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Community Meetings

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

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

Obama sets new precedent with early Secret Service protection

WASHINGTON - The Secret Service is protecting Democratic Sen. Barack Obama, the earliest in a presidential campaign a candidate has had bodyguards assigned from the presidential protection force.

A senior law enforcement official said Thursday the decision to guard Obama was prompted by general concerns about the safety of a prominent black candidate. There was no direct threat, the official said, although agents had seen racist chatter on white supremacist Web sites.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the security issue. The latest of several black candidates for president, Obama is considered the



Obama

one with the greatest chance of victory. He was born in Hawaii, the son of a white American mother and a Kenyan civil ser-

vant, and is a graduate of Harvard Law School.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff authorized Obama's protection after consultations with the bipartisan congressional advisory committee, according to Chertoff spokesman Russ Knoke and the Secret Service.

Obama, who frequently draws crowds in the thousands at campaign stops, requested the protection. Secret Service spokesman Eric Zahren and Homeland Security officials said they were not aware of any threats to the Illinois senator.

Obama's rival in the race for the 2008 Democratic nomination for president, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, has a Secret Service

detail that is provided to all wives of former presidents. Her husband is ex-President Bill Clinton. In the last election, Democratic candidates John Kerry and John Edwards received their protection in February 2004 as they competed for the party's nomination. Obama's detail comes nine months before the first votes are cast.

Federal law allows candidates to seek protection if they meet a series of standards, including public prominence as measured by polls and fundraising. The members of the congressional advisory committee are the speaker of the House of Representatives and Senate's majority and minority leaders as well as one additional member.

In a Feb. 12 interview with The Associated Press, Obama dismissed concerns about his own security but would not answer directly when asked if he had received death threats. The Rev. Jesse Jackson drew early Secret Service protection because of violent threats during his campaigns for president in the 1980s.

"I face the same security issues as anybody," the Illinois senator told the AP. "We're comfortable with the steps we have taken."

The Secret Service and Homeland Security would not comment on the scope of Obama's protection or provide any other security details. Obama's campaign would not comment.

Hutchison addresses Prairie View's largest graduating class

PRAIRIE VIEW - During Mother's Day weekend, Prairie View A&M University conferred degrees on its largest graduating class ever. Nearly 800 graduates walked across the stage in the William "Billy" J. Nicks Building to receive their degrees during two history making ceremonies. This spring ceremony marked the university's 126th commencement.

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison delivered the commencement address for the morning ceremony and Texas A&M University System Board of Regents Chairman John D. White inspired graduates with a commencement address during the afternoon ceremony.

"Today's set back may lead to tomorrow's opportunity," declared Hutchison after sharing a story of how her difficulty in finding a position with a law firm prompted her to ask for a position covering Texas legislative issues for Houston's KPRC news station. Hutchison explained



President George C. Wright presents Senator Hutchison with the prestigious Panther honor. Photo: Gitonga M'Mbiljewe

that her set back provided her with the skills and knowledge that led her to become the first woman elected to represent Texas in the U.S. Senate.

During her speech Hutchison also evoked the words and accomplishments of the late Texas congresswoman Barbara

Jordan, Brown University President Dr. Ruth Simmons and retired Navy Three-Star Adm. and PVAMU alumnus David Brewer. She cited these individuals as accomplished graduates of historically black colleges and universities and challenged the graduating class to use their

experience as inspiration to achieve goals and "never ever, ever give up."

After her speech, President George C. Wright presented Hutchison with a special PVAMU Panther. The Panther honor is a highly coveted token of appreciation that is only bestowed to individuals selected by the president of PVAMU. Both U.S. Presidents George W. Bush and George H. W. Bush have the distinction of receiving a PVAMU Panther for delivering the commencement address for Prairie View A&M University.

During the university's afternoon commencement ceremony, Texas A&M University Board of Regents Chairman John D. White delivered words of wisdom to the graduates and challenged them to use their talents to ultimately make a contribution to Texas and the world.

Aligned with the university's beliefs of teaching, research and service, the university again presented its prestigious Humanitarian Award in both student and

non-student categories during the afternoon commencement ceremony.

The PVAMU Humanitarian Award was created in 2005 to honor individuals and students who exemplify a true spirit of love and helpfulness to others. The 2007 recipients are long time community leaders Willie and Mell Pruitt (non-student awardees) and graduating senior Erika Green (student awardee).

