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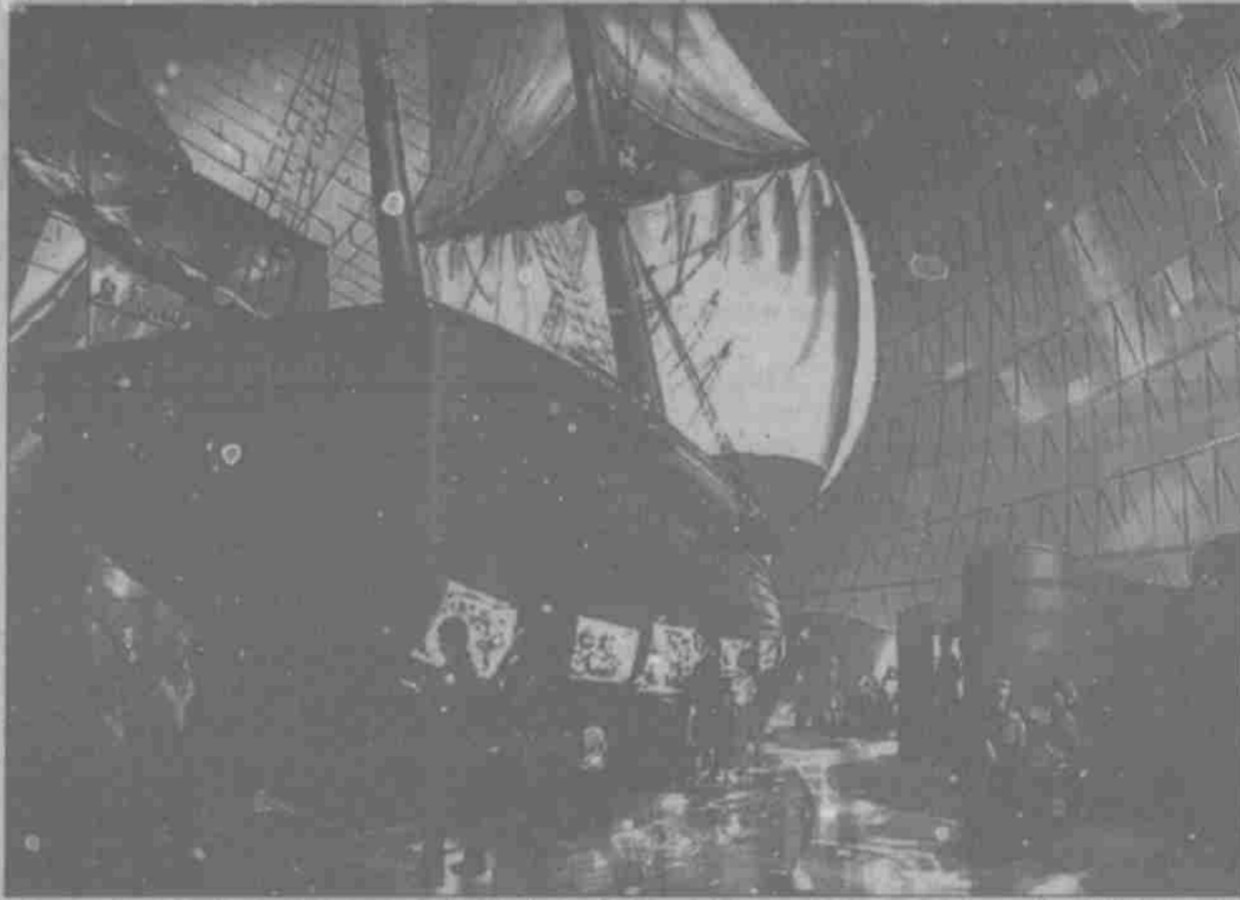
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## U.S. National Slavery Museum receives \$200,000 contribution

Fredericksburg, Va. - The United States National Slavery Museum (USNSM) [www.usnsm.org](http://www.usnsm.org) has announced that Philip Morris USA has joined other corporations in contributing \$200,000 to the museum. The funding will bolster USNSM's staffing and overall fundraising efforts.

"The U.S. National Slavery Museum will be an important educational asset to both the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation," said Tina A. Walls, senior vice president, External Affairs, Philip Morris USA. "We are proud to support the museum's efforts to establish itself as a national destination for learning and reconciliation." USNSM will use the funds to further enhance its infrastructure and program efforts. As such, the museum will increase its professional staff, as well as invest the funds in its capital campaign that targets significant corporate donors.

"The funding from Philip Morris USA reinforces the viability of this museum, which will offer a thorough picture of slavery in our country and will not cast blame or guilt," said L. Douglas Wilder, former Virginia



The visual centerpiece of the proposed U.S. National Slavery Museum in Fredericksburg, Va., is to be a full-size replica of the Portuguese slave ship Dos Amigos. The reproduction vessel will be visible through a giant wall of glass to drivers on nearby Interstate 95.

Governor, current mayor of the City of Richmond, Va. and founder of USNSM. "The topic

of slavery has not been deeply explored in our schools, as well as cultural and historical institu-

tions. This museum aims to bridge this gap with educational and civic initiatives that will pro-

mote the topic of slavery in a non-threatening manner."

### About the United States National Slavery Museum

Located in Fredericksburg, Va., on 38 acres along the Rappahannock River, the USNSM will be the first and only museum in the U.S. aimed at exclusively telling the story of slavery in America. The museum will offer 100,000 +/- square feet of permanent and temporary exhibit space, including a full-scale replica of a slave ship. Its exhibits will be driven by the most cutting-edge, high-tech audiovisuals, including a 450-seat theater as well as three other dynamic theaters, taking visitors on a journey through time. The museum's chairman of the Board of Directors is the Hon. L. Douglas Wilder, who conceptualized the project at an African/African American conference in Gabon. Other board members include Dr. William Cosby, Dr. Jacob Gelt Dekker, John Elkington, Professor Emeritus John Hope Franklin, Dr. William R. Harvey, Esq., Larry Silver, Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie and Dr. H. Patrick Swygert.

