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Memorial fund set up for sisters

Lubbock citizens are asked to come the aid of two sisters who lost their lives in a car wreck on Tuesday evening, March 13, 2007. The younger sister, Jo'Anne La-Don McDaniel, age 14, died two days after her sister was killed in the East Lubbock accident.

McDaniel died last Thursday, March 15, 2007, at University Medical Center from injuries suffered in the car crash that claimed the life of her 18-year-old sister Jocelyn Shantee-Brook Tillman. Tillman was pronounced dead at the scene.



Tillman

According to Lubbock police, she was driving south on Martin Luther King Blvd. on that Tuesday evening when a truck slammed into her Saturn at the corner of MLK and East 19th Street.

Tillman died at the scene, but her sister was rushed to University Medical Center with critical injuries.

A 19-year-old man, Christopher Lee Simpson, was driving east on East 19th Street when he drove into the Saturn.

As police began their investigation of the accident, it



McDaniel

appeared as if Simpson ran a red light. At the time of this report, charges have not been filed against him.

The family has established memorial funds for each girl.

To donate for Tillman: City Bank, Attn: Jocelyn Tillman Memorial Fund, 5219 City Bank Parkway, Lubbock, Texas 79423, or call 792-7101.

To donate for McDaniel: American Bank of Commerce, Attn: Jo'Anne McDaniel Memorial Fund, 82nd Street and Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79424, or call 775-5000.



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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Jles 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.

Civil Rights organization requests Lloyd Gaines case reopened

By Christa Koskosky

COLUMBIA, Mo. - The FBI recently announced the reopening of suspicious death and missing person cases from the nation's civil rights era - prior to December 1969. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has requested the Lloyd Gaines case be included among them.

An announcement was made at the University of Missouri-Columbia by Angela Ciccolo, deputy general counsel for the NAACP. She said the FBI is reviewing the Gaines request.

"We gave the FBI a number of cases," said Ciccolo, who spoke to students at the University's School of Law. "I asked them to make sure the Lloyd Gaines case was added to the list. Justice has been a long time coming. To solve the Lloyd Gaines case, as well as the others, would help close open wounds and provide resolution."

On Tuesday, the NAACP,

National Urban League, Southern Poverty Law Center and other civil rights organizations asked federal authorities to reinvestigate dozens of cases. Although many are from the 1960s, Gaines' case is one of the oldest that remains unsolved.

During an era when many of the nation's universities were segregated based on race, Gaines applied to the MU School of Law in 1936 and was denied admittance.

Gaines, a high school valedictorian who graduated with honors from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri with a Bachelor's degree in history, applied in 1936 for admission to the Law School at the University of Missouri. In April, the university denied his admission on grounds of race. Missouri's policy at the time was to pay the expenses of black students' education out of state.

Gaines and his lawyer, Charles Hamilton Houston took their case to court. After the

Boone County court and Missouri Supreme Court both ruled in favor of the university, the argument proceeded to the United



Gaines

States Supreme Court, where Gaines v. Canada was argued on November 9, 1938 and became the most important segregation case since Plessy v. Ferguson. Sy Woodson Canada was the registrar at the University of Missouri School of Law at that time. In a

1978 interview for National Public Radio, the then-80-year-old Canada revealed that he had been instructed to by his superiors at the University to deny admission to Gaines. Canada recalled that Gaines met all the admissions requirements "except he was colored."

On December 12, 1938, the court, in a 6-2 decision, ordered the State of Missouri to either admit Gaines to the University of Missouri or provide another school of equal stature within the state borders. However, Gaines never attended the university.

On the night of March 19, 1939, Gaines left his fraternity house in Chicago, Illinois, telling others he was going out to buy stamps. He was never seen again. Gaines was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans.

His lawsuit became one of the most important segregation decisions in the nation. In 1938, the

Supreme Court ordered the state of Missouri to admit Gaines to MU or to provide him access to education at an institution of equal stature within Missouri's border. This decision contributed significantly to the battle to end racial segregation in schools, which culminated in the 1954 landmark case Brown v. Board of Education.

Although Gaines never attended MU, his name is certainly recognized on campus. In 2001, MU's black culture center was named the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center. Two law school scholarships also have been established in his honor. Last May, Gaines was granted an honorary law degree posthumously.

"We recognize history, and clearly the University of Missouri-Columbia has separated itself from this period by working hard over the past 40 years to provide open access to all ethnic groups," said Mike Middleton, MU deputy chancellor.

Scholarship opportunities

The Lincoln/Douglass Committee will award two \$1,000 scholarships for school year 2007-2008.

Applications are available at the Patterson Library Branch, 1836 Parkway Drive, Lubbock, Texas 79403; from committee members, or by contacting Mary Cato-Denson at (806) 744-5050 or (806) 781-7976.

The deadline for submitting applications is April 30, 2007.

Best Dressed citizens receive awards



Bertha Rainwater



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Forgotten West Riders name new president

The members of the Forgotten West Riders have chosen B. J. Morrison as the new president for the 2007-2008 year. This was done in a meeting on Saturday, March 17, 2007. Mr. LaCarl Richardson was named as vice president.

Mr. Morrison said, "I thank God for the chance to serve as the president, and I have a plan to do all we can to get this club involved in community activities as well as getting more parents and children in the club." He makes it known that the mission of the club is "to entertain, re-live, educate and tell others about the story of the Black Old West."

"We are able to teach children

about the equine sport and give them an alternative to crime and drugs," he continued. The theme for the Forgotten West Riders is "B-4-REAL."

Getting excited about this new opportunity, he says, "It would be great to have a riding clinic for the children at Chatman Park and other locations on the Eastside in order to get more youth in the community to enjoy horses."

A member of the Forgotten West Riders, he has been a member for three years. He is shown sitting on his horse, Joice.

The Forgotten West Riders are scheduled to ride in the Main Entrance of the ABC Rodeo, which will be held March 29-30,



Morrison

2007 at the City Bank Coliseum (formerly the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.)

