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## 2006 Mister & Miss Juneteenth Contestants



### Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 806 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 7:30 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:30 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.



The Lubbock Juneteenth Scholarship Showcase on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at Estacado High School. Tickets are on sale now at a cost of \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, 6 and under free. To purchase a ticket please call 744-2495 or 767-9193 or tickets may be purchased from any one of the contestants. For more information please call 744-2495. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to join us as we crown the next Mister & Miss Juneteenth Lubbock for 2006.

## How times have changed at Dunbar!

Our young people who attend schools in the Lubbock Independent School District need to know how things were in past years. The cafeterias have improved in many ways since 1955 as shown in this photo of a scene at Dunbar High School. Even then, though, school authorities took long strides in accepting the school lunch as part of the total school program. Prior to this, most teachers were satisfied to provide food for children's minds. But in 1955, efforts were made to instill better eating habits among children. As it was discovered in 1955, it is universally recognized that the "whole child" comes to school, and that the school lunch has a many faceted role to play in the education of boys and girls at all growth levels. In those days, the cafeteria provided meals that were nutritious and appetizing which contributed to the child's physical nourishment as well as his educational experiences. It also served to promote good manners and good citizenship. In the photo, it appears as though children of all levels - elementary and secondary - ate at the same time. Oh, yes, there is no such area called a "Deli."



### Remember When...

"Mr. and Miss Dunbar 1955" were  
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and Jimmie Graves

Don't Miss Dunbar's  
7th All-Class  
Reunion  
July 13-16, 2006



### 1955 Senior Girls Basketball



These young ladies enjoyed attending Dunbar High School in 1955, and were the senior members on the Panther's Girls Basketball Team. They are, from left to right: Thelma Dye, Esther Duke, captain; Mrs. C. H. Kyle, coach; Maxine Liggins and Bobbie Bailey.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Women Ministry of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Seventh Day Adventist will be sponsoring their "Women Emphasis Day" on Saturday morning, June 2, 2006, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The theme is "PUSH" which stands for "Pray Until Something Happens."

Lunch will be served immediately following services. The new pastor, Rodney Draggon, will be present and will greet those in attendance.

There is much interest in the upcoming Dunbar High School's 7th All-Class Reunion which is set for July 13 thru 16, 2006. Because of the interest, the registration deadline has been extended until June 24, 2006. There will be an additional charge which will be \$90.00 for singles and \$150.00 for couples. It is just great to hear about the excitement about this upcoming event. So if you are a former student or graduate of Dunbar High School and have not registered, you need to do so as soon as possible. An extended time table has been set for June 24, 2006. Need to get involved as time is passing quickly.

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, June 5th thru 9th, beginning evening at

6:00 p. m. Sister Baird Devenport, Director of Christian Education, will be coordinating this effort. Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr. is pastor.

Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr., pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, will be preaching Sunday afternoon, June 4, 2006, at the Bethel Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas, at 3:30 p. m. The Bethel Senior Choir and officers will be traveling with Pastor Everline.

Members of the Vacation Bible School of New Hope Baptist Church will be having an organizational breakfast Saturday morning, June 3, 2006, beginning at 9:30 a. m. Sister Cooper and Sister Stokley are Vacation Bible School coordinators.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens in our community. There are so many who are on this list. Some we know and some we do not know about. Today, it is them and tomorrow it could be one of us. Among those in include Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher of the Southwest Digest, who is still recuperating from a broken leg. He is reported to be doing much better at this report.

Don't forget those who have lost loved ones. Among them

include the mother of Ms. Mary Jo Wilson, Ms. Flora M. Henderson, who passed away last Saturday morning, May 27, 2006. Services are set for the St. John Baptist Church Thursday afternoon, June 1, 2006, beginning at 12:00 noon. Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor, will officiate.

The Mae Simmons Swimming Pool is open at present time. If you enjoy swimming, then go and take a dip in this pool. According to our report, many have already gone, so why don't you?

It will not be long before the annual Lubbock Juneteenth Emancipation will be taking place in our community. This year, Tonya Johnson, is serving as its focal president. If there are any questions concerning this year's program, give her a call at (806) 744-2495. If you are looking forward to purchasing space to sell your goods or services, then call Maxine McCormick at (806) 763-6161. No matter of what you are doing, set aside a few hours and get involved in this week long of activities. After all as Black people, we've come a mighty long way, but still a long way to go. So come on and get involved.

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## In Remembrance

### Sylvia Childress

Funeral services for Sylvia Childress were held Saturday

afternoon, May 27, 2006, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

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

She passed away at Covenant Medical Center Friday, May 19, 2006.

### Flora M. Henderson

Funeral services for Flora M. Henderson will be held

today, Thursday afternoon, June 1, 2006, at 12:00 p.m. at the St. John Baptist Church with Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor, officiating.

Interment will be held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery

under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Saturday, May 27, 2006.

She is survived by her sons: James (Lucy) of E. Palo Alto, California, Joe (Catherine) of Arlington, Chester John (Karen) and Tommy, all of Lubbock; four daughters: Mary Jo Wilson and Odessa (Willie Felder, both of Lubbock, Margaret Nathan of Arlington and Dora (Larry) Miller of Denver, Colorado; 21 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

### Estelle Kinney

Funeral services for Estelle Kinney were held last

Thursday, May 25, 2006, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens

Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Sunday, May 21, 2006, in her residence.

### Estell Russell

Services for Estell Russell were held Friday afternoon,

May 26, 2006, at Agape Church of God in Christ with Bishop W. Watson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held Resthaven Memorial park

under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Saturday, May 20, 2006 here.

