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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., 906-771-1315
- 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 1:00pm, 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 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.
- Chastain Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Jles Elementary Cafeteria.

# Dunbar Panthers were state basketball champions in 1962

How many of you remember the young men who played on the 1962 State Championship Basketball team coached by Coach Ernest P. Mallory. The game was played at Prairie View College, before Blacks were allowed to compete in UIL.

Looking back over history, how many of you know the score of the game which they won for the state championship and who were they playing? How many of these players can you identify?

This photo was made possible by Ralph Hodge, who was an outstanding Dunbar Panther. When you see him, acknowledge you saw the photo and thank him for sharing.

This photo should remind us of the great history Dunbar High School has, and we should never forget it.



# Texas Tech survey finds Texans willing to pay more taxes for education, stopping illegal immigration

Texans will pay more taxes to maintain education and health care programs at current levels and to fund programs that prevent illegal immigration, but they want lawmakers to cut spending as well, according to a Texas Tech University statewide survey.

Those issues were three of many topics broached by a Texas citizens' survey done by Texas Tech University's Earl Garvey Research Laboratory and political science students. The survey, conducted during the fall and spring semesters, queried citizens on issues such as redistricting, crime and legalizing gambling.

"Of what people selected as the most important issue, education ranks the highest," said Dennis Patterson, associate professor of political science who conducted the survey's statistical analysis. "The second most interesting thing is that 74 percent of the people are actually willing to raise sales taxes a quarter penny in order to maintain current levels for education and health care. This is a conservative state, but people are willing to pay for education and health care. I think that's the message of that survey."

This finding contrasts with the 72 percent of citizens who said

the state should deal with budget problems by cutting spending rather than increasing revenues, Patterson said.

Illegal immigration also was an issue for many Texans, with 51.9 percent thinking that illegal immigration should be a high priority for lawmakers. A federal tax increase to fund programs geared toward preventing illegal immigration was acceptable to 52.4 percent.

The telephone survey was performed by students in the Department of Political Science's Introduction to Political Analysis class. Students used experts at the

Earl Survey Research Laboratory to help them develop and conduct the survey. Between 500 and 1,100 citizens were polled on various parts. The results are accurate within a three-to-five-percent margin.

### Other statistics include:

- 80.3 percent of respondents indicate that education should be a high priority for the state's lawmakers; 54.8 percent of respondents indicated that crime should be a high priority.
- 50.4 percent of Texans believe that the 2003 redistricting effort was fair.

- On the matter of illegal immigration, 51.3 percent of Texans believe that children of illegal immigrants should automatically receive U.S. citizenship.
  - Texans support legalizing casino gambling to fund public education. 41.7 percent say they support such a proposal and 20.0 percent say they'd strongly support it.
  - 75.8 percent of Texans strongly favor increasing sales taxes on cigarettes and liquor in order to maintain education and health care programs at current levels.
- For more information on the survey, visit [www.ttu.edu/~esrl](http://www.ttu.edu/~esrl).

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## LISD Southeast Site Elementary Groundbreaking



(Left to Right) Gordon Wilkerson, LISD Board Secretary; Roy T. Grimes, Trustee; Vernita Woods-Holmes, Vice President LISD Board of Trustees; Wayne Havens, Superintendent; and Dan Pope, Chairman of the 2004 Citizens' Bond Steering Committee at podium. Chairman of the 2004 Citizens' Bond Steering Committee Dan Pope addresses the gathering of citizens and community officials at the groundbreaking ceremony of the new southeast elementary site at 79th and Avenue P. LISD Trustees and representatives from Lee Lewis Construction and Parkhill Smith & Cooper break ground at the site of LISD's new southeast elementary.

City offices will be closed April 14, 2006, in observance of Good Friday, an official holiday for City employees. While City offices will be closed, emergency services will continue in keeping with normal schedules.

## City Elections coming up!

### Don't forget to vote!

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.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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# Happy Easter

1 Peter 1:3

All glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is by his boundless mercy that God has given us the privilege of being born again. Now we live with a wonderful expectation because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead.

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This writer has noticed the name change of the Brock South Plains Funeral Home. This name is no more, according to our sources, as it will be called the Calvillo Funeral Home. It will be moving from its present location at 609 18th Street. It is believed to be opened at this location for business in approximately one month. More on the grand opening as we are apprised of the new location.

The members of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street, are inviting their many friends and former members to join them in the celebration of their 85th Church Anniversary set for Sunday afternoon, April 23, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor, and chairpersons are Sisters Venessa Carter and Mish Manahan.

Let us be advised of the holiday for our young people from the Lubbock Public Schools on Friday, April 14, 2006. Classes will resume on Monday, April 17th.

Let us pray for those who are sick and shut-in this week. Among them include Brother

Tommy Cage who has been a patient in University Medical Center's ICU. Also, Brother Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher of Southwest Digest, who is recuperating University Medical Center and is doing nicely. He broke his leg in three places.

Another citizen of the community, Brother Eric Strong is recuperating nicely in Medical ICU at the University Medical Center.

For these and many others, your precious prayers are most appreciative. God is able.

Services got underway at the New Hope Baptist Church with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m. The morning subject was entitled: "When Things In Life Seem Hopeless." It was another wonderful lesson.

The morning worship began with prayer, the reading of the morning scripture and songs of praise. Minister McCutcheon and Minister Wilbon were at their post of duty.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. B. R. Moton. His subject was "Rising Above Your Circumstances." His scripture text was Judges 11:1-11. What a dynamic sermon.

Pastor Moton reminded the congregation when things

appear to be hopeless that's the time to call on the Lord. "Stand firm on his word and wait on the Lord and he will raise you above Satan," said Pastor Moton. Continuing, he said, "It works! There is no one or any other power above our Heavenly Father, the Lord!"

After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister Stefanie Thomas while all visitors were welcomed by Sister Jackie Alexander.