Learning the history



Mrs. Helen Visser-Fitzgerald, librarian from the Patterson Branch Library, was one of several speakers to address the students at Hodges Elementary during the African American History Month celebration. Visser-Fitzgerald read a short children's book "Please, Baby, Please" written by movie director Spike Lee.

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

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Keynolds

The Churches United For Kingdom Building will be sponsoring a Good Friday Service on April 6, 2007, beginning at 7:00 p. m. at the St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street, where the Rev. S. Fields is the pastor. The theme is: "The 7 Great 'I AM's' of Christ." The following Pastors will be preaching: 'I Am The Bread Of Life,' Pastor Fields; 'I Am The Light Of The World,' Pastor L. Brooks; 'I Am The Door,' Pastor W. Tanner; 'I Am The Good Shepherd,' Pastor W. Watson, III; 'I Am The Way, The Truth, The Life,' Supt. W. D. Haynes; 'I Am The True Vine,' Pastor W. D. Davis; and 'I Am The Resurrection & The Life,' Pastor B. R. Moton.

Let us support this special effort.

The Rho Iota Omega of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. of Odessa will sponsor the Ebony Fashion Fair on Tuesday evening, March 27, 2007, at the MCM Grande Hotel Fun Dome, 6201 East Business 20, beginning at 7:30 p. m. For more information, contact either Elayne Hunt, (432) 561-87218 or Rita Adams, (432) 337-2089. Funds from special program will be used for scholarship.

This should be an outstanding program in Odessa as it was here in Lubbock last year. If you have an opportunity, drive down to Odessa and enjoy this exciting venue.

The New Hope Baptist Church will be celebrating its 81st Church Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, April 15, 2007, at 3:00 p. m. The guest preacher of the afternoon will be the Rev. Sonia J. Beaty, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. More information will be forthcoming. Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members and citizens of the community. There are many who are shut-in, and our prayers are most appreciative. There are those in the community who request your prayers. They include: Sister Annie McBride, Sister Florence Turner and Sister DeAndrea Wilborn.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Among them are Sister Joan Y. Ervin and Sister Luella Hall who lost a cousin, Mrs. Ora Lee Snell-Tolbert.

Also, the family of Sister

Gwendolyn Marie Hunt who passed away here last Friday night, March 16, 2007. Services will be held Saturday morning, March 24, 2007, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, beginning at 10:00 a. m. Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, March 18, 2007, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a Church home, then come and worship with New Hope.

Services got underway with the Meditation and Prayer and followed by the Praise Team singing and glorifying the Lord. After the morning scripture and prayer, several selections were sung by the New Hope Choir.

Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Don't Miss The Message Waiting For Y our Miracle." His scripture text was Matthew 8:1-4.

After an invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister Sandra Evans, and all visitors were welcomed by Sister Dorothy White.

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with Shirley Roberson

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Remember khaki and color is a good thing!

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

Funeral services held for sisters killed in wreck

Tahoka - Funeral services for Jo'Anne McDaniel and Jocelyn Tillman were held Monday afternoon, March 19, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Gloria Moore officiating.

Interment was held in Nevels Memorial Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home.

Jo'Anne was preceded in death by her sister, Jocelyn Tillman.

She was a resident of Lubbock and died Thursday, March 15, 2007 in Lubbock.

She was born November 1, 1992 in Tahoka to Joe and LaDonna McDaniel. Jo'Anne attended grammar school in Tahoka before moving to Lubbock in 1995. She attended Alderson Middle School.

She is survived by her parents, Joe and LaDonna McDaniel; a brother, DeShonnie McDaniel of Lubbock; a sister, Te'andra McDaniel of Lubbock; grandparents, Q. C. and Willie Mae Tillman of Tahoka; Evelyn Joyce McDaniel of Lubbock and Joe McDaniel, Sr. of Fort Worth.

She was born May 15, 1988 in Tahoka to LaDonna McDaniel and the late Richard Payne and step-father, Joe McDaniel. She attended grammar school in Tahoka before moving to Lubbock in 1995. She graduated from Lubbock High School.

She is preceded in death by her

father, Richard Payne; and sister, Jo'Anne McDaniel.

Jocelyn is survived by her mother and step-father, LaDonna and Joe McDaniel; a daughter, Imonie D. Patton; a brother, DeShonnie McDaniel of Lubbock; a sister, Te'andra McDaniel of Lubbock; grandparents: Q.C. & Willie Mae Tillman of Tahoka; Evelyn Joyce McDaniel of Lubbock; Joe McDaniel, Sr. of Fort Worth; and Roy and Eynonne Rogers of Lubbock.

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Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:38
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb 5:9
How do we obey him?
Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3
Confess - Romans 10:10
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The City of Lubbock Animal Shelter will be open on Saturdays from Noon - 4 p.m. These hours will be in addition to the current hours of Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. The shelter hopes that the new hours will help accommodate people who cannot

get to the shelter during the week-day.

The Lubbock Animal Shelter is located at 401 North Ash, and has a variety of dogs and cats available for adoption. The adoption fee is \$60 per animal and includes spay/neuter, the first set

of vaccinations, a microchip implant, and an I.D./registration tag.

You can find more information on Animal Services on the City of Lubbock's website, www.mylubbock.us or by calling 775-2057.

Pastor Roy Davis to teach Passover Seder

Pastor Roy Davis will be teaching on the Passover Seder at 6:00 p.m. on Good Friday - or the Friday before Easter Sunday, at St. James Baptist Church.

The Passover seder is the supper the Lord and the disciples had prior to his death and resurrection. This teaching will change ones whole understanding about Communion and the new covenant. All

are invited to come early and have a seat. Everyone is invited to invite all of their friends and family members to come. By attending, all will participate in this

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Cold Hearted America

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

John 15:9-13 - Jesus said as the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Continue you in my love. Greater love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends.

Seven people were trapped in a mountain cabin in a hard and bitter winter cold. Each one had a log of wood for the fire. This is how the story goes:

Their fire was dying out. For the need of one's pious piece of wood, each had what it took to keep alive if only he or she would!!!

*** What Would Jesus Do???

There was a Preacher sitting there and held on to his precious wood of birch. He said to himself, why should my log be used? They're not of my Church!!!