Honored as a couple, the Pruitts have unselfishly committed their lives to improving the Bryan, Texas community and recently established the Brazos Valley African American Museum in Bryan.

Green, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a specialization in juvenile justice and a minor in english during the afternoon ceremony, was recognized for her unprecedented service to PVAMU, its surrounding community and the student body. She plans to attend law school this fall.

Memorial Day service to be held at cemetery

The Fifth Annual Memorial Day Service will be held Monday, May 28, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Lubbock Cemetery, 2011 East 31st Street on the southwest corner of the property. The public is invited to attend. The Nancy Anderson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, American Legion Post 575, and the City

of Lubbock Cemetery are co-sponsoring the event.

City Council member Floyd Price will be the featured speaker. City Council member Phyllis Jones will provide welcoming remarks, and Ysidro Gutierrez, County Commissioner, will give the invocation for this year's patriotic event. Seating is limited and individuals

attending the event are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets on which to sit.

There are more than 2,000 veterans buried at City of Lubbock Cemetery. American Legion Post 575 is providing small American flags that those attending can place on gravesites with Veterans Administration Memorials.

Henderson receives Masters Degree from Prairie View

Congratulations go to Edmond Henderson, II for



Edmond Henderson, II

receiving his Masters Degree in Educational Administration from Prairie View A&M University. A native from Lubbock, he is the son of Ed and Doris Henderson. He is also the grandson of Zebbie and Velma Lothridge.

He attended Ella R. Iles Elementary, J. T. Hutchinson

Junior High, and Estacado High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Texas Tech University in May, 2002.

During the past four years, Edmond has been an elementary teacher in the Dallas Independent School District. He taught first grade for three years and has completed his first year of teaching third grade math and science. Edmond was the only math teacher at his school to have 100% of his students pass the math section of the TAKS test.

Edmond attributes his academic success to the quality of education he received while in the Lubbock Independent School District along with strong parental encouragement and involvement. Edmond hopes to become a Principal in the next few years, and ultimately a Superintendent.

Edmond will unite in marriage August 11, 2007 to Ms. Yoki Gardner. They will reside in the Dallas area.

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Estacado Track Team finishes fifth



The Estacado High School Girls' Track Team competed in the State Track & Field Meet on Friday, May 11, 2007, and the 800 Meter Relay finished fifth in the State. The relay team consists of Karen Grant, Demetric

Gilliam, Shamyra Johnson and Twyla Ards.

In the 1,600 Meter Relay finished third in the State. This team consists of Twyla Ards, Demetric Gilliam, Teandra McDaniel Johnson.

Gilliam, Ards and Johnson were selected to the All-State Team. McDaniel was named first team alternate.

Last week, Gilliam signed a letter of intent with Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Sister Grace Scott named "Mother Of Church"



Slaton -- The Mt. Olive First Missionary Baptist Church appointed Sister Grace Scott as "Mother of the Church" on Sunday, May 13, 2007. Mrs. Scott is president of the J. J. Circle and serves as the Church Secretary for Mount Olive. She is also a Prayer Warrior.

In the picture at left, Sister Scott is shown with Sister Vivian Peoples, "First Lady", Sister L. Greathouse, Sister A. Haynes, Sister L. Slay and Sister G. Johnson.

Rev. C. C. Peoples is pastor at Mt. Olive, and welcomes all people to visit.

Municipal pools open

It's time again to cool off at Lubbock's municipal pools as they open on Friday, May 25, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. for the 2007 season. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Sunday from 1-6 p.m. Entrance fees are \$1.50 for youth (17 and under) and \$2 for adults, and group rates are available for groups of 35 or more.

Lubbock's pools include: Clapp Pool, 46th & Averae U; Mae Simmons Pool, E. 24th & MLK; Maxey Pool, 4007 30th Street; Montelongo Pool, 3200 Bates Street.

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In Remembrance

Charles Edward Dedrick

Funeral services for Charles Edward Dedrick were held last Friday morning, May 18, 2007, at the Christ Temple COGIC with Supt. W. D. Haynes officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Dedrick passed away Monday, May 14, 2007, at his residence.

He was born November 27, 1929.

He is survived by three daughters: Lawanda Hunt, Barbara Ford of Lubbock and Betty Dedrick of Oak, California; a brother, Tommy Dedrick (Lou); two sisters, Elsie Coleman of Lubbock and Laverne Walker of San Diego, California; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Lepolua Dickson, Jr.

