. Many of those Sorors who worked for this institution are gone and others are seniors, but THIS 'N' THAT believes there are other young AKA'S who can pickup the pieces. While this is being restored, what about your participation, AKA'S, in your local telecast of the UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND?

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

This new year for many Americans, especially those of us living on a fixed income, has a dark dreary outlook. The daily news, printed and through the electronic media, continues to tell us of the rising costs of living in this country and how difficult it is now and will be for many of us as the year progresses.

Progress is what most Americans look forward to a year or two ago, but our great economy appears to slow down our progress or eliminate it all together. This is a year in which we have economic baggage to bring with us from the past year. That includes the raise which the Social Security Administration allotted recipients, many seeing a profit of about \$5.00 after the increase in Medicare payments, which took a hike of about \$10.00. If one looks at the benefit objectively, \$5.00 will purchase an additional two gallons of gasoline to go into your automobile, or two loaves of bread. Take your pick.

There is still the need to pick out an insurance company to purchase a Medicare drug plan or Medicare Part D for those of us whom have not done so by December 31, 2005.

Some of us are still undecided about what to pick, and some of us have decided that it will not be worth it. In my case, it will not be worth it. I already have a plan which pays 10% to 50% discount on my regularly prescribed drugs per month which is included in my health plan. It is not as good as the Part D Plan, but it does not cost as much as Plan D. Accordingly, I spend approximately \$40.00 monthly for my regular prescriptions, because I get the generic drugs when I can. If I purchased a separate Plan D, it would cost me an additional \$20.00 to \$45.00 per month which I could utilize to help pay for medicines needed when I am sick in addition to my regular medicine. Furthermore, if give up the plan which I have just to get another Plan D, I will lose the coverage for other health benefits and will not be able to get the current coverage again. This will be true of many, health insurance plans.

Those people who will benefit the most from the new drug plan, Part D, will be those people who currently have no drug coverage with their health insurance plans, or no health insurance plan at all. If you currently have no problem paying for your needed drugs, you still do not need Plan D. In addition, it is not necessary. The only people who must have the Plan D are those people who receive both, Medicare and Medicaid.

Medicaid is being abolished for all Medicare eligible recipients of SSI. The monthly grant, the check, is not being cancelled, just the Medicaid coverage.

The rising cost of utilities, gasoline, natural gas and electricity will make many of us decide how much the 2005 baggage will affect our lives in 2006. Will we decide to keep warm by wearing enough layers of clothing and turning down the thermostat; travel, much by foot; stay healthy, eating proper foods and getting enough exercise or buy medicines and see doctors. We must get 'in cinque' early in this year and decide on the baggage we will need in order to survive 2006.

2006 Junior Ambassador Goodwill program applications available

The City of Lubbock is now accepting applications for the 2006 Junior Ambassador Goodwill Program. The mission of the Junior Ambassador program is to foster the development of friendship, understanding and education through International Ambassador Exchange. The Junior Ambassador Program provides a unique opportunity for all Junior High students to learn first hand about the Japanese culture.

The Junior Ambassadors travel to Musashino, Japan in June for eight days. This once in a lifetime opportunity will enrich the Ambassadors' understanding of the social, political, and economic aspects of Japan and will increase their global competitiveness in the job market of the 21st Century.

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Think About It!

2005 fades into the sunset - 2006 emerges on the horizon

Goodbye 2005! No matter what happened in 2005 is gone. I cannot be recaptured whether it is good or bad. Our concentration must, should be on what we can accomplish in 2006. Yesterday is gone; tomorrow is not here. So we must concentrate now day by day, and do the best we can.

We were let down by a certain degree by some of our presence. The hot issue in 2005 was the North & East Lubbock Development program, which took off with a bang and began to fizzle, and we hope it's not out and will revive in 2006. When Victor Hernandez and T.J. Patterson were on the city council, North & East Lubbock was on the forefront. Victor was raising hell about something, and T.J. was preaching. Linda DeLeon and Floyd Price have appeared silent, along with some sabotage on the present city council. In this writer's opinion, one of the dumbest statements made by District Two City Councilman Floyd

Price was when he said, even against Linda DeLeon of District One, "We must compromise." Continuing, he said, "North and East Lubbock have gotten all of or most of the money." What money? What comic book did he research? He is on the city council. Can he not read and understand a budget? What about the projects where were already approved and budgeted for East Lubbock? Even the road work proposed for the Williams Chicken business, which was to have been done at the construction of the new building.