Matthew 5:16 - Jesus said, let your light shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

And there was a White lady sitting there. She held her precious log back, because she saw that one of the faces around the fire. It was Black!!!

I John 4:20 - If a man say, I love God, and hate his brother. He is a liar. For he that love not his brother who he hath seen. How can he love God who he has not seen?

Then there this poor man sitting there owning nothing, but this hickory stick, saying

within himself, why should I warm the mighty and rich???

I John 2:15 - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father (God) is not in him.

Then there was the rich man sitting there. His money and this log he did adore, saying, why should I use my log to warm the good for nothing lazy poor!!!

I Timothy 6:10 - For the love of money is the root of evil. While some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Then there was a Black man sitting there with his jaws clenched very, very tight. He said within himself, now is a good time for me to get even with the Whites!!!

Luke 6:27 - Jesus said, I say unto you which hear, love your enemies, do good to them which hate you.

Then there was a Spanish man sitting there. This is how he played the hate game. He said within himself. These are not my people; our language is not the same!!!

Galatians 6:10 - As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the hold on of Faith!

Then there was this foreign man sitting there, saying, they should give to me. Because I'm

new in this country, and they should give to the minority!!!

Proverbs 21:21-27 - The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination. How much more when he brings it with a wicked mind?

And when the morning came, it was proof of humanity's great and largest number of their sins. For they didn't die from the cold on the outside, but that cold heart from within!!!

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 - To everything is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Come on America, you know you are my Sister. You know you are my Brother. Let's not hold back who love. Give it up by showing loving one for another!!!

*** What Would Jesus Do???

I John 3:13-14 - Marvel not, my Brother, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love thy Brother. He who love not his Brother abides (Dwells) in death.

*** Red Or Yellow, Black or White; We're All Precious In God's Sight!!! ***

America, give up that smile, that hug, that wave, handshake, give it. It's Free. And the beauty of God's Love will go all around the world, and back to you and me!!!



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The Destruction of District 2

I recently wrote about a small town in the State of Michigan named Hubbard Farms. For decades, this little corner of Detroit set quietly and withstood the city of Detroit turmoil. It seem as this little city was forgotten or spared by race riots, drugs, crime and the flight that left a great number of other neighbors in ruins.

The people of this little city never really complain as if they shut their eyes to the demons of evil that plague Detroit. Hubbard Farms is noted to be a melting pot of residents. However, the criminal elements have taken advantage of this younger educated generation that has moved in.

The media has noted this younger generation has bought and restored houses to their original glory. Decaying homes and former drug dens have been cleared of garbage and animal feces to reveal century-old solid oak banisters, leaded glass, tiled bedroom fireplaces and crystal door-knobs. However, those who represent the scum of the earth have taken much of the joy of living away.

This writer is very unhappy

with the recent criminal activity that has taken place in District 2. The people of District 2 deserves better. We as a District will lose our best and brightest because of the morally reprehensible excesses that plague our society.

If District 2 is not careful we will slide into the state of Hubbard Farms. We must not let the dregs of our society soil or lock us in our houses and become afraid to walk across the street to converse with our neighbors. We must not let this criminal element stain our community and decrease our property value. We must not let these evil beings take the lives of our senior citizens, murder our young, rape our children, run red lights and kill our children, and get away with it. We must put an end to the destruction of our youth and the misuse of senior citizens.

You good Christians on your way to heaven must know these people will steal the golden crown of heaven to get a fix. If you are not careful, they will steal your shout and the joy of your salvation. Have you read the grand jury indictments lately?

I encourage you to support District Attorney Matt Powell and his office of prosecuting attorneys. Without prosecution with long sentences and even the "death sentence", Lubbock's District 2 could become a Hubbard Farms.

I also encourage you to support the Lubbock Police Department. We pay taxes to have an efficient police department. If the chief and his office feel they have the support of the community, all of us Senior Citizens will be able to walk to church and have night services without fear of the criminal element.

If your little preacher or head of your church board disagree or raise an argument to the contrary of the former, it may be to your advantage to run a criminal background check on him.

We must put brakes on the crime in District 2 now or we are in for a long hot summer.

I am concerned about a house in my neighborhood that is occupied by two young males and yet have constant visitors of six to eight automobiles filled to capacity. How do that many people fit in a three-bedroom house comfortably?

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Hypocrisy & Half Hearted

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are talking about "Hypocrisy & Half Hearted". Luke 12:1; 20:46-47.

More than anything else, beware of those Pharisees and the way they pretend to be good when they aren't, but such hypocrisy cannot be hidden forever. It will become evident as yeast in dough. There is no spiritual strength if you are half hearted. 99 ½ won't do! Out of the heart comes the issue of life. Why not be real? Then we can stand as the Hebrew Children in the fire! Our God is well able to deliver us when we have done

all to stand, just stand anyway!

We are well able to possess this Nation for Christ, and the time is now! This writer loves to talk about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. More than talk, this writer loves to act on the Word which says: 'We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength. All things are possible to them who believe.'

Saints, the dope addicts, pimps and prostitutes are asking the Saints, 'What Shall We Do???' In this world of sin, crime, violent acts, drug problems, gambling, stealing, robbing, killing and other negative acts, our Lord is calling us to righteous living: "a step

toward Holiness!" Think about it!

We will be meeting in the home of Sister Annie McBride on Saturday morning, April 7, 2007, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please come and be with us. We will be looking forward to seeing you!

For all of our hurting people, forgiveness of sin is associated with healing of the body. So forgive, believe, and receive! Keep those drive by prayers going, they are really working! Believe us, Saints!

Sister Dorothy Hood, President; Sister Christene Bureson, Vice President and Sister Elnora Jones, Teacher.



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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services last Sunday morning, March 18, 2007, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:15 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Harris, and was reviewed by Pastor Canady. The lesson was entitled "Showing Divine Love." The lesson passage was John 4:7-21.

The morning worship hour began with devotion at 11:20 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls. Oh, what a

wonderful time in God's House to hear His praises in songs. What a blessing!