Funeral services for Lepolua Dickson were held Saturday, May 19, 2007, at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Dickson died Thursday, May 10, 2007.

He received his formal education at Wheatley Elementary School and J. T. Hutchinson Junior High School. He graduated from Dunbar-Struggs High School in 1983. He also attended truck dri-

ving school where he received his degree in Truck driving in the early 1990's. He worked for Farmer Coop Co-Op for fourteen years in Lubbock.

He leaves to mourn his memory a wife, Lasonia Dickson; two sons, Deshaud Lickson and Lepolua Dickson, III; five daughters: Octavia Green, Jimetta Boy* (Donnae), Lakcedia Miller, LeAshely Dickson and Sequencia Collins, all of Lubbock; parents, Lepolua and Patsy Dickson, Sr.; a grandmother, Mama Eulene Phillips; brother, Dewayne Dickson; three sisters: Janice Johnson, Donna Nwogwngwu and Charlotte McCarty (Keith), all of Lubbock; step-sister, Belinda Washington (Alfred) of Lubbock; five grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Beulah May Fulcher

Funeral services for Beulah May Fulcher were held Friday afternoon, May 18, 2007, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

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

She passed away Friday, May 11, 2007.

She was born February 21, 1925.

She is survived by four daughters: Linda Sinches, Donna Perry, Barbara Hopson and Janet Fulcher, all of Lubbock; a son, Norman Fulcher of Lubbock; a sister, Merial Isaac of Dallas; 21 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

James E. Thompson

Funeral services for a longtime resident, James E. Thompson, were held Friday morning, May 18, 2007, at the New Zion Baptist Church.

Burial was held at Peaceful Garden Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Ossie Curry Home of Lubbock.

He passed away Saturday morning, May 12, 2007, in his residence. Three sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

Mr. Thompson was born October 13, 1905 in Davilla, Texas.

He survived by two sons, M. L. Thompson of Garland and Alvin Ray Thompson of Littlefield; two daughters, Myrtle Thompson Ward of Topeka, Kansas and Creola Thompson Antwain of Garland.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus "What God Requires"

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

Revelation 2:7a - Jesus said, he that have an ear, let him hear what the spirit says unto the Churches.

Micah 6:8 - He has showed you, O' Man, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you. But to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humble with your God.

As the world sits in all of its troubles, there seems to be no peace to be found. Mankind is looking near and far, and can find none until God is abundant!!!

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

But there is no love of the heart. God is in the heart than in the Church!!!

Malachi 6:7 - A son honors his Father, and a servant his master. If then I be a Father where is my honor? And if I be master where is my fear? Said the Lord of Host unto you, O' Priests that despise my name. And you say wherein have we despised your name? You offer polluted bread (Church Players) on my altar, and you say wherein have we polluted you? In that you say, the table of the Lord is contemptible.

*** Yes, The Preachers Are Robbing God!!! ***

Many people love to live all week like the Devil, all the six

days long. Then on Sunday mornings, there they are in Church, singing Zion songs!!!

Amos 5:21, 23-24 - The Lord said, I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not hear the melody of your voices. But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

*** Worship God In Spirit And In Truth!!! ***

I am reminded of the Preacher's son who plays in the clubs all weekend long. Then on Sunday mornings, he's directing the choir, singing the Lord's songs!!!

1 Samuel 2:22-25 - Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel, and how they lay with women who assembled at the doors of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he said unto them, why do you such things? For I hear of your evil dealing by all the people. No, my sons, for it is no good report that I hear. You make the Lord's people to transgress. If one man sins against another, the Judge shall judge him. But if a man sins against the Lord, who shall entreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their Father, because the Lord would slay (Kill) them.

*** What In The Hell Do You Want??? ***

People say going to Church

on Sunday is my thing. I find happiness in the crowd. I am not saved, but it is a place I can go, and be there and sing out loud!!! Many Churches only require that you pay all your offerings and tithes. They don't care what kind of marks are left on the Church from the outside!!!

Matthew 23:25-26 - Jesus said, woe (Cursed) unto you Scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites! For you make clean the outside of the cup and the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. You blind Pharisee, clear first that which is within the cup and the platter that the outside of them may be clean also.

*** Yes, Even The Ungodly Knows It's Wrong!!! ***

Some people say I don't want to get saved. I'm just going to Church to have fun. But this is the day of Salvation, because no man knows when the Lord is to come!!!

