



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 Kivans meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mac Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 3520 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 Goodall & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.
- Estacado High School Alumni & Faculty Class Reunion meetings are held the second and third Sundays at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All Estacado Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.

Adult Protective Services starts blanket/heater drive in Lubbock

The chill in the air and the changing leaves show it's time to start breaking out the heavy coats and the blankets for those coming cold nights. But for too many people in Lubbock, the closet is empty of blankets and the looming cold weather is more than just an inconvenience, it is a deadly adversary.

This winter, hundreds of elderly and disabled people in Lubbock will struggle against the cold, and without help, some may not survive. Older folks and those with disabilities are especially prone to injury from the cold, due to limited incomes, disease and even medications required to treat those diseases.

In recognition of this problem, Adult Protective Services is starting a blanket and heater drive to stock up on goods that could be literal life-savers over the coming months.

"We see so many of our clients who struggle with the cold and just don't have any good options for getting through the winter," said Val Joiner, regional director for APS. "With their limited incomes and restricted mobility, elderly and disabled people just have a really hard



time with the cold.

APS has teamed up with its Silver Star Board continue a drive to secure those items that will benefit our most vulnerable population, the elderly and disabled. Donations of

new or well-maintained used blankets, as well as space heaters, are being sought. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase the needed items. Donations may be delivered at or mailed to the APS

office, located at 5121 - 69th Street, Suite B4.

The drive is part of APS' year-long campaign against elder abuse, known as "It's Everyone's Business." APS is using the cam-

aign to call attention to the plight of the elderly and disabled, who are at increased risk for abuse/neglect, as well as exploitation.

More information is available at: www.everyonesbusiness.org

APS Facts and Figures

The mission of APS is to protect the elderly and adults with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by investigating, and providing or arranging for services necessary to alleviate or prevent further maltreatment.

Texas has more than 2.2 million residents 65 or older. Nearly one out of five people have a disability, and almost half of those older than 65 have a disability.

In 2005, APS completed more than 67,000 investigations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation involving adults living at home. Of these, more than 45,000 were confirmed.

In the last decade, the number of in-home cases investigated by APS has more than doubled.

APS serves those 65 or older, and those 18 to 64 with a disabling condition.

U.N. leader Annan voices warning for the U.S.

In his farewell address Monday, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan criticized the Bush administration's leadership on the global stage, warning that America must not sacrifice its democratic ideals while waging war against terrorism.

"Human rights and the rule of law are vital to global security and prosperity," Annan told a packed audience at the Truman Presidential Museum and Library.

When the U.S. "appears to abandon its own ideals and objectives, its friends abroad are naturally troubled and confused," he said.

Annan, an increasingly vocal critic of the war in Iraq, also said the U.N. Security Council should be expanded to better reflect today's world. He leaves the United Nations on Dec. 31 after 10 years as secretary-general.

In response to a question after his remarks Monday, Annan said he wasn't criticizing the United States. "What I am saying here is that when the U.S. works with other countries in a multilateral system, we do extremely well," Annan said.

"Our world is in a sorry state, we have lots of problems around

the world, we require that natural leadership role that the U.S. has played in the past and can play today," he said.

"To appeal for cooperation and leadership should never be seen as an attack."

In Washington, the State Department was reserved in its reaction to Annan's remarks.

"He is entitled to his opinion," spokesman Sean McCormack said. "There's no secretary general of the United Nations that's going to be in lockstep with the United States or any other country with regard to its policies," McCormack said. "It's not that person's job."

In response to a question from Democratic Rep. Emanuel Cleaver of Missouri about the recently released Iraq Study Group report, Annan said the report clarified many issues but the world first needs to find a way to get the Iraqis to reconcile with one another.

"We need to be as active on the political front as we are on the military front," he said. "We need to find a way to get the Iraqis to come together and settle their differences and renew their constitution."

Annan said it was also important to get nearby countries, including Iran and Syria, involved in finding a solution to regional problems.

He said that the U.S. has a special responsibility to the world because it continues to have extraordinary power.

Annan summed up five principles that he considers essential: collective responsibility, global solidarity, rule of law, mutual accountability and multilateralism.

He chose the Truman museum for his final major speech in part because it is dedicated to a president who was instrumental in the founding of the United Nations.

Annan's speech repeatedly praised the Truman administration. He never mentioned President Bush by name but made clear parallels.

"As President Truman said, 'The responsibility of the great states is to serve and not dominate the peoples of the world,'" Annan said.

"He believed strongly that henceforth security must be collective and indivisible. That was why, for instance, that he insisted when

faced with aggression by North Korea against the South in 1950, on bringing the issue to the United Nations," Annan said.

"Against such threats as these, no nation can make itself secure by seeking supremacy over all others."

Annan also called for a reform of the Security Council, saying its membership "still reflects the reality of 1945."

He suggested adding new members to represent parts of the world with less of a voice and said the permanent members, the world powers, "must accept the special responsibility that comes with their privilege."

"The Security Council is not just another stage on which to act out national interests," he said.

Annan has had a strained relationship with the Bush administration and with outgoing U.S. Ambassador John Bolton.

He was criticized by some in the administration after saying earlier this month that the level of violence in Iraq is much worse than that of Lebanon's civil war and that some Iraqis believe their lives were better under Saddam Hussein. He also has urged the international community to help rebuild Iraq, saying he was not sure Iraq could accomplish it alone.