Not only those mentioned, but what about the MLK Blvd. fly by over the Slaton Highway which makes traveling to the Preston Smith International Airport easier for our travelers. Even the MPO had this project on their immediate list. So the big question is, "Why were these and other projects transferred from a long denied, depressed, overlooked area to a former jackrabbit and sage bush

area which has become the new Lubbock on Milwaukee Avenue?" This area is located in the mayoral candidate's district, Tom Martin. You listen, Councilman Price, when we ask you not to let Mayor pro-tem Martin pull your leg. Why not think, research and get the pulse of your district before making a critical decision.

Here's hoping the ills of 2005 will be rectified and 2006 becomes a collective good for all of Lubbock, not just the privileged, but all citizens of Lubbock.

Closing Thought: "Think for yourself, make your own decisions. Believe nothing you hear and half of what you hear."

Area students attending 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in the fall of 2006 are eligible to apply. Interested students must turn in an application, two reference letters and a one page essay on why they want to travel to Japan. Scholarships are available based on school district participation. The deadline to apply is February 13, 2006.

Approximately sixteen students will be selected to participate this year. Upon completion of the interviews, selections are made and the Junior Ambassadors will meet weekly in order to learn about the Japanese language, culture, and customs. Meetings provide students a chance to become familiar with each other, as well as to prepare for their upcoming

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Decline of Western Civilization Predictions for 2006

By Keith Wright

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Along the Color Line: The execution of Tookie Williams

by Dr. Manning Marable

Shortly after midnight, December 13, 2005, correctional officers at San Quentin Prison executed Stanley Tookie Williams. The 51-year-old black man was killed by lethal injection. In the months leading up to Williams's execution, thousands appealed for his life - from the prominent and powerful to everyday people. The Reverend Jesse Jackson had personally visited Williams twice, and called upon California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to commute Williams's death sentence to life in prison. "One of my fears," Jackson explained, "is that if we disregard redemption, if we disregard his social contribution, if those who have shown evidence of redemption and change are rejected, it rushes in a wave of cynicism."

Not even his strongest advocates and defenders claimed that the young Tookie Williams had been a decent human being. As a teenager, Williams had co-founded the notorious Crips Gang in Los Angeles. In that capacity alone, he had been directly involved in a series of violent, criminal acts that

had terrorized the African-American community. In 1979, Williams had been convicted of brutally murdering four people, which led to his death sentence.

But Tookie Williams's sojourn was not finished yet. Inside the bowels of prison, he reclaimed his soul and life. Williams transformed himself, renouncing the criminality and gang violence of his career with the Crips. By authoring a series of children's books and memoirs, Williams became a prominent advocate of nonviolent social change and prisoners' rights. In 2004, actor Jamie Foxx starred in a television film, "Redemption," based on Williams's extraordinary life.

The state-sponsored murder of Tookie Williams once again raises the legal, philosophical and moral debates surrounding the death penalty in the U.S. Nearly thirty years ago, in 1976, the Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty. In less than three decades, over one thousand individuals have been put to death. In 2004, the US executed more people than any other nation, except China, Iran and Vietnam.

Social scientists and legal schol-

ars have long documented the racial bias that is built into the application of the death penalty. Although about one-half of all murder victims in the US annually are non-Hispanic whites, over 80 percent of victims in cases that result in an execution are white. Murderers of blacks, regardless of their race, by contrast, are far less likely to receive the death penalty than those who kill whites. An African American convicted of capital murder is over four times more likely than a white person to receive the death penalty.

Equally troubling are the gross errors and incompetence of the criminal justice system in carrying out the death penalty. As of 2005, 122 individuals who had been sentenced to die have subsequently been cleared, many through the use of new DNA evidence. Should our government execute innocent people, when life imprisonment is surely a more effective deterrent to crime?


For these reasons, millions of Americans who once embraced the death penalty have now come to oppose it. Back in 1994, for example, a Gallup Poll found that 80 percent of

Americans supported the death penalty. By 2005, according to Gallup, support had declined to 64 percent. When given the option of a death penalty vs. life without parole for convicted killers, American support for the death penalty declines to 40-50 percent. Even several Republican governors in several states have called a halt to the death penalty. Tookie Williams's tragic and unnecessary death should challenge us to outlaw this most barbaric weapon of the prison industrial complex.

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