The members of the New Hope Baptist Church will be celebrating the 80th Church Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, April 16, 2006, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor. The public is invited to attend.

Congratulations are in order for a successful year of the Federation of Choirs. Last Friday night, April 7, 2006, the membership elected Sister Benjie Sims to continue as their president. Just keep on keeping on in the Lord's business.

If you had guests during the Easter Holidays, let us hear from you for publication.

## In Remembrance

### Linda Darnel McKinzie

Funeral services for Linda Darnel McKinzie were held Tuesday afternoon, April 11, 2006, at the Full Armor Ministries with Bishop Leonard Chatham, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

She passed away here on Friday, April 7, 2006. A longtime resident of Texas, she was born to John C. Randle and Rita (Be) Lawson Randle on May 17, 1950. She attended South Plains College where she majored in business administration. She married Johnny Richard McKinzie on July 9, 1978 in Lubbock. She was employed for Texas Instruments, Inc. for 24 years.

She also was employed by MHMR for nine years. Her last employment opportunity was with Cingular Wireless where she worked for five years. She was a member of Full Armor Ministries.

Mrs. McKinzie was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Darnell Morris.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Johnny Richard McKinzie of Lubbock; sons: Richie McKinzie of Lubbock, Michael McKinzie, Johnny Richard McKinzie, Jr., Bruce McKinzie, Winston Caraway and Joe Caraway, all of Lubbock; a daughter, Demetria R. Hearn of Lubbock; brothers: Clayton Morris of Lubbock and John C. Randle, Jr. of Austin; sisters:

Jacquelyn Proctor of Plano and Cheryl Jackson of Austin; 18 grandchildren.

### Daisy Porter

Family and friends said goodbye to Daisy Porter who was buried Saturday morning, April 8, 2006, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

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

She passed away Saturday, April 1, 2006, in Lubbock. She was 92 years of age.

Funeral services for Rev. S. T. Sneed were held Saturday morning, April 8, 2006, at the Carter Chapel CME Church.

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

Rev. Sneed was born February 23, 1919 to the parents of Will and Ellen Sneed in Marshall. He served in the U. S. Army, and later married Josephine Darthard. He retired from the Universal Life Insurance Company as an underwriter. He was also involved in real estate investments.

Rev. Sneed served as a minister throughout the West Texas area. He pastured until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine; five daughters and two sons: Joyce Taylor (Henry), Linda Haynes (Allen), OC Quinetta Sanders, Sue Kim Sneed, Larry Sneed, Mae Sneed Neison, and Sandy Sreed; a sister, Clementine Manning of Marshall; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson  
Baby Dolls

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## SPC to offer lifeguard courses in May

South Plains College will hold an American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Course beginning May 1 from 6:00 to 9:30 pm at the SPC Natatorium in Levelland. Four other mandatory sessions will be held May 3 and 5 from 6:00 to 9:30 pm, May 6 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm and May 7 from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The prerequisites for the course are being at least 15 years of age on the first day of class, able to swim 500 yards non-stop utilizing the crawl stroke and breast stroke and ability to swim 20 yards, surface dive, retrieve a 10 pound brick and return to the starting point.

A test of the above skills will be administered at the first class session and only those students passing will be able to register for the full course. The course cost is \$125 and upon completion students will receive American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer Certification and American Red Cross Lifeguard / First Aid Certification.

The course has limited enrollment. For enrollment or more information, contact Mike Harrison at 806-894-9611, extension 2228.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

You are cordially invited to the 85th Church Anniversary celebration of Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, April 23, 2006, 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Please join us at 306 E. 23th Street, Lubbock, Texas. We are looking forward to worshipping with you.

Yours in Christ,

Members of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, J.H. Ford, Pastor, and Sisters Venessa Carter and Mish Manahan, Chairpersons

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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus Homosexuals Taking Over The Churches

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

**Isaiah 45:18** - The Lord that created the heavens, God himself that formed the earth and made it He hath established it. He created it not in vain. He formed it to be inhabited. I am the Lord, and there is none else.

The Devil is sending a lie going around that all men are equal and free. That lie is the thing that has caused all America to be in their miseries!!!

**Deuteronomy 23:18** - You shall not bring the hire of a whore or the price of a dog into the house of the Lord your God for any vow. For even both these are abominations unto the Lord your God.

The Christians let this "My Rights Thing" go to far, and got out hand. Now the homosexuals have taken over many churches throughout this land.

**I Corinthians 3:16** - Know you not that you are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwells in you?

**\*\*\* I. This My Rights Thing Robbing God? \*\*\***

Now this homosexual thing, in the first place, God said that it is wrong. God said it is sin, and in hell is he will put it, because that is where it belongs!!!

**I Corinthians 6:9** - Know you not that the unrighteous shall

not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate (perverts), nor abusers of the resolve with mankind.

The law tells the homosexuals you have the right to sue the churches and the scary churches let them have a position in taking over the churches!!!

**Romans 1:32** - Who knowing the judgment of God that they which commit such things are worthy of death, only to do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

(God did not destroy an entire city for fornicating, killing, robbing, witchcraft, raping, stumbling, or all the other sins that he hates. God destroyed a city for homosexual sins, and that is the only city he did it for!!!)

Churches and the My Rights thing are in trouble. The blindest of man can see. The churches didn't stay with the word of God and now they are in misery!

**\*\*\* Is This My Rights Thing Calling America??? \*\*\***

(The rights of the Devil: a 21 year old man to rape a 13 year old girl. My space rights: Drugs in School, Black Rights, Children Killing The Parents

Rights, Parents Killing Their Children rights, White Rights, Road Rage Killings Rights, XXX Rights, Drive-By Shooting Rights, Drug Corner Killing Rights, Condoms in Schools Rights, Bomb The Federal Building Rights, Kill The Abortion Doctors Rights, Blacks Killing The Family Rights, Blacks Killing Themselves Rights, No Spanking Rights, Teens Run Away Rights, Gay Rights, Women Rights, and many more.