She leaves to mourn her passing are her husband of 59 years, Charles Russell; two daughters, Kathy Anderson and Carolyn Ramos, both of Lubbock; six sons: Charles, Paul, Tommy and Glen, all of Lubbock, James of Arlington and Wynell of Lovelady; two sisters, Katherine Ross of Lubbock and Jessie Carter of Austin; 16 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and a host of relative and friends.

## Youth receive a wealth of business knowledge at conference in Dallas

(New York) May 2006 - The Black Enterprise Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference hosted by Wendy's International kicked off its

Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference, now in its 11th successful year, offers instruction at four levels: the Presidents' Club

says BLACK ENTERPRISE SVP/Editor-in-Chief Alfred Edmond Jr. "With the outstanding support of Wendy's International, who has sponsored the event since its inception in 1995, the program continues to churn out one success story after another."

"Wendy's is proud to be the title sponsor of the Kidpreneurs/Teenpreneurs Conference for the 11th consecutive year. We are excited to continue our partnership with BLACK ENTERPRISE in providing the youth of today with valuable insight into what it takes to run a business. We believe the possibility of owning your own business is one that every child should be aware of," says Frances Wright, Vice President, Diversity & Ethics, Wendy's International, Inc.

The event culminates with a graduation ceremony and the announcement of the BLACK ENTERPRISE Teenpreneur of the Year. Previous honorees include Atlanta resident Kenya James, publisher of Blackgirl Magazine; Najee McGreen, founder of TeJammer Computer Works in Brooklyn; and Camille Winbush, owner of Baked Ice, a Pasadena-based ice cream shop.

For more information about the Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference, log on to [www.blackenterprise.com/bee](http://www.blackenterprise.com/bee) or call 1-800-543-6786.



The Black Enterprise Kidpreneurs/Teenpreneurs Class of 2005 Celebrate Graduation. Photo by Alysha Cryer/BLACK ENTERPRISE, New York

popular two-day business education program May 18 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas.

Designed specifically for African American youth, the Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference introduces its participants to the many skills required to be a successful business owner. Created to be as fun as it is educational, the event is committed to developing the entrepreneurial potential of tomorrow's business leaders, providing a step-by-step approach to business development and management.

Running concurrent with the 2006 Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference hosted by General Motors, the

(for established and returning business owners), the Future CEOs (ages 14 to 17), the Junior Executives (ages 11 to 14), and the Futurepreneurs (ages 7 to 10). Attendees will learn how to develop a business model, further their venture through Website development, and be taught the fundamentals of marketing their businesses using television, radio, and newspapers.

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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus America Has Forsaken God

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

Jeremiah 1:7 - The Lord said, yes, the storm in the heaven knows her appointed ones, and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming. But my people know not the judgment of the Lord. How do you say "We are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us?"

America was founded on the Word of God. It was her guide lines. Then the people wanted to be like Adam to use their minds.

John 8:31-32 - Jesus said if you continue in my Word, then you are my Disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

When the Churches marched and didn't obey the law, policemen that were the beginning of America's troubles in this sweet blessed land!

1 Peter 2:13-16 - Submit yourselves (Christians) to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake whether it be to the King (President), as supreme; or unto Governors as to them that re- sent by Him (Policeman) for the punishment of evildoers (murders), and for the praise of them who do well. For so is the will of God that with well-doing you may put to silence the ignorance of fool-

ish men as I do, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness (law breaking), but as the servants of God.

\*\*\* Yes, The Christian Did Rob God!!! \*\*\*

The Children watched the adults and the leaders. The law they didn't obey. The Children now use the same: "My Rights to be disobedient to parents today!!!"

1 Corinthians 5:6 - Your glorying is not good. Know you not that a little leaven (sin) leavens the whole lump (America)?

America is bringing forth her fruits, the sin of her own labor, rights to Kill the Family, and anyone else - even friends and neighbors!!!

Galatians 6:7-8 - Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap corruption. But he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

One thing about planting, you can take a gallon of corn to the field and plant it. But when you reap if you will need a pick-up truck to bring it in. You always get 10,000% more than you put out!

\*\*\* America Looks At Your Sin Seeds!!! \*\*\*

America is raising a nation of liars and killers - like Adam and Cain. They'll commit the crime, and then have Rights to try and play insane!

Hosea 8:7 - For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. It hath no stalk. The bud shall reap no meal. If so be it yielded, the stranger shall swallow it.

\*\*\* America Is Reaping What She Has Planted!!! \*\*\*

America is so full of mankind's Rights, and they are of the Devil and wrong. America needs to return to the Lord God Almighty where she belongs!!!

Deuteronomy 28:16-20 - The Lord said, cursed shall be in the city. Cursed shall you be in the field. Cursed shall be your basket and your store. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land. The increase of the cattle and the flocks of your sheep, cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall be when you go out.

The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke in all that you settest your hands to do. Unto you be destroyed, and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doing. Whereby you have forsaken me.

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, last Sunday morning, May 28, 2006, where the pastor is Rev. Edward Canady. What a mighty time in the Lord!

Sunday School began at 10:10 a.m. with Assistant Superintendent Oretta Moore in charge. The Sunday School subject for the morning was "Living Out Wisdom." It was taught and reviewed by Pastor

Canady. What a wonderful time in the Lord we all had.