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful sermon. His subject was "Walking And Talking With Jesus." His scripture text was Luke 24:16-21. What a wonderful and uplifting sermon for all in attendance.

Let us continue to pray for all our sick and shut-in members as well as others in the Lubbock community.

Thought For The Week: "We are saved not by what we do, but by trusting what Christ has done."

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Greg Ricks, Financial Services Professional, New York Life Insurance Company

Buying life insurance is not in the same category as getting a new car or spring wardrobe; it is a lot more complex and infinitely more important. The primary reason individuals purchase life insurance is to protect the financial security of their loved ones. It makes good sense then to use the same care in buying life insurance as you would when making any significant purchase. And whether you are looking for a new home or a state-of-the-art stereo system, shopping around for the product that best meets your needs is of utmost importance. Life insurance is no exception.

Before you begin your search for a life insurance policy, it is important to do some preparation. To help you determine the amount of insurance you need, you should identify your dependents (this may include children,

parents, spouse), your financial obligations and resources. This way, in the event of your death, your family will have the financial resources it needs to continue to run a household. An agent can help you find the right type and amount of insurance for your family's needs. In addition, here are 10 things you should do to help you and your family make the most appropriate life insurance purchase:

1. Make sure your agent and company are licensed to do business in your state. Call your state insurance department if you are not sure.

2. Take your time. Make sure you understand fully any policy you are considering and that you are comfortable with the company, agent and product. Do not rush into a decision just because you are feeling pressured. On the other hand, do not put off an important decision that protects your family. If you have any questions - ask!

3. Ask your agent if the company offers any "healthy lifestyle" reductions on your policy premiums. For example, nonsmokers pay from 10% to 20% less on their premiums. This reduction can even apply to ex-smokers if enough years have passed since quitting!

4. Do not omit any part of your

medical history on your life insurance application. If you do, the company may be able to refuse coverage, deny a claim or cancel the policy.

5. Read the insurance contract carefully and, if necessary, ask your agent for a point-by-point explanation of the language.

6. Insurance policies are legal documents and you should be familiar with what they promise, even though some technical terms are used.

7. Expect delivery of your life insurance policy within two weeks of purchase. If it does not arrive, contact the company for a written explanation.

8. Remember that you may have a 10-day "free-look" period that entitles you to change your mind about purchasing the policy. If you do so, the company will return your premium, without penalty.

9. Write the check for your insurance premium to the company, not the agent. Be sure you are given a receipt. (Also, look into "electronic" billing arrangements that authorize the insurance company to automatically withdraw premiums from your bank

account. This can relieve you of the burdensome task of having to write regular checks.)*

10. Inform your beneficiaries about the kind, amount and location of any life insurance policies you own. Keep your policy in a safe place at home and, in addition, keep your insurance company's name and your policy number in a safe location.

11. Review your life insurance coverage at least once every two years to be sure it meets your current needs. Be cautious if another agent or company contacts you and wants you to cancel your current policy to buy a new one. Contact your original agent or company before making any decisions.

12. All things considered, when you are purchasing life insurance,

shop carefully, ask questions, and make sure you understand the answers. You would do the same with any other product or service that you buy. For more information about life insurance, please contact Greg Ricks,

Agent, New York Life Insurance Company, at 806-761-7734 or 806-773-3252.

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Senate passes measure abolishing TYC board

Austin - Just one day after a Senate committee sent the measure for floor debate, the Senate unanimously approved a bill that fires the current Texas Youth Commission Board of Trustees. The bill would also preclude the Governor from re-appointing any current members back to the board. Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, a long-time advocate of reform at the TYC, said Wednesday's action was appropriate and necessary. "This board had to go. It was asleep at the wheel," he said. "They ignored all the red flags, they refused to be proactive, and they have no experience in dealing with this kind of situation to the point that they were negligent and irresponsible in fulfilling the duties as board members."

The scandal at the TYC began last month when a two-year-old report surfaced alleging sexual abuse of some TYC inmates by agency employees. Last week, at a meeting of the joint committee charged with addressing problems at the TYC, lawmakers asked for the resignation of the board members, going so far as to pass a vote of no confidence against the board.

Senator Chris Harris of Arlington, who authored Wednesday's bill, said the vote sends a clear message as to where the Senate stands on this issue. "I think there will be no question as far as how strongly the Texas Senate feel about these circumstances and the need to appoint a new board."

The bill will now go to the House for final approval, then on to the Governor's desk for passage into law. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor, the bill would then go back to the Legis-

lature, where lawmakers could override the veto with a two-thirds majority in both houses.

Following Wednesday's session, the Joint Committee on TYC Operation and Management held its second meeting in order to hear more testimony on the current investigation into wrong doing at the TYC. State Auditor John Keel updated the committee on the progress his office has made in investigating wrongdoing at the TYC. He said that since last week, officials from his office have visited 33 facilities around the state, and collected more than 3,200 surveys from young inmates at these facilities. A report detailing the results of the survey

should be available by this Friday, or next Monday, said Keel. Further testimony from officials in the Auditor's Office revealed serious problems within the youth grievance system at the TYC. Officials found that the process did not facilitate reporting from inmates or staffers, and that complaints were not addressed in a timely manner.

Senator Whitmire who co-chairs this committee, along with Representative Jerry Madden, said before the meeting that it's not the facts that are in the open that he's worried about. "I am concerned about a continued cover-up," he said. "What scares me the most is what we do not know."

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Education & Career Fair aims to inform students and parents

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Texas Tech University will host an Education and career Fair for ninth through 12th grades, from 10 a.m. until on Saturday, March 31, 2007. The fair will be held at Estacado High School, 1504 Itasca Avenue.

This is a free fair which will have information available about higher education and career choices. Parents and students will learn more about financing higher education with tips to being financially responsible.

A brunch will be provided along with door prizes for those who attend.

The event is sponsored by the TTUHSC Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, the Black Faculty and Staff Association, and the Texas Tech University College of Education.

For more information about this event, contact Kathleen McPherson at (806) 743-2463, ext. 239.