**Proverbs 14:12** - there is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

The only Rights God wants mankind to have are the right to come to the cross, and ask that their sins may be forgiven, because their soul won't be lost!!!

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

(I am just a nobody, trying to tell everybody about Jesus' body, dying for the rights on the cross for the sins of everybody!!!)

**Hosea 1:2** - Come and let us return unto the Lord. For he is torn, and he will us. He smitten and he will bind us up.



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith A Fallen Preacher or Not?

The other day my heart was broken upon seeing the picture and hearing the words of the media saying one of my fellow brothers in the gospel has been charged with wrongdoing.

The charges are alleged to be so severe the South Plains College Police Department, the Levelland Police Department, the Hockley County District Attorney's Office, the Texas Rangers, the U. S. Marshals Service and Immigration Office and the Internal Revenue Service formed a network of police action to apprehend him at his place of residence (not the parsonage) in Lubbock.

He is charged with compelling prostitution. He allegedly asked the woman for sex in exchanged for tuition payments. The woman is from Nairobi, Kenya (a Black African Country where some of our forefathers were sold to White people by African Royalty and brought to America as slaves.) The preacher's bond is set at \$150,000 for asking. This bond is based on the woman's word and e-mails.

The powers-that-be of the United Methodist Church quickly let it be known that the alleged criminal preacher was a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church was using him to supply pastor (not a real pastor). Things have not changed. Just a new face. For the readers' information: The African Methodist Church is the oldest black denomination in America.

It came into being when the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, PA would not let black folk take communion with them because they smelled, look different and were too noisy. They made them sit in the "low's nest" (the balcony). Richard Allen and the

other blacks in attendance walked out and formed the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

I find it strange that the pastor would be fired so quickly from a church that claimed to be a sister to the African Methodist Episcopal Church when their annual conference is only 3 months away. Were those in charge in the African Methodist Episcopal Church notified? If they were, did they run from the brother like a scared rabbit not having the backbone of Richard Allen? This is highly possible and I have a testimony that I hope to write in a published book someday to this fact.

Is the statement, "Am I my brother's keeper" real or is it just words to play on? If a brother is filled with deception, does not the church that is filled with wealth of all means and who the ex-wife of former President Clinton belongs and were the current President of the United States belongs have the capacity to send a fallen brother to get psychiatric help? Is it not true in America, one is innocent until proven guilty? On the other hand, is this a big lie when it pertains to certain groups in America?

The assistant district attorney of Hockley County is reported by the A-J to say "The church is not at fault by any means." I agree with her. Each individual is responsible for his or her own action. However, I watched the comments of those in charge as if they were plying "Holy than thou!" When the person who was elected to be the prosecuting officer of Hockley County spoke, one could foresee the "letter and spirit" of the law preempted by lunatic personal religious tenets. One could feel the like-mindedness of the in-bred horror of elected officials of the Confederate Union.

Are there double standards for Black Americans preachers and illegal immigrants? If it all right for them to host the Mexican and other nation flags above the American flag, commit so many other atrocities, and not be charge with anything? Is it okay for illegal immigrants to abuse their wives and children in Hockley county and Homeland Security Hockley County style smile and turn their head the other way because their hair is straight and not kinky or is those in charge afraid of the power of the Catholic Church and not the Methodist Church?

Are the farmers and businesses in the area charged with hiring and trafficking illegal immigrants, while working them for nothing and lying to the government about their costs? The case of this preacher could have the potential of "busting" West Texas wide open.

While I do not condone the alleged action of the accused preacher, I "smell something rotten in Denmark." Maybe it is the winds from the cow pens of West Texas, but I think the odor could be setup, mole, revenge, star on Jay Leno, David Letterman, Nancy Grace shows, etc.

Oh! By the way, I was assigned my first African Methodist Episcopal Church when I was 18 years of age. I helped make and shaped policy in the African Methodist Church that is parity to the United Methodist Church. Because of my knowledge of Methodism, I have spoken to both clergy and laity and the overwhelming response is they do not like what was done during Lent and sees the timing of this act by law enforcement hurting more than helping the cause of Christ and repercussion coming in many ways.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The monthly meeting was held Saturday morning, April 1, 2006, at the Outreach Center Party House, 1303 East 24th Street. The Spirit of the Lord was there. We want to thank Sister Erma Crawford and Sister Christine Burleson, vice president, for the opening devotions. Sister Elnora Jones served as mistress of ceremonies. A special thanks to Sister Dorothy Nash for the inspiring prayer. Sister Rosiana Henderson gave a heartfelt welcome, and Sister Tomisha Henderson for the solo. Sister Vivian Peoples, Sister Lula Spence and Sister Christine Burleson gave some very strong testimonies which should encourage many.

A special thanks to the Praise Team made available by Sister Patricia. Thanks to Sister Ruthie H. Cleveland and Sister Socky Martin for the scripture demonstrations. Thanks for the nine young people who were in the drill team.

When you talk about deli-

cious food, Sister Annie Mae McBride is always there. It was so delicious.

In this special report, we're naming all our special guest and those who have given us words of encouragement over the years. We're praying for each of you and are hoping we didn't miss anyone. Thanks also to Sister Billie Russell, president of the Dunbar/Marhatta Heights Neighborhood Association, for allowing us to use the building.

May God add a special blessing to each of the following: Sister Patricia Nelson, Sister Vivian Peoples, Sister Carrie Wheeler, Sister Ruthie Cleveland, Sister Geneva Hawkins, Sister Hattie Jackson, Sister Peggy Fuller, Sister Luella Spence, Sister Michaelle Hunter, Sister Gwen Titus, Sister Allie Mae Thompson, Sister Gracie Fulson, Sister Dessie White, Sister Roberta Hightower, and Sister Wilma Carter.