The morning worship services began at 11:30 a.m. The morning devotional was led by Deacon Edward Williams. The Senior Choir again sang out of their hearts and souls.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Are You the One?" His scripture text was St. Luke 7:19-23.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church will be having a "Fish Fry" Saturday, June 3, 2006. All plates are \$6.00. You may have one delivered by calling 744-7154. Or you may dine with the members in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

Thought for the Week: "God's teaching may not always make sense, but it's always senseless to think we know better."

## Program brings therapy to local families in effort to cut delinquency

Police can only do so much. Same with teachers. In the end, reducing juvenile delinquency in Lubbock's most crime-riddled neighborhoods comes down to parenting.

Therapists and volunteers in Texas Tech's Parent Empowerment Project provide a unique service to families in these neighborhoods, bringing free therapy into homes or schools as needed in an effort to discourage delinquent behavior and equip parents with effective discipline strategies for raising their children.

Richard Wampler, the program's founder and a Texas Tech professor of marriage and family therapy, says there is a need for such services. The neighborhoods his counselors work in are located in the zip codes with the highest crime rates in Lubbock. Some parents, grappling with depres-

sion or anxiety that they are unlikely to seek help for, turn to drugs and alcohol. Neglect and family hostilities may drive children to adopt delinquent behaviors.

The Parent Empowerment Project partners university marriage and family therapy graduate students with mothers that have been recruited from the targeted communities and trained to work with families. These Parent Educators, as the women are called, use their knowledge of the neighborhood to bridge the gap between the clients and counselors. Their presence quickly establishes a trust, the counselors say, that couldn't be forged in a clinic.

Another benefit: Since the counseling teams are mobile, they can tailor their sessions to meet the needs of their clients. They visit homes or schools as necessary and even make

weekend visits if needed.

This differs from many counseling services, which can involve lengthy waits to speak with counselors who are often overwhelmed with cases. In these instances, the parents sometimes have to hunt down transportation or take time off of work to make the trip.

However, Wampler has been fighting a funding battle as grant money shifts and he has to find new sources. The program was forced into a year-long hiatus at one point as Wampler sought new financial support. Current support from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health expires this month.

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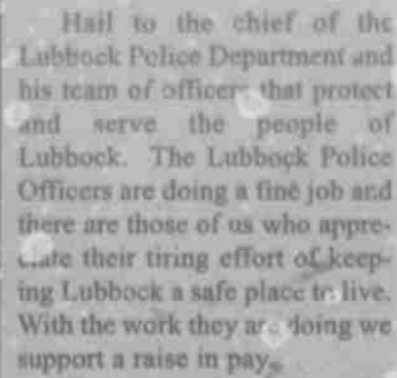
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## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Hats off to Lubbock's Law Enforcement



Hail to the chief of the Lubbock Police Department and his team of officers that protect and serve the people of Lubbock. The Lubbock Police Officers are doing a fine job and there are those of us who appreciate their tiring effort of keeping Lubbock a safe place to live. With the work they are doing we support a raise in pay.

The people of the Southwestern portion of District 2 who met at Smith Temple Community Church with Law enforcement officers and Councilperson Linda DeLeon in the absence of Councilperson Price should note the continued presence of the police in the area whose visual presence act as a deterrent to crime.

Certainly, the membership of Smith Temple are appreciated because we cancel some evening services including New Year's eve's because of thugs patrolling the neighborhood as if they dare the police to prohib-

it their wrong-doing.

We are appreciative also for the grand jury actions in indicting the offenders and the District Attorney and his staff for prosecuting those who inflict bodily harm and financial burden on their victims.

An example of the police at work was during the Memorial Day weekend. The visual presence of the Lubbock Police on Avenue Q and Avenue P was superb. Beside the normal patrol automobiles, there were the motorcycle units at work. On the Clovis Highway West of Avenue Q and especially near the Flea Market, police units used visual tactics by placing their units in a standing position in the center lane.

The professional work of the Lubbock Police Department and the District Attorney's office makes one chuckle at the office of the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the United States: Alberto Gonzales and those

under Homeland Security.

We find it amusing that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and those under his command are so big, bad and tough they invaded the home of Rep. William Jefferson, D-La who allegedly accepted a bribe of \$100,000.00. Yet, they have not enforced the law in curbing 20 million illegal immigrants from Mexico and who knows how many spies from other countries that have and will continue to cause harm to American citizens through illegal drugs, child abuse, thefts etc.

The Federal Attorneys and Judge of the U. S. District that includes Lubbock have proven if you are a bad guy, no matter who you are or what your standing in the community, you will spend time in a barbed wire hotel.

Again, we thank the Law Enforcement for the work they are doing.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

For all those born before 1945!

We are survivors! Consider the changes we have witnessed. We were born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen food, plastic contact lens, Frisbees and the Pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split a.c.m.s, laser beams, and ball point pens. We were even before the panty hose, dishwasher, clothes dryer, and before man walked on the moon. We got married fast, and then we lived together. In our times, closets were for clothes and not for "coming out." Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer jeans were girl's jeans, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and outer space was the back of the out door theater.

and gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We were before day care centers, group therapy, and sun-tan parlors. We never heard of FM Radio, tape decks, VCR's, electronic tape-writers, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings.

In those days, time sharing meant togetherness; not computer or condo. A chin meant a piece of wood; hardware meant hammers and nails, and software wasn't even a word. Back then, "baking out" referred to how you did on your exam. Pizzas, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of. We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 cent stores, where you bought things for five and ten cents. The dairy sold ice cream cones for a nickel or dime for just one nickel you could ride the street car, make a phone call, by Orange Crush or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postage cards.