Matthew 12:54-56 - Jesus said, when you see a cloud rise out of the West straightway, you say, there's coming a shower, and so it is. And when you see the South wind blow, you say, there will be heat, and it comes to pass. You Hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky and the earth. But how is it that you do not discern these times (End Times)?



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Stories Affecting the Heart

A couple of more news story this month has stirred this writer's heart. These stories stir the human emotion and raise debate as to the direction of the populous moral integrity in today's world.

In Detroit, Michigan, a group of people stood by and watched as a 91-year-old World War II veteran was beaten viciously by a piece of human waste.

This inhumane carjacker was caught on surveillance camera. Soon after the tape was released, a 22-year-old man was arrested in connection with inflicting physical pain upon this senior citizen. If this was not enough, two others (a man and a woman) were arrested for involvement in this malign crime.

The 91-year-old man was punched in the head 21 times, and was caught between his car door and the car next to his doing the attack allowing him no chance to escape this criminal act. The local police chief was reported as saying: "She had not seen in years and is upset the bystanders did nothing."

The other story happen way down under in Wellington, New Zealand where a pluck Jack Russell terrier named George saved five children from two marauding pit bulls and had to be put to sleep because he was so severely mauled in the fight.

The story says the little Terrier was playing with a group of children as they return home

from buying sweets at a neighborhood shop in the small North Island town of Mania when two pit bulls appeared and lunged toward them.

Allan Gay told the Associated Press that "George was brave - he took them on an he's not even 3 foot high. He jumped in on them, tried to keep them off. If it wasn't for George, those kids would have copped it."

An eleven-year-old child was quoted as saying "George fought with the pit bulls to keep them off his 4 year old brother." He also stated "George tried to protect us by barking and rushing at them, but they started to bite him - one on the head and the other on the back. We ran off crying and some people saw what was happening and rescued George."

The story conclude saying George was so badly mauled that a veterinarian had to put him down. The two pit bulls were impounded, and likely would be put down because of the attack. Under the law in New Zealand the report states: "owners of dogs judged to be too aggressive can be required to have them neutered and dogs involved in attacks are destroyed."

Two stories: One a human way up in his senior years being beaten by a 21 year-old-male carjacker and accomplish by two other thugs and a cowardly crowd who action make them as guilty as the perpetrator of the crime. The second is a story of a

little dog that loved his human playmates so much he would take on two vicious Pit Bulls much larger than him and become so bitten into a pulp that a veterinarian had to relieve him of his bodily misery through death.

The first story reminds me of Satan—an angelic creature who, before the creation of the human race, rebelled against the Creator and became the chief antagonist of God and humankind. It reminds me of him who cause the fall of the human race and who still tempts and accuses humankind. This story reminds the writer Satan is in conflict with those who are saved, tempts them, and diligently seeks to corrupt and destroy the good name and testimony of the righteous.

The second story of the little Terrier name George reminds the writer of Jesus Christ, the sacrificial Lamb of God. As a Christian, the writer sees when other Christians face injustice, God's justice coming. When we weep, we see God's hand preparing to dry our face. When we view death, we know that the resurrection is ahead. Where others can only see death from the pit bulls of the world, the Christian can see the glory of life that is revealed.

Because Christians are washed in the blood of the Lamb of God that was put down on Calvary, they are rescued from the tenacious pit bulls of hell.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast talk about Faith and Prayer that works. Faith always has a good report. You cannot pray effectively for yourself or someone else or about something and then talk negatively about the matter. This is being double minded, and a double minded man receives nothing from God.

Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil words, nor unwholesome or worthless talk ever come out of your mouth, but only such speech as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others. So it may be a blessing and give grace and God's favor to those who hear it. Our Father has much to say about that little member. The tongue gives the Devil no opportunity by getting into worry, unforgiveness, strife, and criticism. Put a stop to idle and foolish talking. We are to be a blessing to others. Talk the answer, not the problem. The answer is in God's Word. We must have knowledge of the word, revelation knowledge, as an intercessor, unite with others in prayer. United Prayer is a Mighty Weapon that the body of Christ is to use and believe you receive when you pray. Praise

God for the Victory now before any manifestation. Walk by faith and not by sight.

As Satan attempts to challenge you, resist him. Be steadfast in the Faith, take the Sword of the Spirit and the Shield of Faith and squelch his every fiery dart.