Community Feedback Requested: HIV/AIDS Services



Under the auspices of the Texas Department of State Health Services, Lubbock Regional MHMR Center is the HIV Services Administrative Agency for the PanWest Area, which covers 58 counties in West Texas. As the Administrative Agency, Lubbock Regional MHMR Center allocates Ryan White Title II funds to three (3) provider agencies in Amarillo, Lubbock and Odessa to provide HIV/AIDS services.

Community feedback is requested for the 2007-2009 Comprehensive Plan for HIV Services, which provides a guide to how services are delivered in the PanWest Area. Community review and feedback about the plan are necessary to ensure the plan best meets the needs of people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. The current plan is posted at www.panwest.org in the "Documents" section. Please provide feedback in any of the following ways:

By Written Letter: Lubbock Regional MHMR Center
Attention: Maria Salazar, Planning Coordinator
P.O. Box 2828
Lubbock, Texas 79408-2828

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LSO presents fifth concert on American culture

The Lubbock Symphony Orchestra's 60th Anniversary Season continues with "America's Choice" Friday and Saturday, March 30 & 31, 2007 at 8 pm in the Civic Center Theatre. David In-Jae Cho will conduct the orchestra; Lubbock's own David Brandon will appear as guest artist. The concert is sponsored by the Lubbock Symphony Guild. "America's Choice" is the fifth concert in the America Series that reflects aspects of American Culture. For tickets for "America's Choice," call (806) 762-1688 or purchase online at www.lubbocksymphony.org. The America Series is sponsored by Market Street.

"America's Choice" features Dvorak's 9th Symphony also known as the *New World Symphony*, the most requested piece in a survey taken from Lubbock Symphony patrons last year. The symphony resonates with American themes—from native American rhythms to African-American spirituals—reflecting the diversity of cultures that make America home to us all. Guitarist David Brandon performs Rodrigo's *Fantasia para un gentilhombre (Fantasia for a Gentleman)* evoking the sounds of this region's Spanish heritage. Charles Ives' *Variations on America* opens the concert with the familiar music of one of our

national hymns.

David In-Jae Cho is the Assistant Conductor of the Utah Symphony. He was appointed the Bruno Walter Resident Conductor of the San Antonio (TX) Symphony in 2004, coming from the New World Symphony in Miami Beach, FL, where he served as assistant conductor. During the 2006-2007 season, Cho will divide his time between the Utah Symphony and the San Antonio Symphony conducting Pops, educational, and some Classical performances. Cho is the recipient of the 2003 Karajan Fellowship at the world-renowned Salzburg Festival (Austria) and participated in the 2003 National Conducting Institute where he debuted with the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. In 1999, Cho made his conducting debut at the Tanglewood Music Center (MA), where he was a conducting fellow, studying with Robert Spano, Seiji Ozawa and Andre Previn. He has participated in the conducting seminar at the Aspen (CO) Music Festival as well as master classes of Jorma Panula and Esa-Pekka Salonen, conducting the Moscow (Russia) Symphony Orchestra and the Schleswig-Holstein Orchestra (Germany).

With Robert Spano's mentorship at Tanglewood, Cho has been invited to conduct the Atlanta

(GA) Symphony Baton Rouge (LA) Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, Memphis (TN) Symphony, New World Symphony, Phoenix (AZ) Symphony, Shoreport (LA) Symphony, Seattle (WA) Symphony, and Utah Symphony to name a few. He is a graduate of the prestigious orchestral academy at the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University (Houston, TX), where he studied with Larry Rachleff. Cho, a native of Korea who immigrated to the U.S. in 1985, is now an American citizen and San Antonio resident. Cho is also an accomplished pianist; he holds a Master of Music in piano performance from the Peabody Conservatory of Music at Johns Hopkins University (MD) and a bachelor of music in piano performance from Oberlin College (OH).

Guitarist David Brandon has performed in numerous concert and television appearances throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. The *Los Angeles Times* has called him "an outstanding technician whose precise control of details is stunning to experience." He toured extensively with America's top-selling classical guitarist Christopher Parkening for 15 years, culminating in a recording for EMI entitled *Virtuoso Duets*. Brandon also appears on Parkening's 25th Anniversary Collection, *The Great Recordings*,

and with Julie Andrews on her Hallmark Christmas album. He has been featured in concert with the late Nashville (TN) guitarist Chet Atkins and jazz artist Dave Brubeck. His most recent concert season included performances at the Palace of Versailles and the Louvre Museum in Paris, and return appearances at Lincoln Center in New York and the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.

Brandon began playing guitar at the age of eight with instruction from his father. At thirteen, he attended master classes under Michael Lorimer as the youngest member of the class. After a year of study and performances in Spain and England, Brandon returned to the United States to study with Christopher Parkening on scholarship at Montana State University. Parkening wrote of his protégé, "David Brandon is an exceptionally gifted musician and a brilliant guitar virtuoso." Brandon's guitar studies culminated with the legendary Andrés Segovia in his 1981 Master Class at the University of Southern California.

Also active in publishing and education, Brandon has operated Brandon Guitar Studio in Lubbock since 1980, which now handles over 250 students weekly. He is on the faculty at Texas Tech University as head of the guitar department and has given master classes and

lectures at many colleges and universities across the nation. Brandon is co-author of *The Christopher Parkening Method*, published by Hal Leonard Corporation and has been the guitar advisor for the National Federation of Music Clubs and a judge for the Music Teachers National Association. A committed Christian, Brandon has been featured in *Guideposts Magazine* and on *The Joy of Music* program aired on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. David Brandon lives in Lubbock with his wife and two sons.

A pops concert, "America at the Movies" will be held on April 13, 2007 at 8 pm at McDonald

Moody Auditorium on the Lubbock Christian University campus. The America Series concludes with "America Sings" on May 4 & 5, 2007, at 8 pm at the Civic Center Theatre located at Mac Davis Lane and Avenue O. This concert will be conducted by our newly appointed Music Director, Tomasz Golka.

Single ticket prices for "America's Choice" are \$42, \$32 and \$18 for adults. Student ticket prices are \$30, \$25 and \$10. For more information or to buy tickets, call (806) 762-1688, visit www.lubbocksymphony.org, or stop by the LSO offices at 1313 Broadway, Suite 2 in Lubbock.