Bolton also is leaving this month. He resigned in the wake of the November elections, which gave Democrats control over the next Congress, making his Senate confirmation unlikely.

After a private dinner at the White House for Annan, Bolton joked that "nobody sang 'Kumbeya.'"

Told at the time of Bolton's comment, Annan laughed and asked, "But does he know how to sing it?"

3-D likeness of Yellow House Canyon murder victim released

The Lubbock County Sheriff's Office has released an artist's rendering of the young man whose remains were found near Buffalo Springs Lake last December.

Two motorists who had pulled off the road to make a phone call discovered a human skull near Yellow House Canyon on FM 835. When deputies were called to the scene, they found other remains nearby that were skeletal, indicating that the body had been there for some time. The Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office said that the person had been deceased between 6 and 18 months before the body was discovered. They also released findings that determined the cause of the death was of a violent nature.

The Texas Rangers in Austin used a forensic artist to mold together a likeness of the victim, which was released this week. The experts estimate that the victim was a Black or Hispanic male with short black hair, aged between 12 and 19 years old.

The unidentified boy is between 5 feet 6 inches and 5 feet 9 inches tall and is likely between 160



An artist's rendering of remains found near Yellow House Canyon in December 2005. Photo courtesy of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office.

and 180 pounds.

According to authorities, there has been no new information about the crime or the victim.

Anyone with information about the identity of the teen should call the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office at 775-1601 or Crime Line at 741-1000. Callers may remain anonymous.

Thank you, Mr. Love!



Alderson Principal George Love is shown here handing sixth grader Jasmine Ragsdale her new Dell laptop.

There was a lot of excitement in the hallways of Alderson Middle School last week when laptop computers were distributed to every sixth-grade student. One of those students, Jasmine

Ragsdale, a sixth grader, who telling her principal, George Love, "Thank You!" for the laptop.

The funding of the pilot project came through the 2004 Bond

Election in the Lubbock Independent School District. Initially, the laptops were to be used at the school with the goal of making them available for home use as well.

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



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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This writer wants to share a few thoughts about the upcoming Christmas Season.

Yes! What time of the year is it? It's December! The wintry cold weather. It will snow and all that comes with winter.

But what we must keep in mind is the reason for Christmas. This date has been set aside to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is written: "Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son and they shall call his name Emanuel which being interpreted means 'God with us.'" Matthew 1:23.

The entire birth of Jesus is in Matthew 2. The lights are all over the city and gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. He was born and qualified to give man a chance at life once more.

However, we must know the reason for the season. Let's not forget the real reason for the season. It's the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Booker T. Washington, Post 808, American Legion, in Yellow House Canyon, will again sponsor its Annual Christmas Party for the children of the com-

munity. This party will be Sunday evening, December 17, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Alfred Caviel is Post Commander, Frances Bell is Secretary.

Let us continue to pray for those citizens who were on the sick and shut-in list. Among those on the sick list include Sister Jefferthel Morrison who had heart surgery last Wednesday, December 7, 2006. She is a patient at Lubbock Heart Hospital.

Sister Lillie Smith is home from the hospital and is doing well at this time, and Sister Dorothy Nash is doing nicely at this time at her residence.

Let us continue to pray for those who we are not aware of at this time. Keep in mind, God is able!

Let us not forget those who have lost love ones this week. Among them is the family of Brother Oree Matthews who passed away last Sunday, December 10, 2006. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church and was one the last

members of the Black Hubbers Baseball Team.

The Youth Department of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will have its Annual Christmas program Sunday morning, December 17, 2006, at the morning services at 11:00 a. m. Christmas baskets will be presented to some needy families in the community.

Brothers and Sisters of the New Hope Baptist Church gathered on Monday afternoon, December 11, 2006, at High Noon in the Fellowship Hall and had a "Fish Fry" for one of their members, Brother Clarence Ervin who celebrated his 80th birthday. More than forty persons were in attendance. Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, offered the prayer. Brother Ervin was heard saying, "This is the first birthday party ever given for me." This was a very inspiring affair, and it allowed many to sit and visit. Congrats, Brother Clarence Ervin! May you have many more birthdays!

In Remembrance

Freddie May Evans
Funeral services were held for Freddie May Evans Tuesday afternoon, December 12, 2006, at the Hope Deliverance Temple Church with Elder Charles Turner, pastor, officiating.



Evans

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

She passed away Monday, December 4, 2006, at Cozant Medical Center.

Nathan Kyles
Funeral services were held for Nathan Kyles on Saturday, December 11, 2006, at the St. Mark Baptist Church.



Kyles

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

Home. He died Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at the Southwest Regional Rehab.

Raymond Preston Peppers, Jr.
Funeral services for Raymond Preston Peppers, Sr. were held Thursday morning, December 7, 2006, at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Garden Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Mr. Peppers died Friday, December 1, 2006, in his residence.

He was born in Avinger, Texas on January 8, 1911 to the parentage of Mr. Will and Mattie Peppers. He was a truck driver for Avinger, Bowman and Walker Lumber Companies for many years until his retirement.