You could buy a Chevy Coup for \$600.00, but who could afford one?? It was a pity, because gas was only 11 cents per gallon. In our day, grass was mowed; Coke was a cold drink and not pot; something we cooked in. Rock music was a Grandma lullaby, and aids were helpers in the principal's office.

Yes, we are the last generation that believed you need a wife or husband and before you have a family. WE are still standing, and believing God's Word. It's still true!! Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever.

What a mighty God we serve. There is so much power in the Word of God! Find a scripture that fits your need and stand on it! We're praying for you! Thanks Brother Richardson and Patterson and all!

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

## Willing Vessels Conference this weekend

The members of the Greater St. James Baptist Church, 117 North Mulberry Avenue, are very excited about a "Willing Vessels Conference" which will be held Saturday, June 3rd; and Sunday, June 4th. The theme for the program will be "Vessels for the Master's Use," II Timothy 2:21.

Guest speaker will be Elder Vickie Williams of Ft. Walton, Florida. She is a sister of Sister Sammie McWilliams of Lubbock.

Services on Saturday will be held at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The program Sunday afternoon will begin at 3:30 p.m.

**Williams**

Vickie Williams of Ft. Walton, Florida. She is a sister of Sister Sammie McWilliams of

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**2006 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**

The 27th Annual Juneteenth Celebration is vastly approaching and the Juneteenth Committee needs volunteers to help with preparations for this upcoming event. If you are interested in volunteering and/or participating in an event, please contact Tonya Johnson at 744-2495 for more information or return this form to: Juneteenth Celebration Committee, PO Box 3221, Lubbock, TX 79452. Help needed in the following areas:

Scholarship Showcase Reception Basketball Tournament Set-Up Crew

Freedom Health Walk Park Activities Parade Entertainment Other

We are currently accepting applications for vendors, for more information please contact Maxine McCormick, 763-6161. You are also invited to participate in our Juneteenth Celebration Parade, which will be held Saturday, June 17, 2006 at 10 a.m. A \$100 cash prize will be awarded for the best parade vehicle or float based on creativity, showmanship, and artistic design. For more information please contact Maurice Williams, 744-5496.



# Amistad: Preserving Black History

by Manning Marable

In the annals of black history, the name "Amistad" represents both the quest of people of African descent to be free, as well as the courageous commitment of a small number of white Americans to the ideal of racial justice.

In 1839, a group of African Americans who had been captured by slave traders and were being transported to a Cuban port seized control of the ship. The Spanish schooner "Amistad" eventually landed in the United States. President Martin Van Buren urged that the enslaved Africans be returned to the Spanish authorities.

Former President John Quincy Adams, who was then a member of Congress, was persuaded to argue the case on behalf of the Africans. The Supreme Court, reviewing the evidence, decided to free the Africans on a legal technicality.

In his famous opinion, Associate Justice Joseph Story held that when the revolt on the "Amistad" had taken place, the "free state Africans" had been in effect kidnapped on international water.

"It is plain, beyond controversy," Associate Justice Story declared, that the Africans were never the "lawful slaves" of any "Spanish subjects. They are natives of Africa, and were kidnapped there, and were unlawfully transported to Cuba, in violation of the laws and treaties of Spain, and the most solemn edicts and declarations of that government. By those laws . . . the African slave-trade is utterly abolished; the dealing in that trade is deemed a heinous crime."

Therefore, Story concluded, the Africans "are declared to be free."

The "Amistad" incident symbolized the coerced migration of at least fifteen million African people to the Western hemisphere, and the continuation of the slave trade despite its outlawing by both the U.S. and European governments. It illus-

trated that Africans had a legal and moral right to resist their oppression. It also foreshadowed the inevitable conflict that would soon lead to the American Civil War of 1861-1865. The struggle for black freedom was central to the expansion of an American democracy that potentially could be fully inclusive to all its citizens, regardless of race.

Several years ago, New Jersey State Assemblymen William D. Payne and Craig A. Stanley began a movement in their state calling for the broader recognition that the African-American people had played an "integral part . . . at every turn in this nation's history." Payne and Stanley proposed "The Amistad Bill (A1301)," calling on "New Jersey schools to incorporate African-American history into their social studies curriculum." Passed by the New Jersey legislature in 2002, "The Amistad Bill" created the Amistad Commission, a 22-member body charged with ensuring that the rich heritage and lessons of black America are fully represented and taught throughout the state's

classrooms. The basic insight here is that African-American history is absolutely central to an understanding of American history for every American.

Under the direction of Dr. Karen Jackson-Weaver, the New Jersey Amistad Commission joined with the state's Education Department in 2005 to initiate the "Amistad Exemplary Practice Award Competition," which recognizes up to ten exemplary practices in state schools that "take a systematic approach to including the contributions of African-Americans into their curricula." The Amistad Commission guides and acts as a liaison with textbook publishers, schools, resource organizations, local, state and federal legislators and agencies "to ensure that American history curricula are consistent with the commission's goals." The Amistad Commission has begun to inventory all educational materials and curricula that are used for teaching U.S. history in all of New Jersey's schools, with the goal of integrating African-American history.