### Community Meetings

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

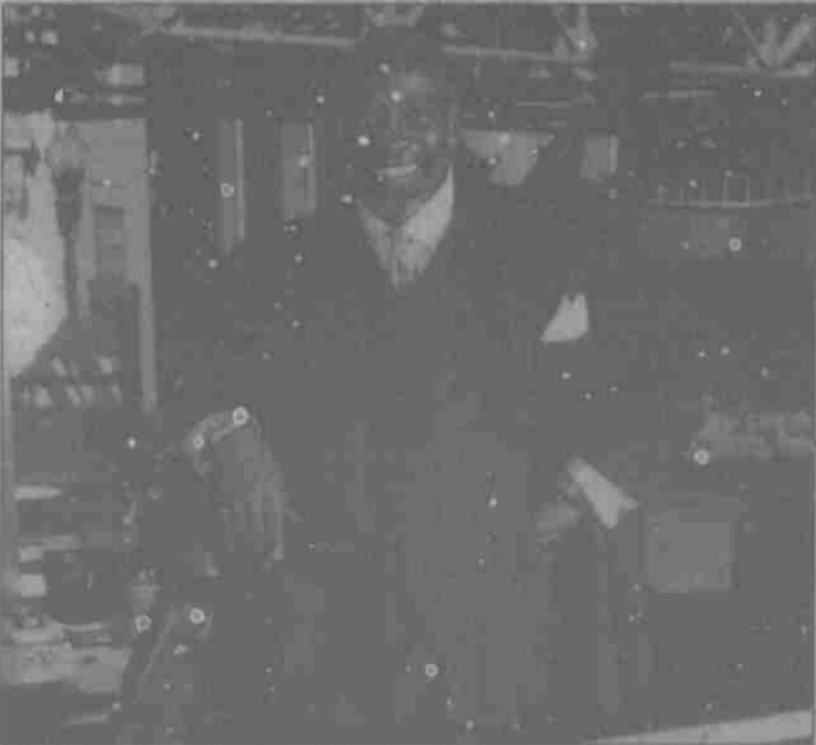
- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- DuBar 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 1:30 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Menkel Alumni Center
- DuBar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the DuBar-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.
- Chatham 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.

## Rags-To-Riches CEO, Christopher Gardner to speak in Lubbock

Christopher Gardner, rags-to-riches author of "The Pursuit of Happiness" and CEO of Christopher Gardner International Holdings, will be the speaker for the Mentor Tech Banquet Wednesday evening, April 25, 2007, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall.

Gardner, who will be the keynote speaker for the Mentor tech event, gives motivational speeches addressing keys to self-empowerment, beating the odds, and breaking cycles.

A series of circumstances in the 1980s left Gardner and his toddler son homeless in San Francisco. Without connections or a college degree, he earned a spot in the Dean Wittier Reynolds training program, then became top earner at Bear Stearns & Co.



Gardner

Gardner's book recently was made into a movie by the same title and starring Will Smith, and Gardner is an associate producer.

Always hard working and tenacious, a series of circumstances in the early 1980's left Gardner homeless. Often spending his nights in a church shelter or the bathroom at a Bay Area Rapid Transit station in Oakland, Gardner was the sole trainee offered a job at Dean Wittier Reynolds in 1981. He spent 1983-1987 at Bear Stearns & Co., where he became a top earner, and then in 1987, he founded the brokerage firm Gardner Rich & Co.

Gardner is particularly committed to educational organizations. He serves on the board of the National Education Educational Foundation and sponsors two

annual awards: the National Education Association's National Educational Support Personnel Award and the American Federation of Teachers' Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel (PSRP) Award. He is also involved with the Chicago Teachers' Union, sponsoring activities and outings for Chicago public school kids.

The banquet supports the Lauro Cavazos & Ophelia Powell Malone Mentoring Program (Mentor Tech), a program that enhances the quality of the educational experience of students from underrepresented populations through programs, services, advocacy and campus and community involvement.

Tickets are \$35 apiece or \$600 & \$400 for a table of eight.

## Mo'Nique: Still doing big things



For the third season of her "full figured beauty pageant," super-sized super-woman Mo'Nique is taking her plus-sized protégées to the City of Light.

"Mo'Nique's F.A.T. Chance Paris" will officially kick off with multi-city casting calls in Los Angeles (April 14), Chicago (April 19) and Dallas (April 21).

Official casting details can be found at the website: [www.mo-nique.com/MoNiquecasting.aspx](http://www.mo-nique.com/MoNiquecasting.aspx)

The Oprah Winfrey-co-founded network has also given viewers the chance to be a season three contestant with the launch of its online contest "America Votes" earlier this month.

Following the national casting calls, five finalists will be flown to

the City of Light where the comedic icon will lead them through a new series of boot camp trials that will test their character and challenge their own ideas of beauty. Culminating in a runway fashion show, the contestants will compete for the title of Miss F.A.T. (Fabulous And Thick) and a \$50,000 cash prize in front of a panel of expert judges, all while ushering in a new era of models to the Paris catwalk.

A one-hour casting special will air on the Oxygen Network on July 21, followed by the July 28 two-hour special, which will redefine beauty in the world's fashion capital.

"We're excited to partner with Mo'Nique once again," Oxygen's President of Programming and Marketing Debby Beece said. "She is such a trailblazer and truly unafraid to do the unexpected, which makes her completely on-brand for us. Filming this third special in Paris, a city always in the foreground for fashion and glamour, is such a unique idea. It will make the show's message of self-acceptance resonate even more strongly with our audience and her fans."

Mo'Nique, legally known as Monique Levee Hicks, serves as creator, host, and executive producer of F.A.T. Chance.

Next week, she will serve as an etiquette overlord on VH1's "Flavor of Love Girls: Charm School."

## Legendary Eddie Robinson



In a 1988 photo, Coach Eddie Robinson is shown with Wanda Merritt and her 8-month son Cullen Merritt. Cullen is now a 19-year-old freshman at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Coach Robinson died Tuesday, April 3, 2007 of Alzheimer's. He was 88.

He was the former coach of Grambling University. He had 408 victories, 8 national championships, over 200 NFL players coached (including the first player drafted from a historically Black college/university), and an 80% graduation rate for his athletes in 57 years coaching at Grambling.

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.



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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The New Hope Baptist Church will celebrate its 81st Church Anniversary with services at 3:30 p. m. on Sunday afternoon, April 15, 2007. The guest speaker will be Rev. Sonia J. Beaty, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor of New Hope.

The public is invited to attend this special service.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, Easter Sunday, at the New Hope Baptist Church. Services got underway with Meditation and prayer, followed by the Praise Team singing and praising God. Minister A. Wilson read the morning scripture, and the morning prayer was offered by Minister E. McCutcheon.