First Presbyterian celebrates groundbreaking ceremony

First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock is pleased to announce a groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, March 25, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. to celebrate the beginning of construction on their new church home located at Highway 1585 (130th Street) and Memphis Avenue. First Presbyterian purchased this ten-acre corner in November 2006 and has contracted with ADC, Inc. of Lubbock as the designer/build team for their 14,000 square foot church.

Funding for the relocation of First Presbyterian Church was established by the late Dr. R.C. Douglas, a long-time and beloved member of First Presbyterian and the Lubbock community. Through his generosity, a \$2 million trust was established and designated for future growth including the purchase of land and construction of a new building. A great supporter of the church's music programs, Dr. Douglas set aside \$500,000 of the trust to be designated as an endowment for the music programs of the church. Through the grace of God and the work of both members and the current Pastor, Rev. Bob Field, the terms of the trust were met in May 2006 after the sale of their current

location to the YWCA. Construction of the new facility should be completed by yearend, and the church should open its doors in early 2008.

First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock celebrated their 100-year anniversary in September 2003. Members are proud of the pioneers who founded this church and of the important role they played in the rich history of Lub-

bock. This pioneering spirit is still alive as the congregation takes their ministry in a new direction by sharing their love of Christ and the gospel to a new and growing area of Lubbock. Please join members and friends as they celebrate this new beginning on March 25 at 4:00 pm.

Special guests will include Mayor David Miller, County Commissioner Bill McCay, Ther-

sa Hardin, Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, and others.

Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers: March Madness

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FY 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program

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

Public Forums will be held as follows:

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

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

50 th Street from Slide Road to W. Loop 289 FM 179 from Donald Preston Drive to Loop 193 Erskine Street from Frankford to Salem Avenue Marsha Sharp Freeway Phase 4 from US 84 to I-27 FM 1730 (Slide Road) from 98 th Street to FM 1585	W. Loop 289 from FM 2525 to US 84 Slide Road from W. Loop 289 to 4 th Street Slide Road from Marshal Street to US 84 W. Loop 289 from 4 th Street to 34 th Street Slide Road from Erskine Road to W. Loop 289
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Transit projects are also included in the FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program.

Locations of Draft FY 2008 – 2011 Transportation Program:

Lubbock MPO Office 916 Main, Suite 706 Lubbock, Texas 79401	Lubbock City Hall Public Information Office 1625 13 th Street Lubbock, Texas 79457	Lubbock County Bldg Main St. and Texas Avenue Commissioner's Office Lubbock, Texas 79408	Wolfforth City Hall 328 East Hwy US 62/82 Wolfforth, Texas 79382
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The FY 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program may also be viewed on the Lubbock MPO's website www.lubbockmpo.org. Comments may be sent to Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization, 916 Main St., Suite 706, Lubbock, Texas 79401 or via email to tblavis@mylubbock.us.

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Editorials • Comments • Opinions



THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

NEED TO ATTEND MPO PUBLIC HEARING! THIS N THAT wants to advise that as a citizen of Lubbock, when ever there is an opportunity to attend a public hearing or **COMMENT**, please do so and express your concerns. There will be one **APRIL 5, 2007** at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be **PROJECTS** in the upcoming FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program, and your input is very valuable. These programs are expected to be constructed during 2008 and 2011. So attend this public hearing so you can be a part of this effort. If there was a concern for **THIS N THAT**, it would be that there are no transportation projects scheduled for East Lubbock. It would have been a great thing if the **MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD SOUTH FLYOVER** had made the list. Now for it to become a reality, we need your input to the **LUBBOCK METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**, and it has to be made known, as the Lubbock City Council has a representative on this panel. At one time, this project was on the list but somehow, it got off. Anyway, that is why it is so important to attend and participate in public hearings like one set for April 5. Will you attend and get involved? Hope

so!
SPEAKING OF INPUT: THIS N THAT would like for you to know about the **HIV/AIDS SERVICES** and that **COMMUNITY FEEDBACK** is being requested and you can do so by writing to: Lubbock Regional MHR Center, Attn: Maria Salazar, Planning Coordinator, P.O. Box 2828, Lubbock, Texas 79408-2828. Write to them and give them some feedback. For more information about this program, you may call (806) 766-0308 or toll free to 1-800-658-6198. Why not submit your input today via mail or telephone?

THANKS TO THE, LINCOLN/DOUGLASS COMMITTEE! THIS N THAT wants to say **THANKS** to the **LINCOLN/DOUGLASS COMMITTEE** for their special effort to see that young people have an opportunity to attend college. This is being done by awarding **TWO \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS** for the 2007-2008 school year. Applications may be picked up at the **PATTERSON LIBRARY**, 1836 Parkway Drive. If you have any questions, contact **MRS. MARY CATO-DENSON** at (806) 744-5050 or (806) 781-7976. Remember the deadline for making application is **APRIL 30, 2007!**
CAREER FAIR SET AT

TTU! THIS N THAT wants all young people and their parents to know if they are interested in attending college, there will be an **EDUCATION & CAREER FAIR** to inform students and parents about free information needed to attend college. This special effort is for students in 9th-12th grade. The program is being hosted by **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER & TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY**. It will be held Saturday, March 31, 2007 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sponsoring the day long event are the **TTU-SC Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs**, the **Black Faculty and Staff Association**, and the **Texas Tech University College of Education**. For more information, contact **KATHLEEN MCPHERSON** at (806) 743-2463, ext. 239.
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Think About It! Black Is Beautiful

by Eddie P. Richardson

By Gwen Spires
(Editor's Note: This writer is using the space of Eddie P. Richardson's article this week. This is a very interesting article written by Gwen Spires.)
Black is just another part of the vast spectrum of color in the world. Generally, the color Black has been linked to things that are bad, evil or supernatural. Bad days are often called "black days." Witches are dressed in black outfits. Bad family members are referred to as the black sheep. Black cats are said to be bad luck. Seemingly endless bad situations are called Black holes. I could go on, but you get the message. All of this is nothing more than hogwash and age-old superstition. Nothing in the world matches the beauty of pretty Black women with velvet smooth skin. Notice the beauty of a bright, shiny black automobile. Pay attention to the sleekness of a beautiful black stallion.
Also, picture the beauty of the