He is survived by three sons: A. D. Turner of Dallas, Raymond, Jr. of Lubbock and Jimmy Peppers of Wichita, Kansas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

THE GIFT OF SMILE



Seasons come in and seasons go out, with every season fashion changes. Yet some fashions never change. Wearing a smile will always be in style. It's classic, non-seasonal and number one on the fashion list. A big beautiful smile is the ideal gift to give for Christmas. Smiling looks great on every one, it doesn't matter what size you are. In fact, one size fits all.

Wearing a smile is refreshing, soothing, relaxing and empowering. It's highly contagious. When you wear a beautiful unforgettable smile, everyone you come in contact with, will want to wear one. "The best thing about a smile is the price tag? It's free. It costs you nothing and yet the benefits are plentiful. Looks fantastic in every color, the color of a smile has no limitations, one thing is for certain, it has to be genuine, no fakes.

MY BEAUTIFUL SISTERS, DON'T YOU DARE GO INTO THE HOLIDAYS NOT WEARING A SMILE! IT IS A MUST HAVE!

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

Junior Ambassador application deadline extended

The City of Lubbock Junior Ambassador Program application deadline has been extended to Friday, January 19, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

For the last twenty years, the City of Lubbock in conjunction with area school districts, have sponsored a summer trip to Japan for students in Lubbock and surrounding areas.

Students must have completed seventh, eighth, or ninth grade by the summer of 2007. Scholarships are available based on school district participation.

Students will participate on an 8-day trip to Musashino City, Japan, where they will visit historical sites, experience Japanese customs, and be

housed with a local family. We encourage all students who are interested in applying for this program to please submit their applications to either their school counselors or Brooke Witcher, Special Events Coordinator at City Hall 1625 13th Street, City Manager Suite 201 no later than January 19, 2007.

American Legion to hold annual Christmas Party

The Booker T. Washington, Post 808 of the American Legion in Yellow House Canyon will sponsor its Annual Christmas Party for the children

of the community. The party will be held Sunday evening, December 17, 2006. There will be with many goodies and surprises at the party, so make sure

and join us. It all begins at 7:00p.m.

Alfred Caviel is Post Commander, and Frances Bell is Secretary.

Corporal Johnson returns from Kosovo

One of our local citizens, U. S. Army Cpl. Chiumba Oni Johnson, has returned from an 18 month tour of duty in Kosovo. He returned home Sunday evening, December 10, 2006.

He is married to Tasha Jordan-Johnson, and they are parents of a son, Triston. He was glad to be back home.

Engagement announcement



WYNNE - WALKER
Ms. Tameka Wynne and Mr. Dwayne Walker plan to wed on Saturday, December 16, 2006 at Full Armor Ministries. Bishop Leonard Chatham, Pastor, will perform the ceremony.

The bride-elect is a 1998 Graduate of Monterey High School, and the prospective groom attended Lubbock High School. The couple is employed by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. - Lubbock. Following a trip to Corpus Christi, Texas, they will make their home in Lubbock.

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2007 Lake Alan Henry annual permits now on sale

2007 annual vehicle permits for entrance into the Sam Wahl Recreational Area at Lake Alan Henry will be available in the Parks and Recreation Office beginning December 11. Permits can also be purchased at Grubbs Bait and Grill outside the entrance gate at Lake Alan Henry. Vehicle permits allow a permit holder to enter the Lake as often as they would like in 2007 without paying additional entrance fees and can be purchased for individuals or families. In addition, annual boat permits are also available for the coming year. Residents of Lubbock receive a discount on the cost of annual permits as do senior citizens who are age 60 or over. Permit applications can be picked up at 1010 9th Street or mailed upon request by calling 775-2673.

Local university/college students must show student ID and proof of Lubbock residency (utility bill, etc.). The Parks and Recreation Department accepts cash, checks, Visa and MasterCard, and is located at 1010 9th Street. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact 775-2673.

Estacado High School Class of 1992

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Our Children Are Dying and Crying

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

Isaiah 1:4 - A sinful nation (America), a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers. Children are corrupters. They have forsaken the Lord.

It started in the 60's when the Christians marched for mankind Civil Rights. They disobeyed the laws of the land. Now the children do it day and night!!

Romans 8:5-7a - For they are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, but they who are after the spirit the things of the spirit. For the carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace because the carnal mind is enmity against God. For it is not subject to the law of God.

***** Did The Christians Rob God? *****

The Christians followed after flesh. The man saying, "I Have A Dream" Didn't stay with the word of God, now nightmares are coming from the dream!!!

Galatians 6:7 - Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap.

(The thing about sowing and reaping, you will always get more than you planted. You can take a bucket of corn to the field and plant it. When you harvest it, you will need a pickup truck to bring it in. America has

sowed a little of "My Rights" in disobedience, and are reaping trouble- all over this land!!!)

The children are robbing, killing, and stealing. Then they are going to jail. Their lives are ruined, turned upside down, and now they're catching hell!!!

Deuteronomy 28:41 - The Lord said, you shall bet sons and daughters, but you shall not enjoy them for they shall go into captivity.

***** Have You Seen Our Children In Jails? *****

The word of God said, train up your children in the way they should go. America trains in football, basketball, baseball. The word of God doesn't know.

Luke 6:39 - Jesus said, can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch???

The Devil gave out equal rights in the Garden of Eve, but they were wrong. He gives out that my rights lie to every generation whenever it comes along!!!

(The only equal rights God wants mankind to have is to come the cross in Jesus. Bring all your sins and leave them there. No race or color is looked upon!!!)