Several selections were sung by the New Hope Choir. Pastor B. R. Moton delivered the Easter sermon. His subject was "A Divine Set Up." His scripture text was St. John 1:1-6.

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

The Stewards of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will sponsor the Sunday morning breakfast, April 22, 2007, from 8 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. They are asking all who will to come and fellowship with them. Rev. Sonia J. Beaty is pastor.

Carter Chapel Methodist Church, 420 North Martin Luther King Blvd., is hosting a Health Fair on Saturday, April 14, 2007, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. There will be screening and education on high blood pressure, diabetes, nutrition, vision screening, hand washing techniques, and much more.

The Community Center of Lubbock is sponsoring this event. Rev. L. Moore is host pastor.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in this week. Among them include Brother Gary Bunton, who is a patient in ICU at Covenant Health System. Let us not forget Sister Dorothy Nash who is ill as well.

Let us not forget Sister Bobbie Brown and Brother Lester C. Brown who still remain on the shut-in list. As well as Sister

Emma Rowe and Sister Lillie Smith who are still shut-in.

For those mentioned this week and for the many, many more, remember God is able! No matter our circumstance.

Let us remind you of the City Wide Usher's Annual Day which will be held Saturday, April 14, 2007, at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, beginning at 5 p.m. Sister Sarah Bunton is president.

The Lubbock Independent School District is celebrating its 100th Year. Why not help celebrate by visiting a Lubbock Public School. This school district was created on April 4, 1907.

Here is an announcement which may benefit someone. "Narconon Arrowhead reminds you that April is the 20th annual Alcohol Awareness Month. Narconon Arrowhead offers free addiction counseling, assessments, and referrals nationwide and in the Lubbock area. If you or someone you love is struggling with an addiction call Narconon Arrowhead today at 1-800-468-6933 or log on to [www.stopaddiction.com](http://www.stopaddiction.com).

## TTUHSC seeking subjects for Alzheimer's research

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center researchers are recruiting 125 people with Alzheimer's disease to participate in state-funded research. The research, which is a part of the Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium, will explore how genetics and inflammatory changes in the blood affect the onset of this disease.

Randolph Schiffer, M.D., chair of the Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at TTUHSC, said it is exciting to be only one-of-four institutions in the state involved in the consortium but most importantly, contribute to the possible research that will find answers to Alzheimer's disease.

"This research holds great promise for advancing our understanding of the possible triggers of Alzheimer's disease that could lead to earlier diagnosis and improvements in patient care and quality of life," Schiffer said.

Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock supports the consortium. "The Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium is doing ground-breaking work," Duncan said. "I am proud that the Legislature provided \$2 million for Alzheimer's research in 2005, the first state appropriation of its kind in Texas history. And, there is more work to be done." More than 200,000 Texans and their families are coping with Alzheimer's disease today. That number is projected to more than double to about 500,000 cases by 2025.

"Participating subjects in this research will benefit from having some of the nation's top Alzheimer's researchers, from our institution and the three other member institutions of the Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium, using their genetic and

blood data to help answer research questions about onset, triggers and progression of Alzheimer's disease," Schiffer said.

Other member institutions of the Consortium are Baylor College of Medicine, The University

of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and University of North Texas Health Science Center.

Persons interested in participating in this study should contact Merena Tindall, R.N., at 1-806-743-2935 or [merena.tindall@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:merena.tindall@ttuhsc.edu).

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All have sinned - Romans 3:23  
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:38  
We must do God's will and obey Him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb 5:9  
How do we obey Him?  
Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17  
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16  
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3  
Confess - Romans 10:10  
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38  
Be faithful until death - Rev 2:10

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Church School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am

### Wednesday Services

Bible Study  
12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm

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MAN OUR BROTHER"

## Kids can celebrate Earth Day, too

Join in the fun as the Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center celebrates Earth Day with a week of environmentally friendly activities for kids April 16-20, 2007. Children ages 6 to 12 will meet in the afternoon and evenings to learn about ecology and conservation, create recycled art, grow tin can plants and experiment with tie-dye. Kids will enjoy hands on activities during each of the five classes. Class times for Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be 4-5 p.m. and for Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The class schedule is listed below. Cost is \$20 per class or \$100 for the whole week. Register by calling the Garden and Arts Center at 767-3724.

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center, a cultural landmark on the South Plains since 1959, is located at

### Classes are as follows:

Monday, April 16  
Ecology; 4-5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17  
Conservation;  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18  
Tin Can Plants; 4-5 p.m.

Thursday, April 19  
Recycled Art;  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20  
Tie Dye; 4-5 p.m.

4215 University Avenue. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information about classes

and reservations, call the Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center at (806) 767-3724, send email to [agriffith@mylubbock.net](mailto:agriffith@mylubbock.net) or visit their web site at [www.lubbockgac.org](http://www.lubbockgac.org)

## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### SPARKLE INTO SPRING

Sparkle inspires your romantic side and attain a look of spring perfection. Carefully



choose rich sumptuous fabrics, embellished with luxurious touches of lace, rhinestones, ruffles and bell sleeves. The look of textural silk, with it's uneven finish and soft glow will be very popular this spring. Multi-colored beads create a shimmering display on your tops and blouses adding an iridescent beauty to your fashions. Remember color refreshing sparkle is what spring is all about.

Don't be afraid to light up a room. AFTER ALL LADIES, THAT'S YOUR JOB!

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

## 34th Street Association meeting

The 34th Street Association of Lubbock will host its annual general membership meeting from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the Sunset Church of Christ Family Life Center, 34th Street and Louisville.

The Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Center and Caprock Business-Finance Corporation will present information to assist businesses with loan programs

and business counseling opportunities.

The 2007 cooperative advertising program will be unveiled along with plans to designate 34th Street as a historical site. Board elections to fill four expiring terms will also take place.

The 34th Street Association of Lubbock was formed in 2005 to promote revitalization and stabilization of the 34th Street business corridor.

## Annual Usher Day set at Bethel

The Ushers of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will sponsor its Annual Day on Saturday afternoon, April 14, 2007, beginning at 5 p.m.

Sister Sarah Bunton is president. Rev. Sonia J. Beaty is host pastor. Bethel is located at 2202 Southeast Drive.

All Ushers and public are invited to attend.

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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus America God's Blessed Vineyard

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

Mark 12:1b - Jesus said, a certain man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and dug a place for the wine vat, and build a tower. And let out to husbandman, and went into a far country.