Also, Sister Gloria Crayton, Sister Helen Alexander, Sister

Betty Willis, Sister Jo Ann Hollie, Sister Cara Morrison, Sister Veiron "B.B." Satchel, Sister Shirley Cleveland, Sister Socky Martin, Sister Billie Russell, Sister Helen Thomas, Sister Melone Wynn, and Sister Linda Smith.

We want to also thank Sister Jo Ann Hollie for that wonderful suitcase demonstration. It was very good knowledge.

Saints, let us not forget our drive by prayers for our communities, schools, churches and whatever has breath. Pray for it! Read these scriptures: II Chronicles 7:14, Mark 11:22-26 and Acts 1:8. God cares about how you're feeling. He has rules. We must follow them to get results. "What a Mighty God we serve!"

Think about it! God bless each of you in our prayer.

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

## Celebrate! Celebrate! Celebrate!

It's a celebration for "What Happens When Women Pray!" It will take place May 16, 2006, and it will mark three years to the date since it all got started. God has blessed us and answered our prayers. **Mark 11:24** - "what things so ever ye desire, when you pray, believe that ye receive them, and shall have them."

What Happens When Women Pray: Prayer Chain: **Philippians 4:6** says: "Be careful for nothing. But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanks-

giving. Let your requests be known unto God."

We have come to celebrate! What Happens When Women Pray - It was May 20, 2003 at 10:00 p.m. The Lord gave me, Sister Blanche Swisher, a vision. I did not know what to do or how to do it. I asked the Lord to give me the names of seven ladies. When we met, I told them what the Lord had given me.

Come May 16, 2006, it will be three years since the Lord gave me his vision. Since the beginning, we

have met every Tuesday morning from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a. m. At his time, our membership has grown to 33 members who meet regularly in various locations. The Lord has blessed us tremendously. The Lord has answered many, many of our prayer requests. All the honor and glory goes to God.

Sister Blanche Swisher, president; Sister Mary Birden, vice president, Sister Gladys Henderson, Secretary and Sister Tasha Hornoby, assistant secretary.

## SPC hosts annual Big Band Dance

The 16th annual Big Band Dance will be held April 29 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm in the South Plains College Sundown Room in the Student Activities Building on the Levelland campus. Admission is \$6 per person and light refreshments will be served.

The music will be provided by the South Plains Dance Orchestra under the direction of Jon Johnson, SPC chairperson of the fine arts department. The orchestra will also be accompanied by the SPC Jazz Band. The 18-piece orchestra will perform music from the 1940's and 50's.

"Anyone that enjoyed dancing or listening to classics by Glen

Miller, Harry James or Artie Shaw should definitely attend this event," said Fred Harris, co-host of the event and retired SPC employee. "It will be a blast from the past and it truly is one of a kind for this area. No where else on the South Plains will you find a place offering ballroom and swing dancing opportunities to a live band such as this," he added.

The attire is Sunday best or business. All money will benefit the Wilburn and Helen Wheeler Band Scholarship and the Fred and Betty Harris Music Scholarship. For more information, contact 806-894-9611, extension 2260 or 806-894-3571.

Praise The Lord For Being Alive!  
Look Who Turned 65!!!



## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, April 9, 2006, church services at the S. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were very inspiring. It all began with Sunday School at 10:10 a.m.

Superintendent, Sister Luella Harris, presided over Sunday School. The morning subject was "When All Seem Hopeless." It was taught by Sister Harris, and was reviewed by Rev. Edward Canady.

### Rising Star to host musical April 30

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church located at 2420 East Cornell - Lubbock, TX 79403.

Host Pastor is Rev. H. Culver. "It's a Matter of Life and Death", Sunday, April 30, 2006, at 5:00 PM. Admission: Free (There will be an offering taken during the service).

For more information, please contact Sister Marys Dunn at marydunn@hotmail.com

our esteemed pastor.

The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a.m. The morning devotions were led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Vincent Bailey.

The St. Matthew Senior Choir again sang out of their hearts and souls. What a time we had singing God's praises.

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Standing On The Promises of God." His scripture text was Joshua 1:1-9. The message was well received by all in atten-

dance.

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Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. There are many, and your prayers will make a difference. If you get an opportunity, visit someone who is shut-in. Today, it is them, it could be you tomorrow.

It was wonderful to see Sister Bernice Hameed back in church services.

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Thought For The Week: "God doesn't shield us from life's storms. He shelters us in Life's Storms."

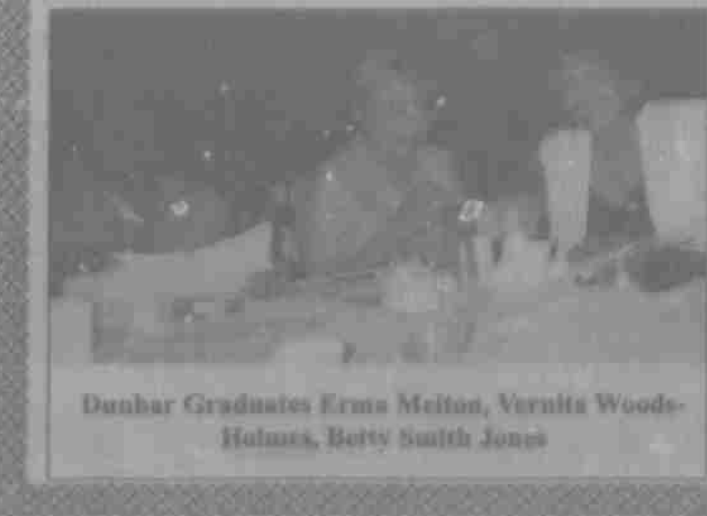
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Members of the League of Women Voters were among 250 guests that attended the 2006 Hispanic Association of Women's Hispana of the Year and Scholarship banquet held Saturday. In addition several educators from Iles Elementary including, Annie Johnson, librarian; Marian Ross, a Teaching Assistant; and Linda Flores, a Teacher, were there to support scholarship recipients and enjoy the festivities.