John 1:17 - Jesus said, for God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Out of the right program, many children are dying in America's schools. From the showing of so many killings on TV, I ask who is the fool???

Romans 1:21-22 - Because that when they (Christians) knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations (Dreams), and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves to be wise. They became fools.

***** Yes, The Christians Did Rob God!!! *****

Prayer is in the heart of the children. It never left out of the schools. The Devil has just brainwashed the Christians. Again I ask, who is the fool???

I Samuel 16:7b - The Lord sees not as man sees. For man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

Christians marching and singing on the drug houses which are not the way. In order to defeat the Devil and his works, we must go to the Lord Jesus and pray!!!

II Chronicles 7:14 - The Lord said, if my people, which are called by name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways. Then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well-attended last Sunday morning, December 10, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The lesson's subject was "Learning About God." The

scripture text was Hebrews 1:1-9.

What a wonderful lesson!

The morning worship hour got underway at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge of the morning devotion.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls. It is always a pleasure to hear God's praises in songs.

Rev. Monty Smith delivered a powerful message. His subject

was "Troubles All Around, But Trouble Don't Last Always!" His scripture text was John 16:33. We thank God for the word!

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members. Those members are Sister Ruby Robinson and Sister Ethel Williams. Prayer changes things!

Thought For The Week: "Pride and lust are hidden stones over which many people stumble."

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

What Do You Believe?

We believe God is very much alive in his universe, in this world, and in our lives. God is greater than the best things man has said about Him. God seems to have initiated the experiment of seeing whether the human species can grow up from a lowly, crude beginning into a mature man and woman who will learn. Not only to tone the forces of nature and land on other planets, brotherhood, justice and peace. In spite of all the strife among men in our world today, there is a remnant of believers in every state or county. This group is like the yeast in the bread. It is spreading the good news throughout the earth.

Jesus Christ is what God has done for us to bridge the gulf between what we are and what we ought to be. We believe he is with us at all times. He sees all we do, and hears all we say. In him, we live, move, and have our being. Without him, we could do nothing.

We believe every person can experience the power, love, and companionship of God and his son. We believe in the Bible. That it is the written word of God. Why not turn our mistakes, our failures and our doubts, our hurts, over to God! Accept his forgiveness. Jesus never fails, and never forgets that! Trust Him!

Thoughts

The Harvest is right, but the laborers are few.
I - When the laborers are few, you lose half of your harvest.

When you throw the Bible out, the

II - Absolute truth, you began to believe an absolute lie.

Beware of the danger of zeal without wisdom.

How foolish we are when we try to hide our motives and intentions from God.

Denying the truth never changes it. Sin is never removed by denying its existence.

Think about all of the above! Are you planning a Big

Celebration on our Lord's Birthday?? Be sure to include Him, "Jesus!"

For all of you who are hurting out there, we are praying that each of you will receive the victory.

Speak to your mountains!! Mark 11:22-26.

Thanks for reading, Saints! Sister Dorothy Hood, president, Sister Christene Burleson, vice president, Sister Elnora Jones, teacher, and Sister Rosianna Henderson, secretary.

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From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith The State of Black American Males

A few days ago, I was going to the church office. As I turned from Avenue Q to Avenue P, I saw a young black male holding the front of his pants as if he was about to micturate or lay bare himself in public. I reached for my cellular to dial 911. It turned out that he was simply holding his pants up while trying to impress to the world that he was well-endowed.

Behaviors of this manner on a public street where young children travel "chap my hide." This type of behavior should not be acceptable in our society. Because of behavioral problem a large segment of black men, mostly under-educated and mostly poor, are confined to correctional facilities. These males are locked out of the economic and social mainstream of American life. The troubling part of this statement is numbers of black males living on the margins of society are increasing rapidly.

One would hope that these black males would look at a young Barack Obama who seemingly is inspiring to become the president of the United States as a role model (not Snoop Dog) and change their lifestyle from hustlers, petty criminals, gang-bangers, players and baby-getters to productive Americans.

I received an email from "Lu Cinque" that addressed this topic. Allow me to share it with you. It is entitled "Can't Blame White People" by Bill Cosby.

"They're standing on the corner and they can't speak English. I can't even talk the way these people talk. Why you ain't, where you is, what he drive, where he stay, where he work, who you be... And I

blamed the kid until I heard the mother talk. And then I heard the father talk. Everyone knows it's important to speak English... except these knuckleheads. Mush mouth is what they speak! You can't be a doctor with that kind of trap coming out of your mouth. In fact, you will never get any kind of job making a decent living. People marched and were hit in the face with rocks to get an education, and now we've got these knuckleheads throwing that all away. The lower economic people are not holding up their end in this deal. These people are not parenting. They are buying things for kids. \$500 sneakers for what? And they won't spend \$200 for Hooked on Phonics. I am talking about these people who cry when their son is standing there in an orange suit. Where were you when he was 2? Where were you when he was 12? Where were you when he was 18? And, how come you didn't know that he had a pistol?