America is that land. God blessed it and planted it with his very, very best - oil, cotton, wheat, corn, cattle, and the Bibles. His Word he gave to give them rest.

John 14:27 - Jesus said, peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you. Not as the world gives. Give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

America has been blessed to go to the moon. Do all kinds of transplants of every kind. Now she thinks she is doing it on her own, but she has got to be out of her mind!!!

Jeremiah 9:23-24 - this said the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom. Neither let the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glory in this that he understands and know me that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness in the earth for in these things I delight, said the Lord.

\*\*\* Why Say God Bless America, He Has Already!!! \*\*\*

Now America doesn't want anyone to tell her about changing her evil wicked ways. She thinks

she's too big to fall. But God's word says the fall will come someday!!!

Matthew 7:26-27 - Jesus said, everyone that hears these sayings of mine and do them not shall be like a foolish man which built his house upon sand, and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

America became very proud and high minded, and has left the Lord's word. In her courthouses and in her schools, God's word is not wanted to be heard!!!

Revelation 2:2a -4 - Jesus said, I know your works, and your labor, and your patience, and how you cannot bear them which are evil. Nevertheless, I have something against thee, because you have left your first love.

America gave her children their rights not use God's name in the schools. To use God's name inside those walls, it against America's new rules!!!

Romans 1:18-21, 22 & 23 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men because that when they (The Churches) in unrighteousness. Because that when they (The Churches) knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were

thankful. But became vain in their imaginations (Dreamers), and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves (The Churches) to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the un-corruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man (Mertin Luther King).

\*\*\* Which King Is America Following: MLK Or King Jesus??? \*\*\*

America-use to use the death penalty to correct and repay, and to help rebuild. Not using the death penalty now there's no fear and killings are done for a thrill!!!

Genesis 9:6 - The Lord said, who so sheds man's blood by man shall his blood be shed. For in the image of God made he man.

\*\*\* Take The "B" From Bless And It Reads: God Less America!!! \*\*\*

America, God is coming back one day! He's looking for his fruit from his land. He will judge America for her wrong doings from every woman, boy, girl and man.

Proverbs 14:34; 15:8 - Righteousness exalts a nation. But sin is a reproach to any people. The Sacrifice of the wicked is abomination to the Lord, but the prayers of the upright is his delight.

\*\*\* God Said, If People Which Are Called By Name!!! \*\*\*



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Leadership or Dictatorship

Thursday, April 5, 2007  
Lubbock Avalanche Opinion (Our View) stirred the provoking thought of "leadership or dictatorship". The "Our View" was a plea not to close the door on open government.

A part of the "Our View" reads: "Lubbock County and the city of Lubbock are taking objectionable steps toward making access to public information more difficult, more expensive or both - that is when they're not denying it all together."

In separate ways, both tax-supported entities are making open government less open. We view their attempts to do so with alarm. You should, too.

The free and unrestricted flow of information keeps you informed and up-to-date on what's going on in the government you pay for with your taxes. After all, the public's right to know does not depend on the whims of officials, elected or non-elected.

County Commissioners are moving ahead with plans to start charging for court records posted on the internet and in the process turning a profit on public information. And with the help from state Rep. Delwin Jones, R. Lubbock, the city of Lubbock is trying to get legislation passed allowing elected officials to conduct

more of the public business behind closed doors."

The former purposely proposed behavior stirs the provoking thought of dictatorship instead of leadership. When I think of a form of dictatorship where people are force to bend themselves—and experience excruciating pain, I am reminded of the following leaders: Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir of Sudan, Adolf Hitler of Germany, Alberto Fujimori of Peru, Abraham Lincoln (suspended writ of habeas corpus during American Civil War), Indira Gandhi of India and George W. Bush (suspended habeas corpus for aliens detained as enemy combatants).

I certainly agree with the "Our View" in that "we can't fathom the county charging an excessive amount for providing public information. Neither proposal inspires much confidence in our elected leaders. In fact, just the opposite: It help perpetuate a climate of suspicion and distrust. There enough of that already, without the county and city adding to it."

There is the thought that great leaders surrounded themselves with great and sensible ideas. These great leaders also surround themselves with other great and creative leaders and promote them. They

are not threatened by the powers-that-be nor are they jealous of them. Dictators surround themselves with yes-men and are always paranoid. They cannot seem to keep anyone around for long, except slaves whose creativity and potential are stifled, because they are always reminded of the boss' agenda.

As leaders, we have to be careful about our agenda. Sometimes our agenda is not the people's agenda. We have to be careful because there is an unknown in us that will cause us to play Baal and enslave people. In addition, if a people or organizations threaten our little kingdom and us we will find ways to destroy or run them off. And if they burn out or run out like most of them do, we can clone some more brainless servants who will bow and massage our donkey until they are used up too. This will sooner or later lead to our demise. Leaders in government and other entities need to be fair with all the people.

Maybe someone need to tell our leaders that strong and right leadership will lead to strong follow-ship, and God is not in selfish dictatorship. They may also need informing that if they find no other great leader can work with them that ought to tell them something.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The monthly meeting of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast was postponed last Saturday morning, April 7, 2007, because of the inclement weather on the Easter weekend. God is able, no matter the weather!

Here is a word about Mark 11:20-26 & II Chronicles 7:12-14 - There are two parts to this unusual incident. The cursing of the fig tree and the cleansing of the temple. The temple was supposed to be a place of worship, but true worship had disappeared.

The fig tree showed promise of fruit, but it produced none. Jesus was showing his anger at religious life without substance.

If you go through the motions of faith without putting it to work in your life you're like the fig tree that withered and died. Genuine faith has great potential. Ask God to help you bear fruit for His Kingdom. If you pray for a mountain of earth to move into the sea, it has

nothing to do with God's will, but Jesus used that picture to say that it is possible for God to do the impossible. God answers prayer, but not as a result of a positive mental attitude. Other conditions must be met. Namely, (1) you must be a believer; (2) you must not hold grudges against others, and (3) you must not pray with selfish motives.

In order to pray effectively, you need faith in God. Not faith in the object of your request. If you put your faith in your request if you will have nothing when your request is refused, let's check out ourselves to see if we're praying with our focus on our interest or on God's. Pray to receive what God has already died for. Receive it by faith. You can't see it. Hebrews 11:1.