## LeVias to speak at Tech athletic banquet

Jerry LeVias, one of college football ultimate change-makers, will be the headline speaker at the 5th annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet hosted by the Texas Tech Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

LeVias, who in 1965 became the first African-American scholarship football player in the Southwest Conference, highlights the April 17

event that will be held at UMC's McInnara Center starting at 7 p.m.

A native of Beaumont, LeVias led SMU to the SWC championship as a sophomore. He was a three-time All-SWC selection as a receiver and he earned first-team All-America and Academic All-America honors as a senior. One of the most exciting players in conference history, he twice led the league in receiving.

After graduation, LeVias played with the Houston Oilers (1970-71) and the San Diego Chargers (1971-74). He was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in 1995 and the College Football Hall of Fame in 2005.

The Awards Banquet will present former LISD athletic director Pete Ragus with the Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award and Jake Webb with the Outstanding Football Official Award. Seventeen local and area high school seniors will receive Scholar-Athlete Awards for success on the field, in the classroom and in the community.

Banquet tickets are \$40 each and a limited number of reserved tables of eight for \$300 are also available. Contact the Texas Tech External Operations Office at (806) 742-1195 for ticket reservations.

## Registration for next ACT test is next month

The next nationwide ACT test date for college-bound high school students is Saturday, June 10, 2006. Students must register online or have their paper registrations postmarked by the end of the day May 5. Late registration postmark deadline is May 19 (an additional \$18 fee is required for late registration after May 5).

The June test date is a popular one for juniors. Around two-thirds of test-takers in June have just completed the eleventh grade. Many of them take the ACT, check their scores and then decide whether to re-test in the fall or winter of their senior year. By looking at their scores during the summer, students can study to boost academic weaknesses before taking the test again as seniors. ACT allows students to report only the scores that they want to colleges. Students can choose not to automatically report their scores when they register for the test.

The ACT includes an optional Writing Test. Most colleges do not require a writing score, so students should check the admissions requirements of colleges they're considering before registering for the ACT. The cost is \$29 without and \$43 with the Writing Test.

Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The website also features test tips, practice tests, an online test prep program, and a database for students to find

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## Use safe grilling tips this Easter weekend

Easter weekend is one of the peak weekends for picnics and family gatherings in Lubbock city parks. With recent fire concerns, the City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department and the Lubbock Fire Department want you to be safe when using grills in our city parks. Here are some safety tips to remember when grilling.

**Grills** - Campfires are NOT allowed in any city park. Use only permanent grills located in the parks or a self-contained, off the ground charcoal or propane grill.

**Pick a safe area** - Place the grill on a flat surface in a well-ventilated area, away from overhangs, park shelters, low hanging bushes, fences and shrubbery. Keep children and pets away from the grill when in use.

**Handle charcoal carefully** - Use only charcoal that is completely dry. Do not overfill. Never add lighter fluid directly to hot coals since flames could travel up the fluid stream and cause an explosion. Never use gasoline or kerosene to start a fire. Use proper utensils for safe handling of food and coals.

**Putting out the fire** - Make sure

that all charcoal is completely cool to the touch before leaving a park grill. If possible, allow the coals to burn out completely before dousing with water. For portable, self-contained grills, also insure that coals are completely cooled before transporting grill in a vehicle.

**Dispose of cold ashes** in an appropriate receptacle. Do not throw on the ground. Do not put hot coals into park trash cans.

**Don't litter** - Take care of your parks! Please pick up all trash and place it into park trash cans before you leave the area.

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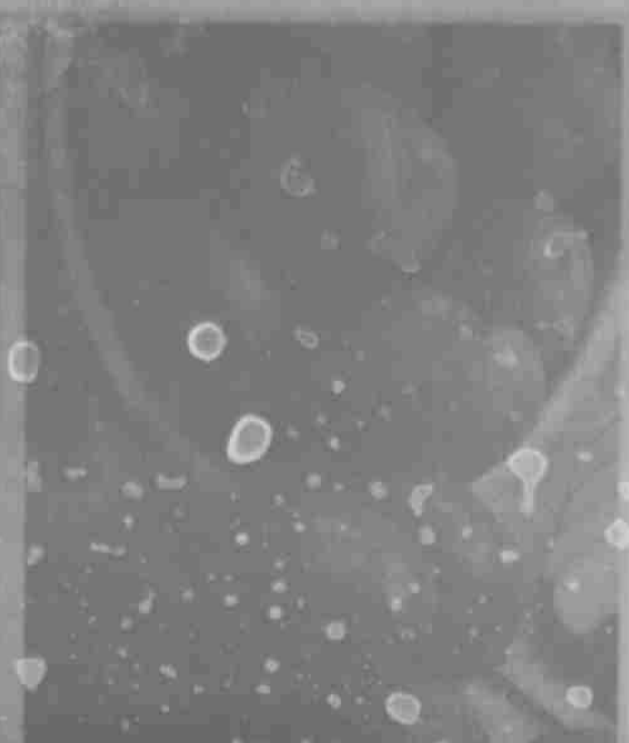
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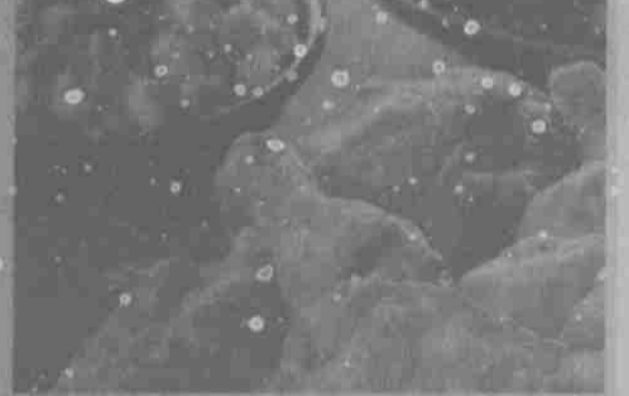
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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**DR. WILSON WILL DO WELL IN DENVER!** THIS N THAT is glad a young man who came here to Texas Tech University from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, where he served as dean of the School of Medicine and Vice President for health sciences, **DR. M. ROY WILSON**, who served as TTUHSU President. As of this week, the University of Colorado system board of regents **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** to name him as **CHANCELOK OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER AND HEALTH SCIENCES**. There is no doubt about it. He will do well! THIS N THAT says keep on doing what you've been doing and you will continue to make great strides in research. **CONGRATS!**