Satan is now a defeated foe, because Jesus conquered him. Christians, show up for the Battle. Tight the good fight of Faith. Speak God's word boldly and courageously. Prayer is not to be religious from without power. It is to be effective and accurate, and bring about a result. God watches over His word to perform it. Let's get out there and take back our stuff. We're well able!

Man is a Spirit. He has a Soul, and he lives in a body in order for him to operate successfully. Each of these three parts must be fed properly. The soul or intellect feeds on intellectual

food to produce Intellectual Strength. The body feeds on physical food to produce physical strength. The spirit, the heart or inward man, is the real you. The part which has been reborn in Christ Jesus. It must feed on Spirit food which is God's Word!

Thought: "If you hold out Deliverance will come. In each of us, there is a yearning, and God is waiting for us to come forward and make this world a better place for all." Think about it!

Thanks for reading, Saints! Scripture: II Chronicles 7:14; Mark 11:22-26. Keep those drive-by Prayers going for those who are hurting in the community.

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

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, May 20, 2007, was another great day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:10 a.m. with Superintendent Luella Harris in charge. She taught the morning lesson and it was reviewed by Pastor Canady. The morning lesson was entitled "Living In Our Home". The scripture text was Revelation 21:9-10; 21:22-27 and 22:1-5. It was a magnificent lesson.

The morning worship hour

began with devotion at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Sister Ethel Williams in charge.

The members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts and souls. What a blessing it was to all in attendance.

Pastor Canady delivered another powerful message. His subject was "Following God's Instruction." His scripture text was I Samuel 16:1-5. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful message.

Remember those on our sick and shut-in list. They are sick today, but who knows it could be

you or this writer next week. But God is able!

Thought For The Week: "When you have found food for your soul, lead others to the source."

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You are invited to participate in our Juneteenth Celebration Parade. If you did not join us last year, which was one of the biggest parades we've had, then we encourage and welcome you to do so this year. The parade will be held Saturday, June 16th, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. All entries will assemble on the east parking lot of the United Supermarket, 2630 Parkway Drive at 8:45 a.m.

Please complete and return the application form along with the \$10 entry fee of to: Juneteenth Parade 2007, 220 Redbud, Lubbock, TX 79403. All applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 13th, 2007. A \$100 cash prize will be awarded at 12:30 p.m. for the best parade vehicle or float. Vehicles (Cars/Trucks) must be decorated. The Juneteenth Committee will make the selection based on creativity, showmanship and artistic design.

For more information please contact: Maurice Williams 744.5496
*All applications must be post marked and/or hand delivered by June 13th, 2007.

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R.B. Thompson Scholarship awarded

by Mary Cato-Denon,
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The Lincoln/Douglass Committee (LDC) awarded two (2) - \$1,000.00 scholarships during their 1st Annual Scholarship Reception on Friday, May 18, 2007, held at the Bobbie Gean & T.J. Patterson Library.

Recipients for the R.B. Thompson Scholarship were as follows: **1st Place Winner** - Bashaun Williams, Lubbock HS, Central Lubbock Church of Christ, Rev. Gerald Jackson, Pastor. Bashaun's plans are to attend the University of Utah with a double major in Ballet & Sports Medicine, and a minor in Spanish. **2nd Place Winner** - Ashley Richardson, Lubbock HS, member of Greater St Luke Bapt Church, Rev. J.H. Ford, Pastor. Ashley will be attending Texas Tech University, and study Media Entertainment.

Each recipient will receive a total of \$1,000.00 for school year 2007-08 to be given in the amounts of \$500.00 per semester. Scholarship winners (upon enrollment) should contact Mrs. Emma Jackson, Secretary, LDC, (806) 762-3350 or Mrs. Bennie Williams, Treasurer, (806) 762-5038 for transmission of funds.

Contestant Jonathan Quigley was presented a Certificate of Honor for his entry and outstanding academic achievement as a student at Estacada from LDC, during morning worship at St Luke Baptist Church where he is also a member. He was given a per-

Smith Temple men honored women on Mother's Day

The men of Smith Temple Community Church cooked a delicious dinner for the Mothers and Women. Rev. Edwin Scott, Sr. baked a beautiful cake. Brother Ardee Hunt gave all Mothers a beautiful card with a rose and blessings enclosed from "Mother Nest."

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The members of Smith Temple Community Church invites all to come again. Just come at anytime!

A special "Thank You" to Ms. Doris Reynolds for the job she does with 'Chatman Hill Corner.' May God continue to bless you in all you do.