**Thoughts:**  
I Are you holding a little nothing against your neighbor???  
How many more notes do we have to take; how many more

Bibles do we have to mark up; how many more conventions do we have to attend; how many more prayer meetings; how many more Bible studies. How many more planned programs? How many more prisons will they have to build? How many more children do we have to lose? How many more churches have to be built before we realize we are the salt of this earth?

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, April 14, 2007, beginning at 9 a.m. in the home of Sister Annie McBride, 204 Walnut Avenue. We sure would like to see you there! All of you are just special to us! For all of our hurting people, we are praying for YOU!

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## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, April 8, 2007, was another glorious day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

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 morning lesson was entitled "Discovering Resurrection." The lesson scripture was Revelations 1:12, 17-18; John 20:11-16 & 30-31. What a wonderful lesson which reminded all of us in attendance what the Resurrection is all about.

The morning worship began with devotion at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge. The St. Matthew Baptist

Church Senior Choir was at their post of duty singing out of their hearts and souls for the Lord! Oh, what a wonderful time we had in God's house.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful sermon. His subject was "It Is Finished!" His scripture text was John 19:20. What a wonderful and uplifting sermon for all in attendance.

We are asking you to continue to pray for our sick and shut in members and others. Among those include Sister Oreltha Moore, Sister George Ann Hereford, Sister Annie Stanley and Brother Willis Flowers. Remember, God is able!

**Thought For The Week:** "At Calvary's cross, we stand at the crossroads to heaven or hell!"

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## Weathering the storm



Some members of Rutgers women's basketball team listen as coach C. Vivian Stringer speaks at a news conference on campus in Piscataway, N.J., Tuesday, April 10, 2007, to react to remarks directed at her team made on air by radio personality Don Imus. The team said they would meet privately with Imus. Players are Rashidat Junaid, from left, Myla McCurdy, Brittany Ray, Epiphany Prince and Dee Dee Jernigan, all freshmen.

## Upcoming Library Events

### Clowning Around at the Library

Cherie and Dave, two clowns from the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus, will be visiting the Lubbock Public Libraries for a series of special story hours. Mahon Library (1306 9th Street), Friday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. These are free programs. For more information, call 775-2838.

### Superhero Saturday at the Mahon Library

Captain America lives! Come to the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, on Saturday, April 14 at 2:30 p.m. for a Captain America double feature. Please call the library at 775-2835 for more information.

### Free Salsa Class at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a free salsa dance class with professional instructors on Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m. For more information, call the library at 767-3733.

### Improve Your Child's Reading at the Patterson Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will host "Improve Your Child's Reading," a workshop for parents of 3 to 9 year-olds, on Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m. Kurt Kerns will be the presenter. For more information, please call 767-3300.

### Dragon Program at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker Avenue, will show two animated movies about dragons on Monday, April 16 at 6 p.m. For middle school and up. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 792-6566.

### "Share a Book with a Child" at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, presents "Share a Book with a Child," a special storytime for children and their parents, on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. Each family that attends will receive a free book to take home. For more information, call 767-3300.

### Movie at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker Avenue, will show the documentary film "Expo: The Magic of the White City" on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:45 p.m. The film explores the various exhibits and history of the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. This program is part of Lubbock Reads 2007, featuring the book "The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larson. Learn more at www.lubbocklibrary.com. For more information, call the library at 792-6566.

## United Supermarkets to be honored with Community Champion Award

United Supermarkets will be honored with the 3rd annual Community Champion Award at a banquet to be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8th at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Kent Hance, Texas Tech University Chancellor, will serve as the keynote speaker and City of Lubbock Mayor David Miller will serve as the Master of Cer-

emonies. The Community Champion Award banquet serves as a fundraising event for the North and East Lubbock Community Development Corporation (NELCDC). The Community Champion Award is presented annually by the NELCDC to an individual or organization that has demonstrated exemplary

leadership and service throughout Lubbock.

According to Irusema Velasquez, Board Chairman of the NELCDC, "This award honors United Supermarkets for their efforts to make a difference in all areas of our community. United is the definition of champion...one that is clearly superior and is an ardent sup-

porter of a cause."

The mission of the NELCDC is to create, facilitate and promote housing and economic development in north and east Lubbock. In 2006 and 2007, the NELCDC has placed 10 homebuyers in King's Dominion, east Lubbock's first single family residential subdivision since

1954. The NELCDC's counseling services have yielded approximately \$2 million in mortgage originations for the city of Lubbock.

Ticket information for the 3rd Annual Community Champion Award Banquet can be obtained by contacting the NELCDC at 806-747-5937.

## SPC hosts 17th Big Band Dance

The 17th annual Big Band Dance will be held April 14 from 7 to 10 pm in the South Plains College Sundown Room in the Student Activities Building on the Levelland campus. Admission is \$6 per person and light refreshments will be served.

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

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

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

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# Running comes naturally in Walker family

It was just two decades ago when a city-wide track record was set by an Atkins Middle School student, Marsha Evelyn Johnson. Twenty years later, the record has fallen, but not far from the tree. You see, Jasmine Walker, an eighth grader at Smylie Wilson Middle School, broke her mom's long-standing record in the 100-meter dash on Monday, March 6, 2007 with a time of 12:09.

"Who would imagine the record would stand for 20 years?" said Marsha Walker. "Then, it was my daughter who breaks it." She recalls



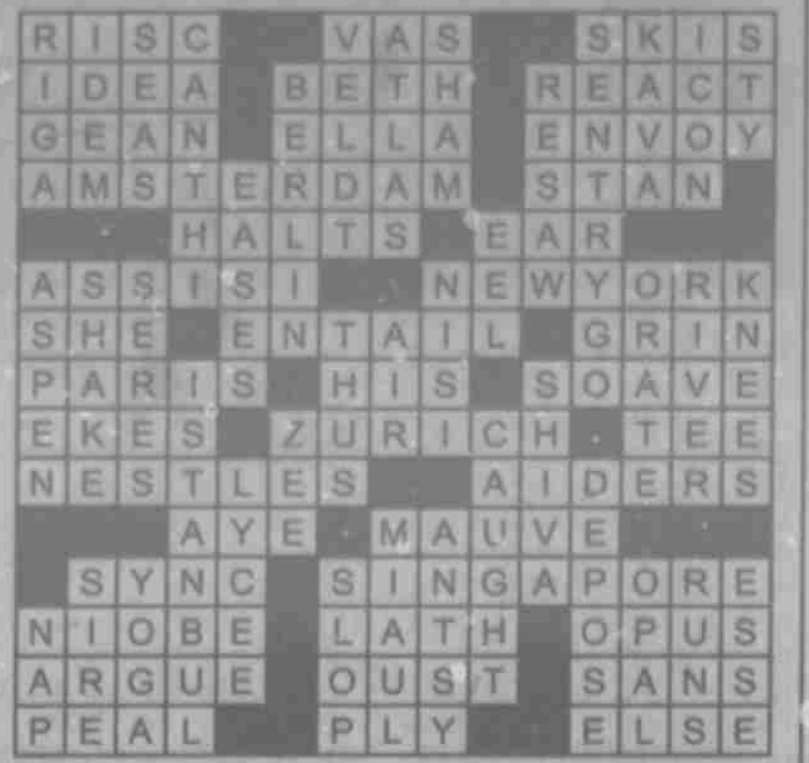
Caption Jasmine Walker, left, holds the blue ribbon she won when she broke the record held for 20 years by her mother, Marsha Walker, right.