rare black orchid. Then ask yourself, "Is black all of the bad things people say it is?" Ask yourself is black beautiful? One must conclude that black is like all of the other colors in the universe. This brings me to the point of all of this. During the sixties and early seventies, Black people sang with pride and sincerity. "I am Black and I am proud." Today, I fear that many of us have forgotten that we are Black. Some of us have become ashamed of our color. Some of us believe the hogwash and age-old sayings that degrade the color black. There are those of us who tend to believe this, and no longer want to be black or be called black. We have chosen to call ourselves African-Americans. I would like to remind my brothers and sisters that regardless of whether we call ourselves Black or African-Americans, we are one and the same. We need to always remember this. We need to understand that none of us can truly be okay, unless we are all

okay. Stand up for your blackness. Be proud of it. With this being Black History Month (every month, not just February), there is no better time than now for us to preach and praise the beauty of the accomplishments of Black people. Black hands, black minds and black talent are primarily responsible for the wonders we enjoy throughout the world. Blacks are not living in the United States or other parts of the world for free. We have paid our dues the world over. We have everything to be proud of. I, therefore, say to all people who look like me to return to the race. Don't be afraid or ashamed of being Black. The same Supreme Being that made all of the colors in the universe, made the color black. No specific traits were assigned to the other colors, and none was assigned to the color Black. Believe me, there are children in our neighborhood who are ashamed to be Black. I know there are some in my neighborhood.

We Get Letters!

Who Are Lubbock's Black Leaders?

Since the short calendar month for Black History has officially come to a close until next year, I'd like to commend and temper my criticisms of what transpired during this brief period in our city. I'd like to commend the students and the staff of Rise Academy for a very inspirational program; to Mr. Love and the music department at Alderson Middle School. You guys represented well at the Patterson Library and the Black History Bowl. Additionally, hats off to the other activities that comprised what was informative and inspirational also. With all of these being said, allow me to elaborate of concerns that I have. In the March 8-14, 2007 issue of the **Southwest Digest**, (This 'N That) you conveniently wrote the following statement: "During the morning opening (at Alderson???) ceremonies, local Black leaders were recognized." Who are Lubbock's Black leaders? Who chose or decided these were the spokesperson (leaders) for East Lubbock? What have these Black leaders done to merit their status? I am only questioning this loosely used term because I find myself searching for progress that these "so called" leaders are making toward improving economic, some senior citizens lacking the three basic meals per day, status seekers, political pawns, or a

few of our glorified clergymen!! Please help me to have clarity and truth about these leaders. Lastly, as Black History month has come and gone, the notion that our children can't learn too much about their past in order to better prepare for the future. The idea that a black student who works hard to make good grades is "acting white" is absurd. We should place more value on the importance of doing one's best in the classroom, as this will be helpful in paving the way for his or her status in the workplace. Spending many hours watching television, texts messaging their peers with idle thoughts, playing video games, or other off forms of recreation have their place and time. However, we must encourage our young people to spend more time on their studies. Our young little darlings must be encouraged to have a meaningful relationship with Christ early in life, the importance of respect for their parents, neighbors, teachers, elders, their voting rights and being good citizens. Their study of history should include the fact that many people, black and white died for the right to vote. For example, how many of our children are aware that Lubbock's former boot maker, Mr. Willie Lusk, made custom made boots, and **Ebony Magazine** wrote about his talent and about people in Hollywood and beyond who purchased these boots? In closing, all of this might

sound like "old school rhetoric", let's be mindful that a growing number of observers are pointing to the need for more discipline in the classroom, more community support for what goes on in our classrooms, more parental support and participation in the learning process and finally, and fostering and supporting the idea of the extended family.
Maurice A. Williams, Lubbock
Editor's Note: As always, thanks for your input, via a letter to the Editor. Those Black leaders were not chosen by the Southwest Digest. It is only our posture to report what has been given to us in that manner. Keep in mind, we as Black people are all leaders when it comes to doing what's positive in our community. You see, we all have a tremendous job to do no matter what our status. Your concern for more parental involvement will solve many of our problems. Hopefully, parents will read what you have written and become more concerned about what is happening on our school campuses and will visit more. Keep writing. The Ed.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

It appears that things are really heating up in the capital, Washington, D. C. The Attorney General has fired a large number of U. S. Attorneys and now Congress is calling for his resignation. This has come in the midst of the Libby trial, where he was found guilty of not telling the truth about the disclosure of the wife of a presidential critic serving in the CIA. To take some of the heat into a different direction, President Bush make a tour of Latin America.
The presidential tour of Latin America has not diminished the daily battle in Congress and America in general to withdraw American troops from Iraq. For that matter, it would not hurt to withdraw them from Afghanistan too. Everyday, the top of the news is about the American soldiers killed in Iraq by car bombs, roadside bombs, suicide bombers, etc., in the midst of a civil war. American soldiers are in

guerilla warfare, not the standard combat style which they normally train for. In reading and listening to the media, we can often see and hear about ill-equipped American troops going into battle ill-equipped for their mission and having to use old and outdated equipment which as soon fail as work. Entry of this nature into a hostile area for fighting a war where one does not know the enemy, is tantamount to suicide in itself. Instead of continuing to send American troops, or anyone else's troops to Iraq, the world will not be worse off if all foreign troops pulled out and went home to secure their own countries.

America is already torn with natural disasters; the storm Katrina almost wiping out a whole city and doing extensive damage to others is just one example. Earthquakes, landslides and wild fires are taking toll in California. What would we have done if these had not been natural disasters? It has been almost two years and recovery is not half complete for Katrina victims. How will we handle a human based destructive invasion? Pande-monium would set in. It is time for us to get "in cinque" and make sure that our Congressman or Congresswoman know exactly what we need and want and what is best for this country.

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The saints of Church of God in Christ are in grief tonight after the loss of their beloved bishop.