The Smith Temple Community Church 'Mother of the Church' is Sister Catherine McCormick.

EHS gets gym upgrade



Estacado High School senior and cheerleader captain Tameka Green presents James Arnold with a framed photograph of the scoreboard in the new spectator gymnasium at Estacado High School. The scoreboard was underwritten by Lubbock National Bank where Arnold is a senior vice president. He also serves as vice president of the Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees. Estacado Principal Paul Frazier can be seen behind Green and Arnold.

sonal gift from Mary Cato-Denon. Jonathan plans to major in Business at Texas Southern University.

LDC wishes to thank the following individuals: Presentation by Councilman Floyd Price & the Special Recognition Certificate from the City of Lubbock, City Council, Isaac G. Garnett, Executive Director of the North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation for the words of encouragement, recognition & presentation of awards, Mrs. Emma Jackson for the synopsis of (her mother), Missionary R.B. Thompson, and the mission & purpose of LDC.

Mrs. Rose Wilson is always busy doing something good. She coordinated the setup and decoration. Please call Mr. Micia Fitzgerald at (806) 777-0681 for photos of the event.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all attendees and committee members. Members of LDC are as follows: Secretary, Emma Jackson, Treasurer; Bennie Williams; Volunteers, Elurd Devenport, Volunteer, Franice Hooper, Joan Jones, Rose Wilson; Acting Chairperson, Mary Cato-Den-

son; Bobbie Snodgrass, Director of the Alliance for Human Relations & Social Justice, 501(c)3 Sponsor

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Dunbar only one of 25 schools to join unique partnership with NASA

Recently, NASA announced that Dunbar Middle School Math/Science Academy in Lubbock, Texas, has been selected to begin a special three-year partnership with NASA. Dunbar is among 25 school teams nationwide that will be named as new NASA Explorer Schools (NES) during a program set to air on NASA TV's Education channel at 12 p.m. CDT. For download and scheduling information and links to streaming video, visit: www.nasa.gov/ntv

The goal of the NES program is to use NASA's unique missions to inspire student learning in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and geography. NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston will administer the NES partnership with Dunbar Middle School Math/Science Academy.

Representatives from JSC will help kick off the program with presentations at each school during the coming school year.

"This program enables schools and their communities to partner with NASA to develop the nation's future science, technology, engineering and mathematics work force," said NES Program Manager Rob Lasalvia. "It is today's students who will help make the nation's vision of sending humans back to the moon, then on to Mars and beyond a reality."

To begin the formal partnership, a team of educators and administrators from Dunbar Middle School Math/Science Academy will attend an all-expense-paid, one-week professional development workshop July 23-27 at JSC. Each school team will develop a strategic

plan to address its students' needs in mathematics, science and technology education. Schools also may apply for technology grants of up to \$17,500 over the three-year period to help implement their plans.

The NASA Explorer School Program began in 2003 in collaboration with the National Science Teachers Association. The program targets schools in grades 4-9. There are now 200 teams in the program, representing 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

With this program, NASA continues the agency's tradition of investing in the nation's education programs. It is directly tied to the agency's major education goal of attracting and retaining students in science,

technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, disciplines. To compete effectively for the minds, imaginations and career ambitions of America's young people, NASA is focused on engaging and retaining students in STEM education programs to encourage their pursuit of educational disciplines critical to NASA's future engineering, scientific and technical missions.

For information about the NASA Explorer Schools Program, visit the website at: www.explorerschools.nasa.gov.

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Pre-registration is required by August 16, 2007 along with a non-refundable \$50 application fee for a state and federal background check required through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Office Standards and Education. The registration process may take three to four weeks, therefore early registra-