when Coach Hernandez told her, "All I could do was scream. I think coach had to tell me like three times."

An all-around athlete, track is special to Jasmine because of her mother's legacy. Her mom always encouraged her to run. Jasmine's eyes filled with tears when she realized she broke the record. "I was happy ... really happy," she said.

With three younger Walkers all running summer track, Marsha said she knows more records will be broken. "It runs in the family," she said.

Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answer: World Cities



# Lace front wigs: Celebrities' hottest hair trend explained

Recently, and mostly because Beyonce and Tyra Banks have been wearing them like they're going out of style, a new 'do has crept into popular culture - the lace front wig.

design and author of "Textured Tresses: The Ultimate Guide to Maintaining and Styling Natural Hair." "Celebrities have been wearing them for years. These wigs were always used in movies,

thetic, Kankelon and knotty hair textures. The wig also has evolved, and the lace front is at the top of the heap.

In essence, lace fronts are wigs that have a small piece of lace mesh attached to the front which you attach to your head (by double-sided tape or glue), giving the illusion of a seamless hairline. If one is custom made, human hair is individually pulled through the lace, for an even more realistic look.

"Unlike a weave, you can get more versatility out of a lace front wig," says Elin LaVar, star of her own show on WE, "Hair Trauma."

"Also, you can change your style easily and make it look natural on a video because you can't see where the lace starts or ends."

"Usually when you wear wigs you have to wear bangs or pull the hair out in the front, but with a lace front wig, you glue this or tape it down so it looks like your own hairline," adds DaCosta. "But you just can't wear it like that. That's why it's always been a professional thing - stage, theatrics and movies - because you have to apply makeup to cover it."

A custom made lace front with the most expensive hair (Remy Indian) can cost upward of \$16,000, according to Seheil Stotts, a celebrity hairstylist who recently suggested that a now-bald Britney Spears use one. Most good custom made lace fronts go for about \$2,000-\$3,000.

Yet for all of their realism, lace fronts are not perfect. Outside of their considerable expense, they can be visible to the naked eye and can come undone if one moves her facial muscles too violently or sweats.

"If you raise your forehead to make an expression, the demarca-

tion of where the lace ends and the natural muscles of your forehead begin, you see a distinct line," explains LaVar. "On TV, it's not as noticeable, on photos it can be touched up, on stage you're far away, all of that works. But if I'm talking to you in regular conversation, I'm going to see it."

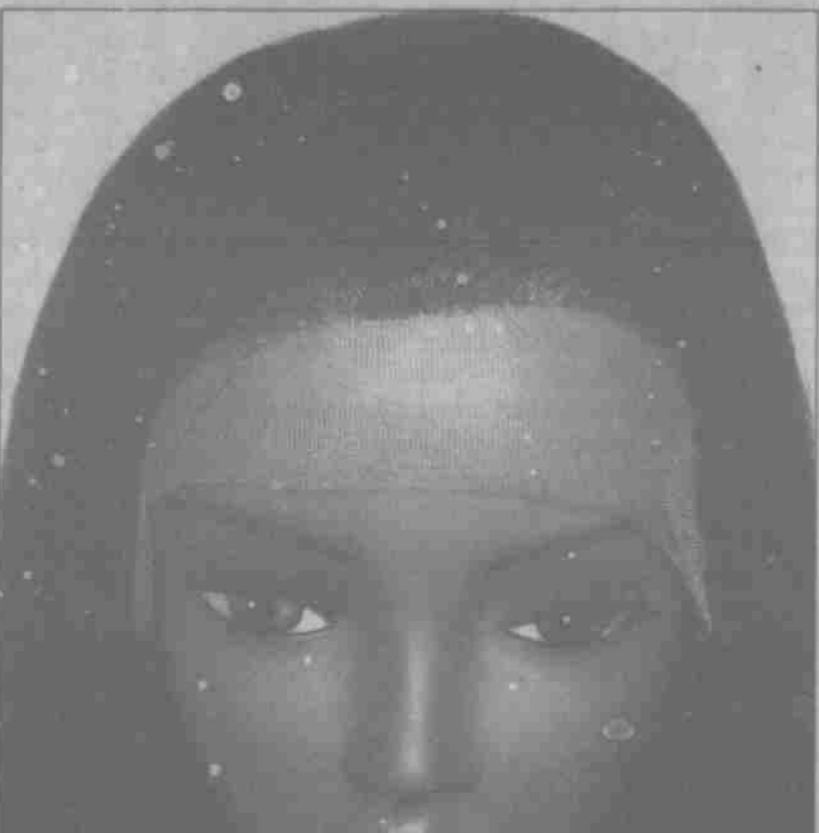
Speaking of, there have been some very embarrassing photos floating around the Internet where the lace front has shown or the line has "torn" - the most famous of Beyonce on stage with what looks like a burn on her face.

This is probably how lace fronts became a curiosity in the first place.

Because of the celebrity element, DaCosta predicts that knock-off lace fronts (with cheaper hair) are soon going to be all the rage. Her only reservation is that people are going to damage their hair because they don't know how to properly apply them.

"When this becomes really accessible, [consumers] are not going to use the proper glue, they're going to run out of it, they're going to try to use who knows what kind of glue and tear their hair off," she guesses. "And if you don't know how to apply the makeup, it's going to look crazy."

Even though there are already videos on YouTube on how to apply them, LaVar agrees that lace fronts are not necessarily for the layperson. "The lace is very delicate, it's not something that a person can just put on and take off quickly," she says. "You have to take it off a certain way, you have to clean it a certain way. It's not that easy."