And where is the father? Or who is his father? People putting their clothes on backward. Isn't that a sign of something gone wrong? People with their hats backward, pants down around the crack, isn't that a sign of something? They're walking around with their nasty underwear showing, and holding onto their pants to keep them from falling to the ground! Or are you waiting for Jesus to pull his pants up? Isn't it a sign of something when she has her dress all the way up to her panty line, and got all types of needle piercing going through her body? What part of Africa did this come from? We are not Africans. Those people are not

Africans; they don't know a thing about African. With names like Shaniqua, Taliqua and Mohammed and all of that crap, and all of them are in jail. Brown or black versus the Board of Education is no longer the white person's problem. We have got to take the neighborhood back. People used to be ashamed. Today a woman has eight children with eight different 'husbands' - or men or whatever you call them now. We have millionaire football payers who can't write two paragraphs. We as black folks have to do a better job. Someone working at Wal-Mart with seven kids saying... you are hurting us. We have to start holding each other to a higher standard. We cannot blame the white people any longer. It is not for media or anyone of this time anymore to say whether I'm right or wrong. It is time, ladies and gentlemen, to look at the numbers. Fifty percent of our children are dropping out of high school. Sixty-percent of the incarcerated males happen to be illiterate. There's a correlation. Tell the media to stop asking me what I think about people who don't believe what I'm saying or feel that I'm too harsh or feel that I'm just running my mouth because I'm old. Seventy percent of the teenagers pregnant happen to be African American girls. Don't ask me to soften my message."

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Recreation Department is again partnering with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on this winter stocking program. This program is designed to provide increased fishing and natural resource education opportunities for city residents and children.

The following area community fishing lakes are scheduled for stocking during the winter of

2006-2007: McCullough Lake at 88th Street and Flint Avenue on December 13 and Higginbotham Lake at 19th Street and Vicksburg Avenue on February 1. All dates and times for stocking are subject to change due to weather conditions and availability of fish.

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Phea-Norville named Queen at Texas College Homecoming



Phea-Norville

Mrs. Dorothy Bennett Phea-Norville was honored Saturday, October 14, 2006, as the 2006 Golden Anniversary Homecoming Queen during

half-time of the Texas College Homecoming game in Tyler. Mrs. Phea-Norville was honored because of her outstanding contributions to Texas College since her graduation in 1956.

She serves on the Board of Directors of Texas College as well as Wells Fargo Bank in Lubbock. She is also a "Hall of Fame Educator" and is best known as former Principal of Lubbock Independent School District's New Directions program where she helped hundreds of young ladies.

At present time, Mrs. Phea-Norville is past President of the Texas College Alumni Lubbock chapter, and presently serves as Advisor. The Lubbock Chapter makes periodic donations to promote Texas College.

A Raffle is being held at this time to benefit Texas College. The public can help by purchasing a ticket to win a State-of-

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The program will be held January, 2007. The final date and location of the event will be forthcoming in the Southwest Digest.

Event coordinator, Eddie P. Richardson, has reported that nearly 1,200 applications have been received so far!

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“Kramer” got called out for N-word diatribe, so should Blacks that use it

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

Former Seinfeld star Michael “Kramer” Richards quickly bowed to public pressure and apologized for his boneheaded N-word laced diatribe against black customers who allegedly heckled him during his appearance at the Laugh Factory. But Richards was a soft target. He’s a white man that sprinted way over the line of racial etiquette. It was a no brainer that blacks would rage against him. They have done the same against the legion of other white celebrities, politicians and public figures that have gotten caught with their racial pants hanging down.

When the predictable firestorm hits, they back peddle fast, do their mea culpas and declare they’re not racist.

The same can’t be said for the legion of black comedians and rappers that have virtually canonized the word. They sprinkle the word throughout their rap lyrics and comedy lines, and black writers, and filmmakers go through lengthy gyrations to justify using the word. During a panel discussion at the Summer Television Critics Association tour in 2005, Aaron McGruder, creator of the popular comic strip, Boondocks, defaultly told the audience that he’d use the N-word as much as he pleased in his comic strip and in his series on the Cartoon Network’s Adult Swim. If folks didn’t like it, well tough.

McGruder and N-word users and apologists serve up the lame rationale that the more a black person uses the word, the less offensive it becomes. They claim that they are cleansing the word of its negative connotations so that racists can no

longer use it to hurt blacks. Comedian, turned activist, Dick Gregory had the same idea some years ago when he titled his autobiography, Nigger.

Black writer, Robert DeCoy also tried to apply the same racial shock therapy to whites when he titled his novel, The Nigger Bible.

The black N-word apologists tick off an endless storehouse of defenses to justify use of the word. They claim that that it is a term of endearingly or affectionately. They say to each other, “You’re my nigger if you don’t get no bigger.” Or, “that nigger sure is something.” Others use it in anger or disdain, “Nigger you sure got an attitude.” Or, “A nigger ain’t s...” Still, others are defiant. They say they don’t care what a white person calls them since words can’t harm them.

They forget, ignore or distort one thing. Words are not value neutral. They express concepts and ideas. Often, words reflect society’s standards. If color-phobia is a deep-rooted standard in American life, then a word, as emotionally charged as nigger, will always reinforce and perpetuate stereotypes. It can’t be sanitized, cleansed, inverted, or redeemed as a culturally liberating word. Nigger can’t and shouldn’t be made acceptable, no matter whose mouth it comes out of or what excuse is tossed out for using it.