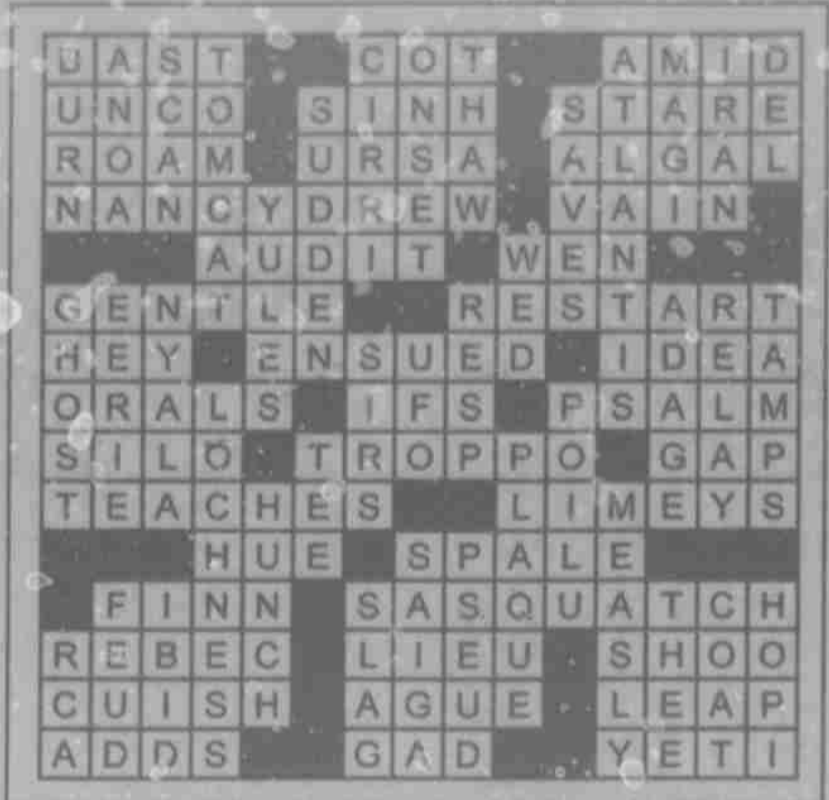
the second state to pass legislation mandating the integration of African-American history into its social studies curriculum in its state's schools. Legislators in Illinois are now considering similar legislation. Can we initiate a nationwide educational campaign

for incorporating the heritage of black America into every classroom in the United States? The legacy of the "Amistad," the soul of struggle and sacrifices by African Americans for democracy and freedom, demands nothing less.



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Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers: Mysteries



## Upcoming Library Events

**Movie Night at Godeke Branch Library**  
The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker Avenue, will host a movie night on Tuesday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. A down on her luck woman (Jennifer Lopez), desperate to provide care for her daughter, moves in with her father-in-law (Robert Redford) from whom she is estranged. Rated PG-13. Please call the library at 792-6566 for more information.

**Teen Read-In at Mahon Library**  
The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, will kick off the Teen Summer Reading Program with a read-in on Thursday, June 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. Bring your favorite books, magazines, or anything you haven't had time to read. There will be refreshments, comfy seating, and door prizes. For more information, call 775-2838.

**Book Discussion at Groves Library**  
The Groves Branch Library, 3520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the book "Midwives" by Chris Bohjalian at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 1. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book are available for checkout. For more information, please call 767-3753.

**Summer Reading at Lubbock Public Library**  
It's almost time for summer reading at the Lubbock Public Library! Starting May 30, kids up to grade 6 can pick up a reading log at any of the four library locations. Read 10 books and win a prize! And we didn't forget the teens—starting May 30, kids going into grades 7 and up can sign up for our teen summer reading program. Teens who complete three reading game cards can attend our end-of-summer movie finale in August and enter a grand prize drawing. Summer reading and teen summer reading end on August 11. For more information, visit our website at [www.lubbocklibrary.com](http://www.lubbocklibrary.com) or call your local library.

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# More photos from "Silhouette of a Godly Woman"



It was a great evening for those in attendance of a special program in honor of Mothers. The theme was "Silhouette of a Godly Woman," and it was sponsored by the Whole "E" Women of Full Armor Ministries, Bishop Leonard Chatham, pastor. The event was held at the St. John United

Methodist Church's Garden Room Friday evening, May 12, 2006.

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## 2006 Juneteenth Celebration

### Schedule of Events

- SATURDAY, JUNE 10**  
2nd Annual Mister & Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Showcase  
Estacado High School, 6:30 p.m.
- MONDAY, JUNE 12**  
3rd Annual Freedom Movement Walk-A-Thon  
Mae Simmons Community Center 5 p.m.
- TUESDAY, JUNE 13**  
Juneteenth Opening Reception  
Mae Simmons Community center 6:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14**  
Old Tyme Gospel Service  
Full Anzor Ministries Church 7 p.m.
- THURSDAY, JUNE 15**  
Delta Sorority's Man & Woman of the Year Awards  
Mae Simmons Community Center 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY, JUNE 16**  
North & East Lubbock CDC Champion Awards  
Lubbock Memorial Civic Center 7 p.m.  
For Info Contact CDC at: 747-5934
- SATURDAY, JUNE 17**  
Senior Citizen's Breakfast, Mae Simmons Sr. Center 7:30 a.m.
- Freedom Parade  
Departing United (Parkway) at 10 a.m.
- Opening Park Festivities  
Mae Simmons/Canyon Lake Park 12 Noon  
Health Fair Vendor Booths  
Great Entertainment Good Food & More  
Basketball Tournament Domino Tournament  
Juneteenth Celebration Dance
- SUNDAY, JUNE 18**  
11 a.m. church service at Mt. Gilend Baptist Church  
3 p.m. church service at the park Gazebo  
5-8 p.m. Jazz Fest Mae Simmons/Canyon Lake Park
- MONDAY, JUNE 19**  
1st Annual Juneteenth Job Fair  
Byron Martin ATC - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- African America Chamber Juneteenth Luncheon  
KORD Palace 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Contact Regi at 555-8081 for info.
- Juneteenth Closing Ceremony  
Mae Simmons/Canyon Lake Pavilion, 7:30 p.m.





# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**LISD MISSED A GREAT OPPORTUNITY! THIS N THAT** learned of a vote for **VICE PRESIDENT** of the Lubbock Independent School Board of Trustees last week, when an opportunity to elect a former educator and principal, **VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES** didn't materialize as she lost the bid for the position by a vote of 4 to 2. Being the only female on the board, it just doesn't look good, especially since the position went to an Anglo, who has five male Anglos on the board. She did receive a vote from a Hispanic member of the board. All **THIS N THAT** is saying is, when ever there is an opportunity to raise someone of color up in a positive posture, why not do so? This professional lady is not just academician, but has been a **PRACTICIONER** in education for more than 30 years. Anyway, the vote is over, and **JAMES ARNOLD** won the contest. **THIS N THAT** just wanted to pass on what is being said in the community - **DISTRICT TWO**.

**SUPPORT THE UPCOMING JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION!** **THIS N THAT** is asking those of you in the community to **SUPPORT** the upcoming **LUBBOCK JUNE-**

**TEENTH EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION**, which is set for June 10th thru June 19th. Activities will get underway **SATURDAY, JUNE 10th** with the 2nd Annual Mister & Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Showcase at Estacado High School Auditorium. **MONDAY, JUNE 12th** - 3rd Annual Freedom Movement Walk-A-Thon at Mae Simmons Community Center. **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th** - Old Tyme Gospel Service at Full Armor Ministries. **THURSDAY, JUNE 15th** - Delta Sigma Theta's Man & Woman of the Year. **FRIDAY, JUNE 16th** - North & East Lubbock CDC Champion Award. **SATURDAY, JUNE 17th** - Mae Simmons Senior Citizen's Breakfast (Mae Simmons Senior Citizenship Building). Freedom Parade beginning at 10:00 a.m., activities at Mae Simmons Park all day long. **SUNDAY, JUNE 18th** - church services at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Services at the Gazebo during the afternoon, and a Jazz Fest at Mae Simmons Community Center. Closing day will be **MONDAY, JUNE 19th** - 1st Annual Juneteenth Job Fair at Byron Martin ATC, African-American Chamber of Commerce Juneteenth Luncheon at K&K

Palace. Juneteenth Closing Ceremony. Should be a week of positive events. Better make plans to get involved. If you have any questions, call **TONYA JOHNSON** at (806) 744-2425. If you want a booth for the Mae Simmons Park activities, call **MAXINE MCCORMICK** at (806) 753-6161.

**FAKE IT EASY YOUNG PEOPLE! THIS N THAT** is asking our young people to take it easy in life, because there are no shortcuts. Perhaps this advice will be given to you from a former outstanding running back at Texas Tech University, **TIM SMITH** who received a prison sentence in Denver, Colorado for getting involved with drugs. This young man set a record in the Super Bowl when he played for the Washington Redskins. Now he has to serve **30 MONTHS**. So young people, please be careful when you are out there, and be careful of those people who claim to be your **FRIEND** (or homeboy or home girl). **YOUNG PEOPLE**, the world is for real. Just take it easy and do the right thing.

Penny Hastings the Barber asks, "How can we show the people we love that we love them?"



## Think About It! There Is A Time And Place

by Eddie P. Richardson

There is a time and place for all things. In the past two years plus, this writer has been through many things, including newspaper, publisher board, commission and community activities as well as community advice. Even fell and broke my leg in three places which included an ambulance ride to the hospital emergency room, surgery, rehab center, nursing home, continued rehab, released to a private residence with continued rehab, and hoping rehab at home, eventually released with relatives and doing well with mobility.

This situation has led me to the Holy Bible in the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8: "Everything has its time. To everything there is a season; a time for every purpose under heaven; a time to be born; a time to die; a time to plant; and a time to pluck what is planted. A time to kill, and a time to heal. A time to break down, and a time to build up; a

time to weep, a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to gain, and a time to lose; a time to keep silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace."

Continuing on Verse 17: "The Preacher, the Son of David, King over Israel in Jerusalem which was King Solomon which was the Son of David and Basheba. He said in Ecclesiastes 3:17: I said in my heart, "God shall judge the righteous and the wicked. For there is a time there for every purpose and for every work."

This writer was led to this particular scripture, because of the various changes I have gone through in such a short period of time and still going through and as in Ecclesiastes 14 & 16: What the

Preacher King Solomon said is worth considering verses 14 & 16: "I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it. And nothing taken from it. God does it, let man should fear Him. That which has already been, and what is to be has already been, and God requires and accounts of what has passed. Moreover I saw under the sun, in the place of judgment, wickedness was there; and in the place of righteousness, iniquity was there."

**Closing Thought:** "As the old saying goes, you run, but you can't hide.", the late Joe Louis said. What you have done is on the Master's record, but on the other hand, what you will do is also on the Master God's record book, which covers past, present, and future. So do it right the first time. You will not have to re-do it over again. Tell the truth. You will not have to remember what you said."