**FORMER OUTSTANDING DUNBAR PANTHER SUCCUMBS!** THIS N THAT learned of the passing of one of **DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS, JAMES RAY JACKSON**. It has been reported he died of an apparent heart attack in Richmond, California. He had spent some time in Lubbock, as he had been here for the funeral of his brother, and it was learned he had registered for the upcoming Dunbar All-Class Reunion. Funeral ser-

VICES were pending at publication time, but a report of his funeral is forthcoming. **THIS N THAT** remembered when he was a fanout at Dunbar High School, and the legendary coach of Oklahoma University, **BUD WILKERSON** flew to Lubbock in his private jet and recruited Jackson, who played for the Sooners. After leaving OU, he was drafted by the **OAKLAND RAIDERS** of the National Football League (NFL). There is no doubt about it; **JAMES RAY JACKSON** left some positive footprints in the West Texas dust. His mother told THIS N THAT she had talked to him via telephone Sunday, and Tuesday he passed away.

**OUTSTANDING FETE SLIT FOR GEORGE SCOTT, JR.** THIS N THAT, along with other Lubbock citizens, has been invited by **THE HONORABLE AND MRS. KENT HANCE** to attend a **LUNCHEON** recognizing the establishment of a **SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT** in honor of the late **GEORGE SCOTT, JR.** The luncheon will be held at the Lubbock Country Club, Saturday April 22, 2006. This is a well deserving effort for a man who really cared about the youth of Lubbock and those individuals who were concerned

about getting an education. Not only this, but he was always seen working in the community for such organizations as the **LUBBOCK BRANCH NAACP, 100 BLACK MEN OF WEST TEXAS, & THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 808**, and many other activities. It is hard to say which one of the groups was his favorite, because he showed no favoritism. Let us not forget his works in his church - **THE GREATER ST. LUKE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**. If ever a quotation represented a person, it would be this one: **"STILL WATER RUNS DEEP!"**

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**WELL-DESERVED HONOR FOR MAYOR MCDUGAL!** THIS N THAT is very pleased with the honor bestowed on **MAYOR MARC MCDUGAL**, as the second recipient of the **COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD**. Sponsored by the North & East Lubbock Development Corporation. The banquet will be held Friday evening, June 16, 2006 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. This is a worthwhile effort.

## The sad saga of Cynthia McKinney

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson, BlackNews.com Columnist

Georgia Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney's much belated apology for punching a capitol patrol officer didn't answer a burning question. Was she the victim of racial profiling, or legislating while black, as she claimed? Or, was it a hot-headed over-reaction to a patrol officer simply doing his duty? The Capitol officer



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was white and that opened the door wide for McKinney to scream racism. But if the capitol officer had been black, it would have been a moot point.

McKinney would have been deservedly criticized for obstructing an officer who was trying to do his job. And Capitol police say that's exactly what he was doing.

McKinney is certainly well aware that jitters over a possible terrorist attack on federal buildings have made Capitol police super diligent about every and everyone that steps into the Capitol building the third degree. McKinney didn't help her case by not having her Congressional ID pin on her lapel. A big tip that the race squawk won't cut it in this case is the mute reaction of the Congressional Black Caucus and other Democrats.

Not one Caucus member publicly charged to her defense, and not one Democratic House member stood at her side at her initial press conference when she cried racism. In all likelihood, she apologized at the quiet urging of Caucus members. No, McKinney was wrong. She's been pounded by Republican House members, and that includes scandal-plagued former Texas Republican Congressman Tom Delay, embarrassed by the silence of the Caucus, taunted with borderline racist barbs from TV and radio talk show

jocks about her physical appearance and her hairstyle, humiliated into making a shameful public apology, and is under threat of federal prosecution.

McKinney was misguided and off target in taking a big verbal shot at Capitol police for perfunctory racial persecution. But it got big play in the press for a couple of reasons. In past years, the Caucus raised heck when a white Republican Congressman punched a black Capitol police officer and a year later Ohio Democratic Representative Louis Stokes was hassled by Capitol police. And the Congressional Black Caucus rushed to their defense. Then there was the howl that went up a decade ago when a slew of former President Bill Clinton's black female appointees and would be appointees were slammed on the political hot seat.

Clinton's first pick to head the Justice department's Civil Rights Division Lani Guinier, drew fire for her views on racial redistricting, the Wall Street Journal punched the stereotype hot button, it dubbed her the "quota queen" a not so subtle play on the public belief that black women= welfare leech. The media quickly tagged her with the label and closed off any debate over her actual position on the issues. Clinton read the handwriting and quickly dumped Guinier.

Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders suffered a similar fate. Her intemperate remarks on abortion, condoms, and drug decriminalization brought an angry cry from many conservative (Even though many medical and public health officials said much the same as Elders). She was smeared as an advocate of sexual promiscuity and drug use. There was no national outcry or public protest when Clinton demanded Elder's resignation.