There are still dozens of daily examples where whites (and other non-blacks) taunt, and harass blacks by calling them nigger, spray paint the word on their homes, businesses, churches, physically assault and even murder blacks. In the FBI’s annual count of hate

crimes in America, blacks still make up the overwhelming majority of victims.

The N-word reigns supreme at the top of the stack as the favorite racial epithet hurled at blacks during these crimes. Even when the word isn’t used, the sentiment is that blacks are still fair game too be abused and dehumanized, and the N word reinforces that belief. The word nigger is and will always have, grotesque, and deadly meaning to them. And, even if some blacks do occasionally go off the deep end and wrongly harangue whites for using the word, maybe that’s because nigger, pricks agonizing historical and social sores.

In all fairness, a handful of black activists have waged war against the N word. There’s a website that hawks T shirts, DVDs and exhorts blacks, especially young blacks, to solemnly pledge not to use the word or patronize anyone who puts out products that use the word. Presumably that’s aimed at those rappers and writers that have turned the N word into a lucrative growth industry.

But they have been the exception. Blacks have been more than willing to give other blacks that use the word a pass. The indulgence sends the subtle signal that the word is hardly the earth-shattering, illegitimate word that black and white N word opponents brand it.

Richards gave no public hint before his profane outburst that he was a closet bigot who routinely used the word in reference to blacks. But he didn’t have too. The obsessive use of and the tortured defense of the word by so many blacks gave Richards the license to use the word without any thought that

there’d be any blow back for doing it. He was terribly wrong and got publicly called out for it. The blacks that use and defend that word should be called out too.

Who’s willing to do that? BlackNews.com columnist Earl Ofari Hutchinson is a political analyst and social issues commentator, and the author of The Emerging Black GOP Majority (Middle Passage Press, September 2006), a hard-hitting look at Bush and The GOP’s court of black voters. For order information, see the book’s website at: www.black-gopbook.com

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Pancho Cios will arrive for his annual visit to the Maggie Trejo Supercenter, located at 3200 Amberst, on Sunday, December 17, 2006, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The American G I Forum hosts this annual city-wide presentation of Pancho Cios each year. This holiday program exists for the purpose of serving families in need by providing holiday cheer, goodies, and a chance for kids to tell Pancho Cios their dreams for Christmas.

The Lubbock Chapter of the American G I Forum founded the “Pancho Cios” concept in 1971. Additional sponsors this year include Lubbock Power and Light, Lubbock Area Foundation, Maggie Trejo Supercenter and two local car clubs. Area families and their children are invited to join in the festivities for this traditional Christmas event. Admission is free!

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

LET'S GIVE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE A GIFT! THIS N THAT is realizing that it won't be long before the start of the 2007 MARTIN LUTHER KING BASEBALL LEAGUE, and there will be a new twist this year. The new thing will be the BASEBALL FIELDS being constructed for these young boys and girls. There is a **PROBLEM**, however. You see those of us who have a boy or girl participating in this summer event will not **VOLUNTEER** to work with this outstanding program. So the **GIFT** each of us can give is by serving as **VOLUNTEER** when the time comes for this needed program. You see, as a people, we have complained about what our kids need, but when it comes to us doing what we need to be doing, we apparently sit back and just complain about nothing. This **CHRISTMAS**, why not give yourself as a gift and become this needed volunteer? Really, these young people need us badly. If we choose not to volunteer when the season comes, there will not be any games because we didn't take the time to just **VOLUNTEER!** Now if you are **BLACK** and over the age of 30 years, surely you remember when those older Black citizens, professionals or just common people did all they could to help make us a much better person and

they did this by just becoming a **VOLUNTEER**. So will you do so? **THIS N THAT** doesn't want to call any names but the same people are there on the field each year, and they are getting older, and would welcome someone like you. So will you help? Hope so!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "When the **ROAD OF PROBLEMS** gets steep in your life, just **STAND UP!**"

STUDENT LAPTOPS WILL GO A LONG WAY! **THIS N THAT** was glad to see the new pilot program being initiated at **ALDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**, where every sixth grader will receive a **LAPTOP** to be used at school. Hopefully, they will be able to take them home. This program was on the 2004 Lubbock Independent School District Bond Election, and was approved by the voters. In years to come, **THIS N THAT** believes this program will change the lives of many young people. Just continue to encourage these young people. This is a very positive program!

A VERY GOOD BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR BROTHER ERVIN! **THIS N THAT** had an opportunity to stop by the **BIRTHDAY PARTY** for one of our citizens, **BROTHER CLARENCE ERVIN**, who cele-

brated his **80TH BIRTHDAY**. It was a **FISH FRY** in the Fellowship Hall of the New Hope Baptist Church. It was a very positive thing, and the ripple effect will bring something positive for Brother Ervin and others in attendance. It was very well done!

ARE YOU MAKING PLANS TO VISIT PUBLIC SCHOOL? **THIS N THAT** is still asking that as many of us who can to make a commitment to **VISIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL** in the near future. Our young people still need us to come by and let them know we really appreciate them. If you are on campus, why not get permission and eat lunch in the cafeteria? Just think of what will happen if more of us would visit our **LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS!**

JUST THINK WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE GOT TOGETHER! **THIS N THAT** is wondering what would happen if we, as a **BLACK PEOPLE**, would just come together and not be concerned with who will get the credit. Just think of our much better our neighborhoods would be! Just think of how our families would be, and just think of how our churches would be! Just think of what would happen if **BLACK PEOPLE** would just come together. Just think about that and more!!!