## Letter to the Editor

### In answer to Parson Smith's Article

In the past 12 months over 400 illegal immigrants have lost their lives trying to cross the border north into America. Over half the population of Mexico lives well below the poverty level. The minimum wage is \$4.50 a day. 7 million of the 12 million illegal in America are Mexicans. 500 thousand illegal cross the border each year seeking a better way of life. Many are

forced to seek jobs in the very country who's policy in Mexico have forced them out of jobs in their homeland, case in point Wal-Mart. While I agree that something must be done, some answer must be found. I dare you to send them all back. These people are not coming here because they want to hurt America or American, they are taking the risk and dying for it, for a better way of life. Let's face it; there are jobs Americans deem themselves to proud to do. I'm one

of them. I am not going to pick out one Apple, cut not one seed of lettuce, pick not one Tulip, I don't know if they still pick Cotton in Texas, if they do, it won't be me, no matter what they pay, and if these jobs help feed some poor Mexican children, it's the job I want him or her to have. Pastor, Blacks died for a belief, so, are Mexicans.

Jeanette Livingston  
Meynt Vernon, WA

### As aquifer drops, attention turns to surrounding counties

The Ogallala Aquifer, the vast underground water source that has fed the fields of eight states for more than a century, is at a critical juncture. It's steadily being depleted by years of groundwater pumping.

The sprawling aquifer is the world's largest underground water system, irrigating vast portions of the nation's croplands and providing drinking water to Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.

Now, using computer models looking 60 years into the future, Texas Tech University researchers have evaluated the likely economic impact of various possible water conservation policies that could be designed to extend the aquifer's life. They found that the greatest savings come from targeting a few critical counties that are flush with water.

"Blanket water conservation policies for the region as a whole are likely to be inefficient," said Jeff Johnson, an assistant professor in Texas Tech's agricultural and applied economics department. "We need to select those counties that will make a difference."

The biggest return in terms of legislative time and tax money comes from concentrating on nine heavily irrigated counties, he said - Cochran, Floyd, Gaines, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Terry and Yoakum counties.

"By focusing water conservation on these counties, policymakers can conserve water for future irrigation where it's likely to be most vital to the

regional economy," Johnson said.

Many counties in the study area simply didn't deplete water levels enough to warrant a change in the current conservation policy, Johnson said. In fact, the cost of conserving an additional acre foot of water in a low water use county was extremely high.

"Every county is different," he said. "If you're going to make changes in the aquifer for the least cost, start with high water use counties. We need to make a difference there before we work our way out."

Johnson admitted this will be no easy task. There's likely to be resistance from farmers in affected heavily irrigated counties. Plus, there's no unifying governmental body that enforces water policy across the entire region.

Texas water policy is typically determined by single county water districts, but there are larger bodies like the 15-county High Plains

Underground Water Conservation District that have a more regional jurisdiction.

Here's what Tech agricultural economists believe will happen over the next six decades if no water conservation policies are implemented:

First, the saturated thickness of the aquifer is projected to decline on average by 41 percent. Put simply, saturated thickness is the thickness of an aquifer. Some counties will see no drop off, while others will watch it nosedive by 83 percent.

Second, the annual average net return will fall by \$60 an acre. Net return is the remainder left after operational expenses and interest payments are deducted from total income.

"That's a significant decline due to the decrease in irrigated acreage," Jefferson said. "It's the difference between having enough for some to continue farming."

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

It is amazing how the price of oil, gasoline and electricity parallels the spiraling increase in the number of scandals connected to the presidential administration of Mr. George W. Bush and Mr. Dick Cheney. One does not have to be in a "player hater" mode to make this observation.



Howard

The irony of it all is that so much of what has taken place has a direct, if not indirect connection to the war in Iraq, especially the collapse of Enron which sent the price of energy "through the roof."

The Enron collapse not only helped to cause the mammoth increase in energy, but caused the financial collapse of many businesses and the complete bankruptcy of the pension and stock inventories of many employees. The convictions of Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling will not lower the price of oil or put funds that have been wiped out into the bank or stock accounts of those individuals who were victims of the

scandal. If each of these men is given the maximum sentence for what they have been found guilty, they will not be able to replace the funds they have caused others to lose, even if they are paid the highest possible wages for their work behind the bars. The recent trial of the Enron Corp. officers has not diminished the concern of most Americans about the war in Iraq.

Leaks about the so-called misleading information given to the President about the Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq, spurring the invasion of Iraq and the identity of Valerie Plame, CIA officer, who was the wife of a former ambassador, Joseph C. Wilson IV, who published a critique about the twisting of facts by the White House to support the invasion of Iraq, has caused 1 Lewis Libby to be indicted for making false statements to the FBI about his disclosures to reporters, about the name of Valerie Plame. Libby has told the Grand Jury that Mr. Cheney raised the issue about Mr. Wilson's wife working for the CIA. Mr. Cheney may be called as a witness in the Libby trial.

Trial after trial of individuals with high profile positions

in the government of the United States of America and their civil associates, makes us wonder if we are living through one of the most corrupt administrations in the history of this country. The Ethics Panel has three probes currently ongoing in Washington. Tom Delay, a fellow Texan of the President and former House majority leader, has been convicted of wrongdoing, and was about to be investigated for his overseas trips until he stated that he will resign from the House on June 9 (Washington Post, May 18, 2006). In an apparent move to equalize the scandalous findings, the office of Rep. William J. Jefferson has been raided by the FBI, and has raised repercussions about a breach in the Constitutional separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches of government. The Ethics Panel is also investigating Rep. Robert Ney for bribery and former congressman Randy Cunningham, whom has pleaded guilty to bribery and has been sent to prison. We need to get "in cinque" and see how all this plays out to the betterment of the U.S. Government.