This lace-front wig before it has been applied and the lace trimmed. The process of fitting a lace-front wig takes practice. Often, the seam can be seen by people who are close to the wearer. It works best for professional stage and television performers.

So when you see Tyra and Beyonce with hair that's "laid" (i.e., seemingly flawless and straight), most likely the lace front is to blame.

Though the lace front wig is apparently not a new thing, it's new to most people outside of the entertainment and health care professions.

"Lace fronts were first developed for cancer patients and balding women," explains Diane DaCosta, 15-year veteran of hair

and drag queens have always used them."

Black hair care has indeed evolved since the days when entrepreneur Madam C.J. Walker rode the press and curl to riches becoming the first self-made woman millionaire in the United States (black or white).

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**OPEN MEETINGS LAW VERY SENSITIVE! THIS N THAT** is encouraging the Mayor and Lubbock Council to get involved immediately with the **TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML)**, as apparently there is a misunderstanding with what the **TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS LAW** is all about. To break this law is to receive a jail sentence and fine. This alleged incident has come up because of the recent **DISTRICT TWO MEETING** where the mayor and three city councilpersons were present. The meeting was not posted as a **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, but was listed as a **DISTRICT TWO MEETING**. There is no need to get mad, but understand what this law means and the possible outcome for not abiding by it. By participating in the **TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**, all would be advised what is expected of local elected officials. **THIS N THAT** knows of city councilpersons and school board officials in Texas who have broken the law and were jailed and fined for the incident. **THIS N THAT** recalls when the Board of Directors had seven Lubbock officials on it. This board consists of at least 39 people more or less. There is however, a Lubbock official who is aware of the **TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS LAW**, and she is **ANITA BURGESS**, City Attorney and well-respected in Texas. Anyway, **THIS N THAT** is hoping this matter will be settled, and the City of Lubbock will get back as it was and work with the **TEXAS MUNICIPAL**

**LEAGUE**, which has more than 1,088 cities, towns, minors and villages who work for the betterment of Texas. One has to know that the **TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE** is the strongest lobbying vehicle for cities in Texas. So why wouldn't the **LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL** get involved? **THIS N THAT** is hoping they will!!

**DON IMUS HAS PROBLEMS AND SO DOES A LOCAL CITY SPOKESPERSON! THIS N THAT** has been watching what has happened on the national level when a national known personality **DON IMUS** made a drastic mistake when he described the Rutgers University Women's Basketball team as "nappy-headed 'ho's (whores)". Now there is no justifiable excuse for calling a group of distinguished young African-American women that name. Bringing this home, the spokesperson for the Lubbock City Council is accused of allegedly making **RACIAL REMARKS**, and is presently on leave with pay while the matter is being investigated. On the other hand, **DON IMUS** has been placed on leave for two weeks beginning next Monday. As **THIS N THAT** said last week, if the facts proved to be correct about the alleged racial remarks, then this individual should be fired. But if they are not true, the City of Lubbock should move on to higher ground. It is just goes to show that **RACISM** continues to poison America as well as cities like Lubbock. As it has been reported, the morale is pretty low at City Hall.

**THIS N THAT** is just hoping for something positive to happen. But there appears to be more with a upcoming audit report. Just stay tuned and see what will happen.

**FUNNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "DID YOU know you can TEACH more with your LIFE than with your lips?" LUBBOCK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY STILL MAKING THINGS HAPPEN! THIS N THAT** has always been a fan of the **LUBBOCK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**, an organization which makes affordable homes available for **LUBBOCK CITIZENS! THIS N THAT** can appreciate their efforts that **CHILDREN** are playing in safe neighborhoods, and it is a dream come true for parents of these young people. According to the recent publication by the organization, "NEW FOUNDATIONS" more than 100 families and more than 235 children have been afforded housing. If you want to contribute, then call (806) 763-4663. Thanks to the Board of Directors of Lubbock Habitat for Humanity for a job well done!

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## Think About It!

### City Hall, What Happened? Part 2

by Eddie P. Richardson

Last week, we questioned the new City Hall. So much has happened at City Hall in the last few years mostly on the down hill spiral. One of the reasons is the lack of knowledge, beginning with the mayor who is a good moral, religious man. His timing as mayor was bad as he is a good man with bad timing! Lubbock once was one of the highest rated cities which was rated number 5 for the best place to live in America. This happened when the late Peck McMinn was mayor. Lubbock was highly rated on Wall Street, known in the National League of Cities (NLC), and well represented in the Texas Municipal League (TML). At that time, however, Lubbock had good servants at City Hall.

Now it appears as though now we have and have had a few years of some who wants to be or think they are masters, but no doubt it about it, elected officials who were elected by the people from the White House to the out house. Make no mistake about it, they are servants to be used by the people for the people, but not misused. It is a lot of difference between being used and misused. A good servant is a very valuable, but to be good in your given task, especially when it involves multitudes of multi-cultural, multi-racial, multi-religious, etc.

You have to be a part of a major networking which Lubbock is not a part of now. Just think; Lubbock does not participate in the Texas Municipal League and the National League of Cities. Lubbock is now in the wilderness all by herself. Lubbock has so much talent, potential, abilities going to waste. All of the clout Lubbock once had across the national arena and state is not being utilized. There appears no place to go with good ideas to be shared, not place to go with questions to be professionally answered.

The word is the mayor is going to participate with the Texas Municipal League, and he does have the personality to be valuable to Lubbock and the state of Texas. One thing the Lubbock City Council must understand is Texas is a home rule state and Lubbock is a home rule city and all major legislation regarding cities is passed by the State Legislature. At one time, there was a Lubbock City Councilman who attempted to challenge the Texas Municipal League all by himself. This was detrimental to Lubbock. Frank Sturzl, executive director of the Texas Municipal League, was always looking for the challenge by the Lubbock City Councilman.

One may wonder why this writer is taking this stand. You see after researching Texas government, Texas City government, and the home rule for more than three years and did a series of articles over the same period of time. An award was received in a City Council meeting for this series, "Know Your City Government."

The recent events at City Hall could have been prevented if the City of Lubbock was involved in the Texas Municipal League. You can't have a quorum at any time, or any place without it being posted for any reason. Many times, this writer has been elected city councilpersons, eating at lunch with a quorum. It was even mentioned, but apparently those city councilpersons blew it off. The last straw is the alleged race thing by a professional at City Hall. The city council needs to ask Don Imus about this posture. Also, City Council dipping in personal affairs was illegal.