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Christmas carols of all kinds can be heard on the radio, the television, in shopping areas, dining areas and anywhere something is sold or solicited. Christmas decorations abound on every street in every town. Christians and non-Christians are preparing for the great day, December 25, 2006.

For this one day in December, the last month of the year, we spend a lot of money. We buy presents for our family, friends and children. We culminate a year of hard work and some play. We go all out to make certain that we have a bang of a ball at Christmas with our presence and our presents.

One great thing about celebrating the Christmas day is the presence of close family and friends coming together in a warm and loving way. All of the bad thoughts and deeds of the year are put aside to make merry and give thanks for the birth of the Christ child at this time of the year. The people who say that they do not believe in Jesus are just as happy as those who do.

On the other hand, the Christmas season has the high-

est crime rate of any time of the year. While most of us are preparing to make merry, there are droves of unscrupulous individuals just waiting to ruin our spirit by robbing us of our purchases. They take advantage because they know how happy we are and careless. On the streets and getting to our vehicles is not the only place we may encounter criminals. Some of them are found in places of business. Keep your eyes on the credit cards and make sure there is no camera to take a picture of it. Make sure that the card that you get back is yours. You may receive one that looks just like yours with an expired date on it.

There are nice people out there who do not mind helping you and then there are nice

helpers who turn out not to be so nice. One Christmas eve, an acquaintance stepped off the electric train with several large packages, and knowing that she was an attractive lady, she only had a positive response when two good-looking well-dressed men offered to help her to her car with her packages. She carried on a lively conversation with them on the way and when they arrived at her Lincoln Continental vehicle, they put her packages in her car for her, took the mink coat she was wearing and drove off in her car without her. That was not a merry Christmas. Of course, she was thankful that she was not hurt. This is a time of the year to get 'in cinque,' be careful, be thankful, be prayerful and have a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Growing up solo in New Orleans

High schoolers raise themselves as parents look for work, housing

Courtesy of MSNBC

NEW ORLEANS - The start of class at John McDonough High School is signaled, not with a bell or a buzzer, but with school guards barking commands. "Put your shirt in your pants!" one guard tells a student.

School security must scold teens about how they dress, because their parents cannot. Incredibly, of the 775 kids enrolled at John Mac, an estimated 20 percent are living on their own. That's because parents evacuated to Houston or Atlanta or any number of other cities in the United States have chosen to send their kids back to John Mac alone, until they can find housing or a job here in New Orleans.

First-year Principal Donald Jackson says the kids are raising themselves.

"You can't imagine not coming home to a hot meal or someone who just asks you simple questions about your day," he says.

Sixteen-year-old Justin Harrell had to grow up fast. He had to be the man of the house for several months until his mother could return.

"I wanted them to have some sort of normalcy, and home was normalcy," says Rachelle Harrell.

Other kids have not adjusted as well to living on their own. Their anger at being alone boils

over. Not just cutting class and talking back, but more violently. A teacher and a guard were assaulted inside the school this year.

Now, community leaders routinely visit to offer help. Even entertainer Bill Cosby recently lectured the kids on personal responsibility. "Yes you CAN! Yes, you ARE bright!" said Cosby.

The help is welcomed by

teacher Wilfred Wright.

"If we don't come back, those of us who are in place right now in the classrooms to educate our children, who will?" he asks.

People like Principal Jackson. He had a job in a rich Houston school district. He gave it up to be here, to let these kids know that until their parents come home, someone will be watching out for them.



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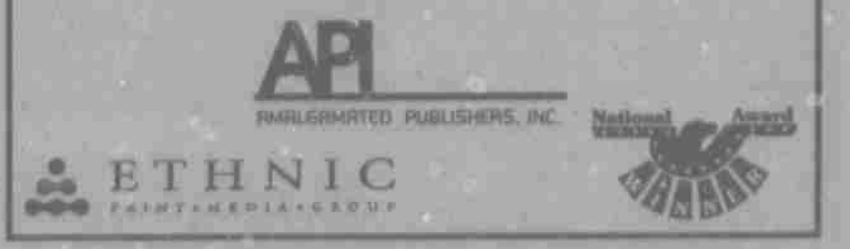
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Just because Hurricane Katrina hit so many months ago, doesn't mean it's not still impacting the lives of many American families, especially during the holiday season.

Businesses, families, organizations, and individuals are being invited to share their holiday spirit with families still struggling with the hardships caused by Hurricane Katrina through an online program that matches people with families still in desperate need.

Would-be donors can visit www.adopt-a-katrina-family.com on the Internet to be electronically matched with families and given their wish lists - which include such basic needs as blankets, school supplies, dishes, baby food or cleaning supplies.

Toy donations also are being

accepted to help brighten up blank holidays for these families.

The Adopt-a-Katrina-Family Project's Web site is helping meet the needs of Katrina survivors without hassles or long lines. The site instantaneously matches a donor's goodwill with a family's immediate need.

The concept for adopt-a-katrina-family.com is simple: one family helping another.

Those who wish to offer assistance, as well as those in need, can simply register on the Web site. The site easily matches the requests made by Katrina survivors with an appropriate donor, then facilitates contact between the two.