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BY WENDY WRIGHT

THE BIBLE BELT NO LONGER FITS

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# A conversation with Bill Cosby

Story courtesy of CNN.com

CNN's Tony Harris interviewed Bill Cosby before his commencement address to graduates of Spelman College in Atlanta on May 14. In his interview, Cosby addressed issues regarding modern Black culture. The following link contains video of the interview, and a full transcript is located below.

**TONY HARRIS, CNN ANCHOR:** When you speak to this class today...

**BILL COSBY:** Yes.

**HARRIS:** Give me a sense of what you'll say.

**COSBY:** We're at a time when you look at numbers - and people are just throwing numbers out, and these numbers tend to have no feeling - about the incarcerated African-American male. But it sounds like it's not good news if the African-American female is looking for a love partner, a mate, a business partner, a marriage partner,

whatever you want to call it, someone to build a family and a home with.

This is not your grandmother's world. It's a whole different place. And you've got to think about you taking charge. You've got to think about you taking charge in business, family, raising your home, taking charge of you, taking care of you. There's a whole bunch of confusion in this United States about who we are. To ourselves.

**HARRIS:** Who are we?

**COSBY:** That's the confusing point. We are many, many things. We are the weakest; we are the strongest, within ourselves. There are tons and tons of examples of those who were down as low as anybody can be in terms of having a foot on your throat, and they tossed that foot away, got up and they won. And then there are those who have had things, and they just allowed themselves to become a part of something called a culture that as Farrakhan - Minister Farrakhan has said is leading our children into the valley of

death.

**HARRIS:** Do you think legacy at all?

**COSBY:** Yes.

**HARRIS:** You do?

**COSBY:** Yes. Not for me.

**HARRIS:** OK.

**COSBY:** Not for me. I think legacy, and then I think how our race is allowing the word culture to - to accompany itself with some people who are drug dealers and saying they're dealing drugs because they don't want to flip burgers or think about moving higher in the business world, or getting an education.

I'm watching TV, and I see a host of a show who is applauding a movie about some damn pimp. And how rough his life is. And a movie about some damn drug dealer and how intelligent he is because he could count money.

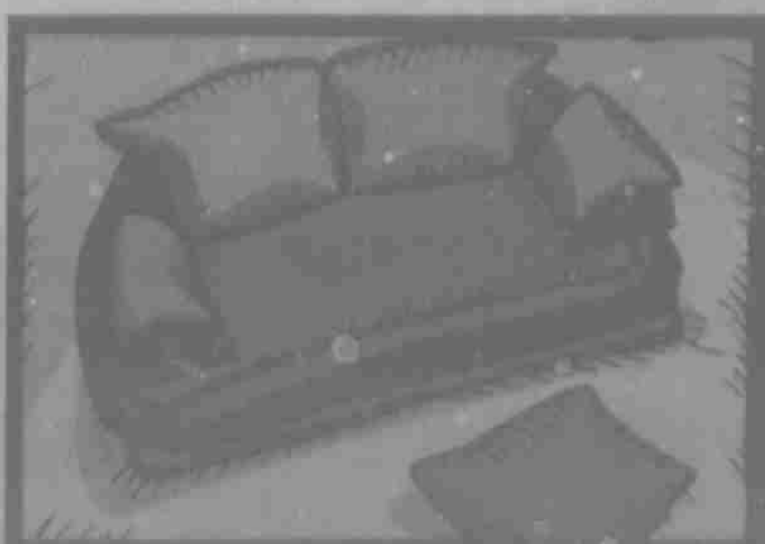
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**ACROSS**

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- Deep, prolonged sound
- around a race track
- C2H5
- Thought
- Discharge
- Related to camel but lacking a hump
- Perfume property
- What good children do
- Stone Age cartoon family from Bedrock
- Eat, past tense
- "Majesty" the shortest Beatles tune
- Backs in Latin
- This bird was rockin'!
- "The Rolling \_\_\_\_"
- Grim
- Make hot and dry
- Fixed look
- Equal to
- The King
- Kelly Clarkson was one
- "Blowin' in the Wind" singer-songwriter
- 18-wheeler
- Crystallized sugar candy
- Sun-dried bricks
- Levels
- Or in music
- "Next of \_\_\_\_"
- Removed during national anthem
- Premium beer in a green bottle
- "Layla" performer
- The Beatles wore one on each foot
- Related to oats
- Carte du jour
- Adjoin
- Property ownership document
- U2 guitarist
- Snatchers' quest
- Clinton's 1996 costender

**DOWN**

- Slang for money
- Contraction of "it will"
- Native of Thailand
- "Amazing Grace", e.g.
- Peter in Russian
- Cocoyam
- Another spelling for "con"
- Border city on the Rio Grande
- "War and Peace" author
- Representative of a country
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- Eye infection
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- Taste is one of five
- Martin Sheen's Emilio and Charlie
- Most do it at age 65
- Forming viscous threads, adj.
- Surviving
- Slang term for women
- A stat for closing pitchers
- What we do to Christmas trees
- Failed explosion
- Additional
- Sinbad's savior bird, pl.
- Large North American deer
- Form of civil disobedience
- Black in French
- Monkey-bread tree
- Block of gold, e.g.
- Furnished with oars
- Suzuko's feline
- Prosthetic group containing iron atom, chemistry
- One of Los Lobos
- High in decibels
- Search without warning
- Hahn, co-discoverer of nuclear fission
- Independent unit of life
- Tibia/fibula hinge joint
- Pool stick

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