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As the sun set, the saints arrived to mourn the passing of Bishop G.E. Patterson.

"He loved people. A man of great humility even with all that God had blessed him with, and just a wonderful example to anybody who seeks to serve," said COGIC Elder Bobby White.

Saints hung flags at half mast outside Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ.

Inside, Tuesday night service became a time for deep prayer.

"We all loved him and cared about him and respected him and we've come to give him honor in prayer," said COGIC Saint Ollie Jones.

Though Bishop Patterson was ailing for some time, followers like

Ollie Jones say it was hard to believe he was actually gone.

"It's not true, it's not true. I said I can't believe it, it's not true," said Jones.

Elder Bobby White says it's a time to rejoice in Bishop Patterson's legacy and to pray. "We hope that they would pray for the strength of the family."

He says it will be hard to replace the world renowned leader. "We're just following the leading of the Lord into the future."

"We've still got to keep the church going, because this church here is a lighthouse for the world," said Jones.

Saints say their Bishop is now in the place where the saints hope to go.

Patterson often said, "Be

healed, be delivered and be set free."

The following is a statement from the Carter Malone Group, which acted as spokesperson for Patterson and COGIC:

Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop G.E. Patterson, passed away as a result of heart failure. Patterson was surrounded by his wife, Mrs. Louise Patterson, and his family.

Patterson served as the leader of the fourth-largest Protestant religious denomination in the world with an estimated membership of 6.5 million members. He led the denomination since November 2000.

Two years ago, Patterson disclosed he had prostate cancer. In January, he was hospitalized with

undisclosed illness.


About Gilbert Earl Patterson

Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson was born in 1939 to Bishop W. A. and Mrs. Mary Patterson, Sr. in Humboldt, Tennessee. He was reared in Memphis, Tennessee and Detroit, Michigan. Bishop J. S. Bailey ordained him in 1958 as an elder in the Church of God in Christ. In 1962, Bishop Patterson became co-pastor with his father at Holy Temple Church of God in Christ in Memphis, Tennessee. Bishop Patterson continued his pastorate in 1975 as the founder and pastor of Temple of Deliverance, the Cathedral of the Bountiful Blessings in Memphis, Tennessee. Today, Tem-

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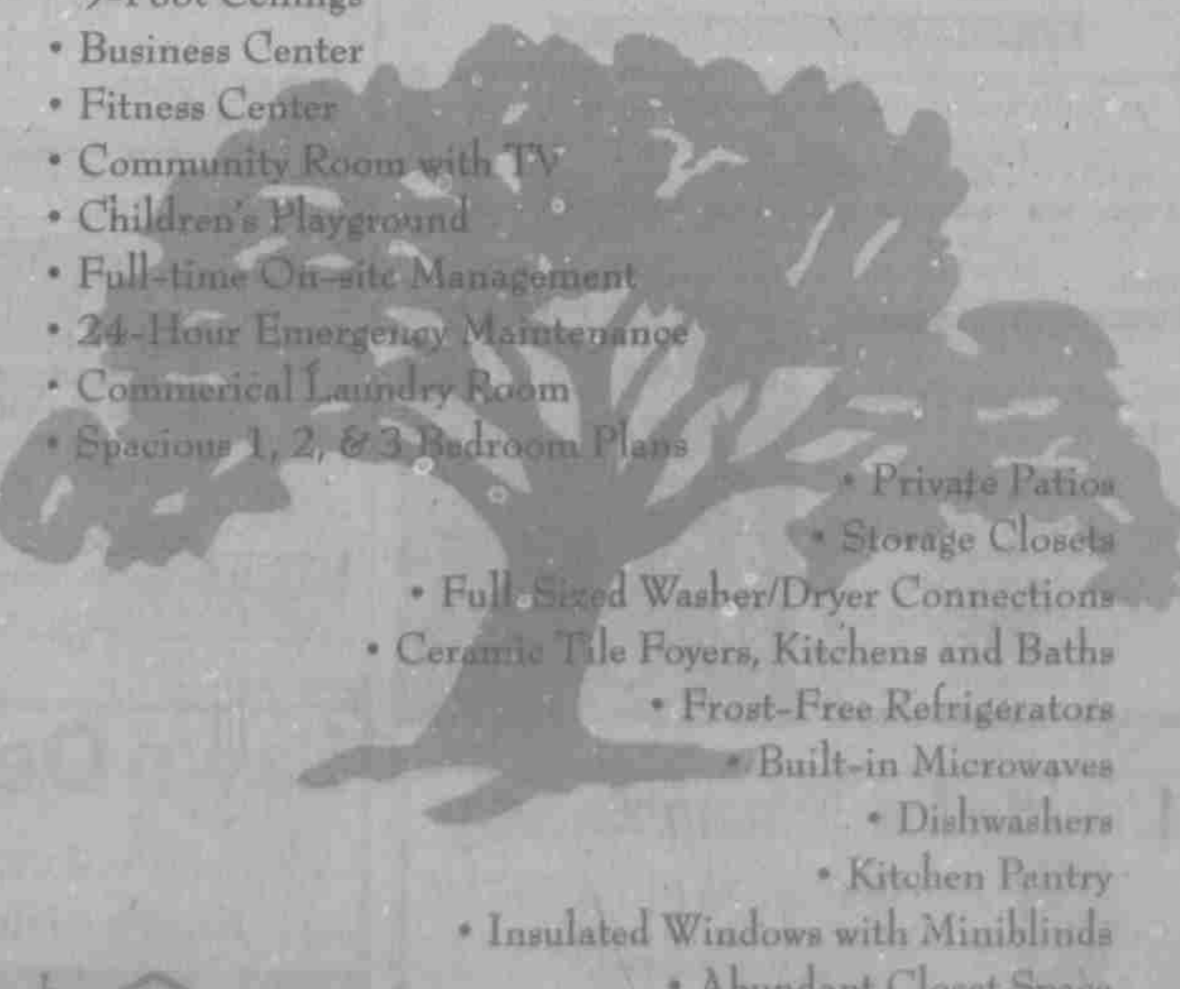
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