The Adopt-a-Katrina-Family Project also follows-up with both parties to ensure the

match is working and the needs are being met.

Ten days after Katrina struck, California businessman Mark McLaughlin commissioned and funded the Adopt-a-Katrina-Family Project because, like most Americans, he was frustrated that help was not reaching those in need.

"Our site is unique because it makes people feel like they're really helping someone in need, and they are," says McLaughlin. The site also serves up personal stories from survivors. "Some of the requests we've received are heartbreaking," says McLaughlin. "We have survivors who are in need of items as small as cleaning supplies, baby formula or school supplies. They just need to get back on their feet, and most of them are not in a position to wait for

other help to come through. This site makes it possible to help people today."

A list of online suppliers is posted on the Web site to assist donors with easily filling a family's needs. For more information visit www.adopt-a-katrina-family.com on the Internet.

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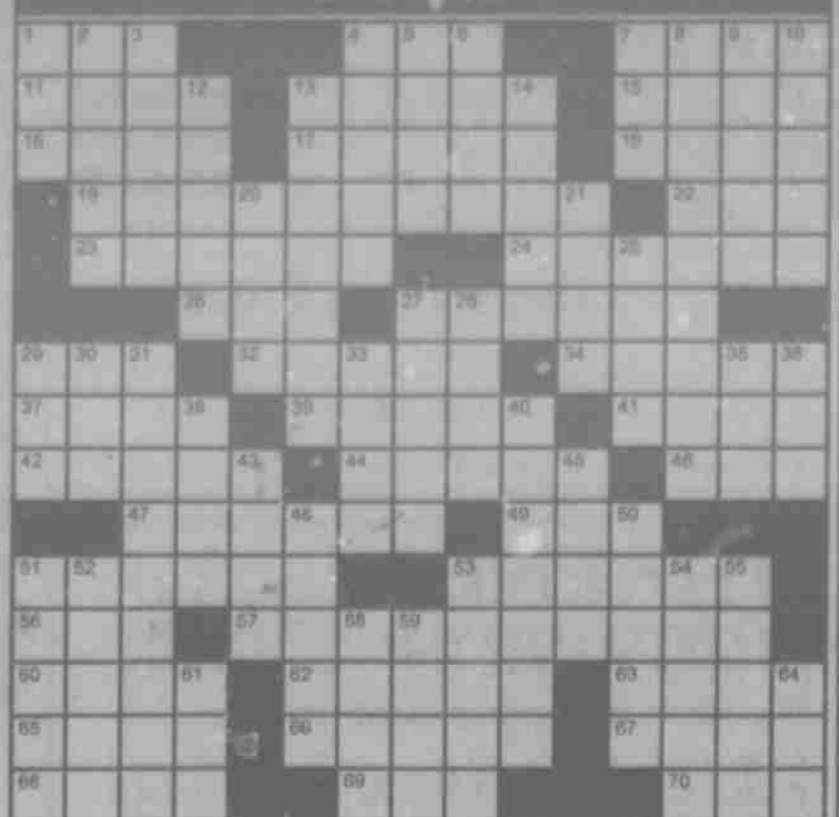
ACROSS

1. Through-the-lens (camera)
4. X
7. Shirley MacLaine's 1963 character
11. "Read 'em and ___"
13. Popular holiday beverage
15. Sonny and Cher and Blues Brothers
16. Bullets
17. Get up
18. Climber's destination
19. Christmas star
22. Am is to I as ___ is to we
23. Decorated
24. Drunk's speech?
26. Large coffee pot
27. Cold and treeless
29. Denotes a belief or principle
32. Santa's fifth reindeer
34. Number of days in Hanukkah
37. A journey
39. Sound Navigation Ranging
41. No pain, no what?
42. Fiber used for rope-making
44. That one is to this one
46. Comes after game but before match
47. Thick, woolen trousers
49. Singular of #43 Down
51. Type of radio show
53. Nap in Spain
56. Not lager
57. Patron saint of children
60. Baptism, e.g.
62. Monte Cristo was one
63. Toward the lee
65. Double reed woodwind
66. To be inclined
67. Turns hard when fired
68. Right to take another's property
69. Put in horizontal position
70. Between northeast and east

DOWN

1. Acquired by American Airlines in 2001
2. Composition speed, pl.
3. Defective car

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4. Fatigued
5. An editor's job
6. It empties when the kids move out
7. Civil rights advocate Wells
8. Fancy word for turnips
9. "A Visit from St. Nicholas" author
10. Turkish monetary unit
12. Southern chicken stew
13. Where fortunes are won or lost
14. 1509 to 1547 for Henry VIII
20. Narcotics lawman
21. Adjutant
25. Jail on a ship
27. Campers' dwellings
28. Site of last Olympics in U.S.
29. Possessive of it
30. ___ Lanka
31. Reason to kiss?
33. Its swings within many
35. Step on it
36. Turner network
38. Catch for a ratchet
40. Surviving remnants
43. Hawaiian flower garlands
45. Winds a fish line
48. Perform as 'f in a play
50. Abraham's sacrifice
51. "Deck the Halls," e.g.
52. Excuse
53. Travolta to Danny as Newton-John to ___
54. "The Nutcracker" dancer's tutu fabric
55. Southeast Asia political and economic organization
58. Christmas season
59. Yellowfin
61. Poetic "even"
64. Center of hurricane

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