When Clinton's Energy Secretary Helen O'Leary was accused of free spending on luxury junkets at taxpayer expense, the media quickly tagged her

"globe-trotting" O'Leary. Even though O'Leary's three predecessors in the Bush and Reagan administrations splurged shamelessly on luxury travel and expensive hotels, they were white, male, conservative, and Republican. There was no demand that they curtail their travel, resign, or be dismissed.

Clinton didn't fire O'Leary but she was put on notice to mend her allegedly spendthrift ways. She wasn't depicted as a welfare queen but probably only a thin line divided her in the public mind from the black women whom they believe are.

Then there's McKinney. She's plainly not liked in Washington. She's brash, outspoken and has been a relentless critic of Bush's war and domestic policies.

Her shoot-from-the lip conspiracy stoking inference that Bush may have had a hidden hand in the September 11 terror attacks inflamed white conservatives in and near her home district, and embarrassed many of her black constituents.

Conservatives targeted her for defeat, and many of her black supporters either ducked for cover or voted for her opponent. She was soundly defeated.

McKinney won the seat back the next election go round but the bitter feelings didn't go away. The discredited Delay's attack on McKinney as a racist was played up big and for many had a ring of truth to it.

McKinney's apology, and a stern warning and reprimand, not prosecution, is punishment enough. Yet, her case is still a torment for the voters that put her back in office. They deserve a representative that comports herself responsibly and with dignity. Also, her scream of racism gives more ammunition to the Delay's of the world that insist that any mention of racial injustice is a cheap play of the race card. The McKinney saga is a sad one all the way around.

Earl Ofari Hutchinson is a columnist for BlackNews.com, a political analyst and social issues commentator.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



In our changing society, what we do changes, and how we think and feel about things change also.

Many of us feel that families should take care of their indigent and ailing relatives and not place them in nursing homes for care, because it appears that too many relatives are stashed in nursing homes and forgotten until they die.

Many small families without a support system often need to place a relative in a nursing home because of hectic work schedules and limited resources for care in the home. For an instance, an elderly relative may have a fall and fracture a hip, making surgery and hip replacement necessary. Until this person is again able to walk, it will be necessary for them to have skilled nursing care, which will include therapy to help them to walk again. Once ambulatory, this person can lead a normal

life in his home, even if normal means having someone with them on a daily basis to see to their needs such as personal hygiene, laundry, diet etc. No nursing home is necessary if a person is ambulatory and does not require lifting and can feed and dress themselves with a little assistance.

When a person really does need a skilled nursing facility and is placed in one, responsible relatives expect to witness some skilled nursing care. For that reason it is really necessary to check out a facility before placing a relative there and know exactly what to expect in order not to be surprised with the progress or lack of progress that one placed in their care makes. When a facility checks out to be one of the best of its kind, there should never be an encounter wherein your relative who uses two hearing aids that were purchased for about \$1,000 and one comes up missing and a pair of eyeglasses cannot be located; the house shoes that you purchased last week cannot be found this week, along with some of the clothing of your relative.

You expect your relative to

have physical therapy and eventually lift themselves out of bed and into a wheel chair until they are able to walk, but when you inquire about therapy, you are told that your relative does not cooperate and does not seem interested in therapy. If a person cannot see without his/her glasses and cannot hear without the hearing aids and did not walk to take them from the room in which they sleep, what then should one think?

We should think that when we MUST place a relative in a nursing facility, that we must either make time to see the care that they are getting or hire someone to sit there for you to make certain that your relative's care goes as you planned. The best of facilities slip and slide in caregiving. We must get 'in cinque' and take every opportunity that we can to insure positive nursing care for our relatives.



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# Did Hurricane Katrina reveal a historic reality? Part 1

Courtesy of the Today show

Michael Eric Dyson, author of "Come Hell or High Water," explores the legacy of African-American suffering in the U.S. since slavery. Read an excerpt

**Editor's Note:** This is the first of a three-part story from NBC's Today Show. We will be running the two remaining segments over the next two weeks. It's been almost five months since Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast and flooded most of New Orleans. But the rebuilding efforts are slow in coming. In his new book called "Come Hell or High Water: Hurricane Katrina and the Color of Disaster," author Michael Eric Dyson looks at how race may have been a factor in the response to the disaster and offers ideas for how New Orleans can return to its glory. Dyson was invited on the "Today" show to discuss the book. Here's the first portion:

If race grabbed the biggest headlines in the aftermath of Katrina because of poverty and politics, its force was also felt in other dimensions of the cultural and personal response to the hurricane. The media became a big part of the story. Reporters' anger at the government's tragic delay leaped off allegedly neutral pages and TV screens even as the stories also reinforced stereotypes of black behavior in exaggerated reports of looting and social anarchy. The black elite stepped up to express support for the poor and outrage at their treatment, putting aside, perhaps even denying, elements of its own recent assaults on poor blacks. And despite its embattled status as the purveyor of perversity, patriarchy, and pornography, quarters of hip-hop responded admirably, reminding us that they have been one of the few dependable sources of commentary on the black poor all along. The disaster also sparked renewed interest in the "race or class" debate as to what element of the dyad accounted more reliably for the fate of the black poor. But one of the untold stories of Katrina is how the hurricane impacted racial and ethnic minorities other than blacks. For instance, nearly 40,000 Mexican

citizens who lived (mostly in trailers) and worked in New Orleans were displaced. Altogether, nearly 145,000 Mexicans in the entire Gulf Coast region were scattered by Katrina. Latinos make up 3 percent of Louisiana's population, 124,222 people of the state's 4,515,770 residents. Many Latinos who live in the South are foreign born and are undocumented laborers on farms or in hotels, restaurants, and other service industry jobs.