City Hall needs to get back on track and learn the rules and bring Lubbock back to its standing among other cities across Texas and the Nation!

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**Closing Thought:** "You can't lead where you don't go. You can't teach what you don't know." (Same as last week).

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

Our world is changing fast, and so is technology. It has come to the point where technological programs of the computer types are outpacing themselves. Changes are occurring faster than technicians can accommodate them.

About thirty years ago, the words Univac, COBOL, FORTRAN and keypunch were common computer terms. Ten years later, one needed to know the terms 'boot-up,' 'floppy disc,' 'write,' 'graphics,' 'hard copy,' Macintosh, IBM, 'compatible,' software, 'hardware' and the magic word 'Windows,' soon to be followed by another magic word, 'Internet.'

In finally making it to the 'Internet,' I have personally been the owner of five computers, trying to stay in touch with the latest technology because a job at some time or another deemed it necessary for me to keep my skills up to date.

I was first introduced to computer programming, earning cred-

it at Illinois Institute of Technology using the Univac, which was a modified teletype machine using a "foreign language, COBOL and FORTRAN for which keypunch cards had to be used to get a program through the computer and typed. I was too happy to use the more modern machine which had to be 'booted up' and you could actually type sentences with a mixture of other symbols. A great improvement, but not until 'Windows' came into being did computers take on a new and easier life to understand and use. All one needed was a compatible software program to do wonders with a computer.

Real wonders were not seen until the Internet became available to computer users who had a version of Windows, called Windows 95. By now, I was into the use of my third computer and felt content. By the time Windows 2000 appeared, it became difficult to open some of my e-mail, but I continued to use my convenient version of Windows until I was forced to purchase Windows XP. Things went along fine until I ventured into a job where the only way to save anything on a computer required the use of a front-

loaded 'Flash or Jump Drive.' There was something new. My XP used 'USB' cords but they were all in the back of the 'CPU' and were being used. I needed a computer which would be compatible to my work. Windows Vista Home Basics was what I needed; so I thought!

B.B.King sang, "Don't Make You Move Too Soon," and I now know what he meant. Getting drivers for my printer was easy. It is time consuming to attempt to transfer files on a floppy disc to a computer which does not accommodate anything but a CD/DVD or Flash Drive. Furthermore, I had no idea that the Internet Security Suite which I purchased with my DSL connection will *not work* on Vista. I also learned that the new Microsoft Office Word 2007 cannot be opened by users of an older version of Word. Therefore, one needs to know if your Internet Carrier is prepared to accommodate your new computer for security purposes and will your friends with older computers be able to open the e-mail.

### Bishop T.D. Jakes Senior Pastor/Founder, The Potter's House of Dallas

Dallas - "Trying to be funny" is a justifiable excuse for calling a group of distinguished young African-American women "nappy-headed [whores]," or so says radio talk show host Don Imus about his racial slurs April 4 toward the young ladies of the Rutgers University women's basketball team. Given that Imus and his producer are still employed, one must assume that NBC, their employer, agrees. With this attitude, is it any surprise that racism continues to poison America?

Jesus taught that "What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.'" (Matthew 15:11 NIV) The fact remains that Imus' unprovoked racial slurs - which sadly appears to be part of a personal pattern over the years - clearly reveals a deeper malignancy of the heart. But it is the lack of immediate and meaningful response by his employer that reveals a deeper cancer in America. Press statements and public

appearances are mere bandages when someone's daughter is called a whore for fun. True healing will come only when individuals honestly address the root of their remarks, rather than making excuses for them, and only when employers and advertisers in our society respond immediately and decisively. Hall of Fame baseball player Cal Ripken immediately canceled his forthcoming appearance on Imus' show; others should do the same.

Imus is a broadcast industry professional, who I hold to a higher standard. Imus' employers are broadcast conglomerates that I

also hold to a higher standard. And the advertisers that spend millions on Imus' show should also be held to a higher standard. Allison Golust, senior vice president for news communications at NBC, has stated: "We take this matter very seriously." If so, Imus and McGuirk should be unemployed today and the excuses should stop, so that the healing can begin.

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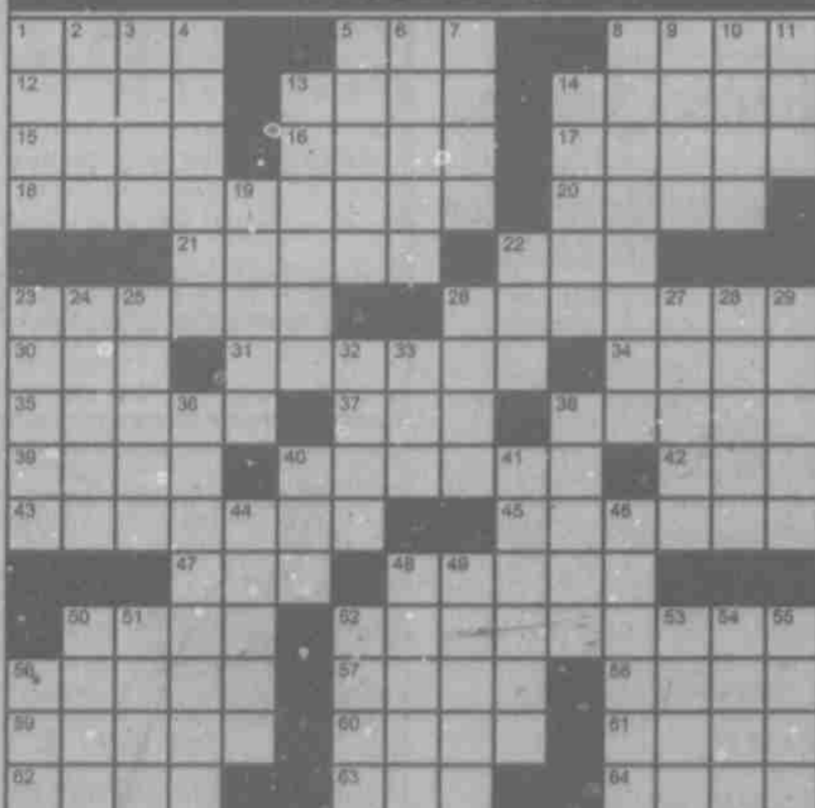
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