The fear that government officials and police would target undocumented immigrants discouraged many Latinos from seeking hurricane relief, despite messages from Mexican president Vicente Fox that the American government had assured him that it wouldn't take such action. In fact, for the first time in more than 150 years, Mexico sent aid to the United States in the form of an army unit of nearly 200 soldiers and 45 vehicles that joined a Mexican Navy crew helping hurricane survivors. It also sent food, medicine, nurses, and doctors to Louisiana, as well as a ship transporting ambulances and trucks. The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) sent translators and established a relief fund, while its Arizona branch sent four container trucks with sleeping bags, water, and food.

Latinos in other areas were affected by the hurricane as well. In Bossier County, Louisiana, many Central Americans were employed in the service industry. And Baldwin County, Alabama, was home to many farm workers who lived in migrant camps. Many of them, and Jamaican immigrants as well, had either lost their documentation or had sought refuge in hotels — not designated shelter areas — for fear of having their citizenship status scrutinized. That fear outweighed the fact that undocumented immigrants, at least in theory, do have rights to disaster relief.

Thousands of Native Americans on the Gulf Coast were hard hit by the storm as well. According to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), several Native American tribes were in harm's

away across the damaged region, although early on there was little contact with affected members. In the immediate aftermath of Katrina, there was little information about the death toll among the six federally recognized Native American tribes in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, including the Patch Bana Creek Indian Tribe in Alabama; the Coushatta Indian Tribe, Jena Band of Choctaw, and Tunica-Biloxi Tribe in Louisiana; and the Choctawhatchee Tribe and the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi. For one tribe near Chalmette, Louisiana, the local high school served as a tribal morgue, holding the bodies of Native American workers, including shrimpers and other fishermen, who were drowned in the flooding near New Orleans. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians experienced power outages on their reservation and sought shelter at tribal hotels. The NCAI partnered with the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) to raise relief funds for Native Americans in the Gulf States.

There were also nearly 50,000 Vietnamese fishermen who labored on the Louisiana coast while others worked in the service and manufacturing industries — along with a large contingent of Filipino American shrimpers, part of the oldest Filipino community in North America. A community of Vietnamese shrimpers also lived and worked near Mississippi; many of them were displaced, while others died in the horrible pounding of Katrina. There were nearly 30,000 Vietnamese evacuees dispersed to Houston, although many of them were denied entry into the Astrodome, finding shelter instead at Houston's Hong Kong City Mall.

The oversight of Latino, Native American, and Vietnamese and Filipino suffering in the catastrophe not only reinforces for the latter three groups their relative invisibility in American culture, and for Latinos their relative marginalization in the region. It shows as well that our analysis of minorities must constantly be revised to accommodate a broader view of how race and ethnicity function in the culture. As important as it

is, the black-white racial paradigm simply does not exhaust the complex realities and complicated interactions among various minority groups and the broader society.

The black-white racial paradigm was also pressured by an enduring question among social analysts that was revived in the face of Katrina: Is it race or class that determines the fate of poor blacks? Critics came down on either side during the crisis, but in this case, that might equate to six in one hand, half a dozen in the other. It is true that class is often overlooked to explain social reality. Ironically, it is often a subject broached by the acid conservatives who want to avoid confronting race, and who become raging parodies of Marxists in the bargain. They are only concerned about class to deflect race; they have little interest in unpacking the dynamics of class or engaging its deforming influence in the social scene. In this instance, race becomes a marker for class, a proxy, blurring and bending the boundaries that segregate them.

Class certainly loomed large in Katrina's aftermath. Blacks of means escaped the tragedy; blacks without them suffered and died. In reality, it is how race and class interact that made the situation for the poor so horrible on the Gulf Coast. The rigid caste system that punishes poor blacks and other minorities also targets poor whites. Even among the oppressed, however, there are stark differences. Concentrated poverty doesn't victimize poor whites in the same way it does poor blacks. For instance, the racial divide in car ownership discussed earlier partially reflects income differences between the races. However, as if to prove that not all inequalities are equal, even poor whites are far more likely to have access to cars than are poor blacks. In New Orleans, 53 percent of poor blacks were without cars while just 17 percent of poor whites lacked access to cars. The racial disparity in class effects shows up in education as well. Even poor white children are far less likely to live in, or to attend school in, neigh-

borhoods where poverty is highly concentrated.

Moreover, one must also account for how the privileges of whiteness that transcend class open up opportunities for poor whites that are off limits to the black poor, whether it is a job offer at a restaurant wary of blacks or a schoolroom slot in a largely white, stable community. This is not to deny the vicious caste tensions that separate poor and working class whites from their middle-class and upper-class peers. Such tensions result in a dramatically different quality of life for the well-off and the have-nots. I simply aim to underscore the pull of racial familiarity that is often an unspoken variable, and sometimes the crucial difference, in the lives of the white and non-white poor. It is bad enough to be white and poor, it is worse still to be black, or brown, and female, and young, and poor. Simply said, race makes class hurt more.

In African American life, class and caste differences show up most dramatically in the chasms between the black fortu-

nate and the black poor. As I watched Hurricane Katrina sweep waves of mostly poor and black folk into global view, I thought of the controversy stirred by Bill Cosby's assault on the black poor — that they are detrimentally promiscuous, disinclined to education, unappreciative of good speech, determined to saddle their kids with weird names, and bent on blaming the white man for all their ills. Cosby's views were widely celebrated in the press, and in many quarters of black America, especially among the black elite — the Afriocracy. Those few who were publicly critical of Cosby were said to be making excuses for the black poor while denying their need to be responsible for their own destinies. Others agreed with Cosby that the poor hampered their own progress because they were either too lazy or too ignorant to do better. In any case, Cosby and a slew of critics believed that the black poor suffered because they desired or deserved to be poor.

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  - Upward stroke
  - Golfer's enemy in Western Europe, shrub
  - In the least
  - Cunning
  - Part of small intestine
  - Quench
  - Czech money
  - West Indies sorcery, pl.
  - La Cosa Nostra, e.g.
  - Classic American beverage
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