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

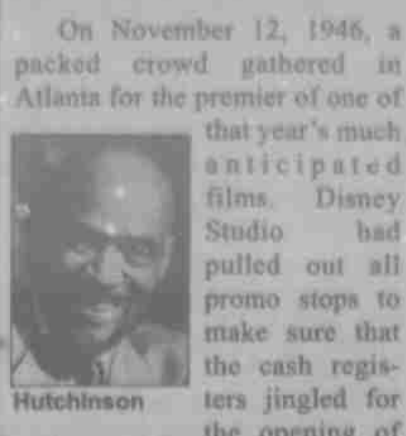
ESTACADO ALL CLASS REUNION NOT FAR OFF! THIS N THAT has learned that there will be many former graduates and students of the ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL who will be in the City of Lubbock to celebrate the 40TH ALL-CLASS REUNION ON JUNE 30 - JULY 1. Many will come to see others and offer what they can for their former school. THIS N THAT is hoping many will come back home as Estacado High School has contributed many outstanding young people to Texas and the nation, as well as the world. THIS N THAT wishes this celebration much success. Many of you may remember when it was first opened in 1967, and here it is some 40 years later, and it is still moving forward. THIS N THAT is hoping it will be more than eating and drinking, and that from it, there will be a resolution from those present to continue to SUPPORT the Estacado High School, as it was a very important part of their lives. THIS N THAT is wishing them very best as they come back home. For those of you who are graduates and former students of Estacado High School, and are residing in Lubbock, your presence at the 40th All Class Reunion is needed. For more information, call either LINDA HUNTER-DAVIS at (806) 747-8389 or 799-7155 or KAY ANDERSON at (806) 789-1315. Give them a call and let them know you will

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CONGRATS TO AN EHS GRADUATE RECEIVING HIS MASTERS! THIS N THAT wants to say CONGRATS to a former graduate of Estacado High School, EDMOND HENDERSON, II for receiving his Master's Degree from Prairie View A&M University last week. If you knew how far this young man has come in life, you'd be so proud! He was a young man who didn't give up! He is a third grade math and science teacher in the DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, and will tell you his goal in life is to become a PRINCIPAL, and one day, a SUPERINTENDENT! THIS N THAT is wishing him the very best in life! He will marry a young lady named YOKI GARDNER on August 11, 2007.
ANOTHER ESTACADO GRADUATE WILL DO MISSION WORK! THIS N THAT has learned that another Estacado High School graduate, REV. ZAIRREUS PATTERSON, will travel to BELIZE CITY in Central America from June 30 - July 7, 2007. He will be working in the Mission field, teaching in a Vacation Bible School. He says many of these young kids are born out of wedlock. Poverty is running rampant and the people are in need of Christian materials. He will tell you these young people need to be taught. There are a lot of drugs

in the area. Patterson is looking forward to this trip as he wants to help some young people. He will also make Mercy Visits to the convalescent homes, help with the rebuilding of a PLAYGROUND FOR THE ORPHANGE, and participate in LEADERSHIP TRAINING for all the local Baptist Churches. THIS N THAT is just happy to hear what he will be doing in this Mission Field. He is one of many who graduated from Estacado High School and is doing well.
PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "AS BLACKS, we must learn to CONTROL our own NEIGHBORHOOD!"
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Disney sings of dollars and racism with Song of the South

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson, BlackNews.com Columnist



Hutchinson

On November 12, 1946, a packed crowd gathered in Atlanta for the premier of one of that year's much anticipated films. Disney Studio had pulled out all promo stops to make sure that the cash registers jingled for the opening of Song of the South. The film was its first real live action film. It conjured up the old racially soothing images of cotton specked fields, white columned plantation mansions, mint juleps, and happy-go-lucky, banjo strumming, and singing blacks. At the center of this falsified, but nostalgic, celluloid view of the Old plantation South was Uncle Remus. Veteran black actor James Baskett played Remus. He was always kindly, benevolent, and enthralled young whites with an endless storehouse of racially skewed black folktales. Unfortunately, Baskett didn't get to revel in his own tour de force performance at the opening night gala. No hotel within proximity to the theater would rent him a room. Uncle Remus nee Baskett may have been a beloved, cherished figure in Disney's mock plantation South film, but in the real world of then rigidly Jim Crow Atlanta, Baskett was anything but beloved. Song of the South went on to score big at the box office. Down through the years it spawned a genre of popular kid songs that generations of school children (including this writer) hummed and whistled, and delighted in the antics of folk icons Brer Rabbit, Brer Fox and Brer Bear. GOP presidential contenders Mitt Romney and John McCain took much heat when they innocently used the term tar baby to describe troubled situations. Both sweated through profuse apologies and vowed that they had no racial intent in using the term. Tar baby was one of Uncle Remus's wildly popular tales in the movie. It has been roundly denounced as a derogatory term for blacks.

Despite the vile and offensive stereotypes, and phony racial image of the South, tens of thousands of Song of the South buffs pounded Disney last year in a website, an online petition, and letters to re-release the film on home video and DVD. Disney executives begged off, explaining that without the prop-

er context a release could be misinterpreted. That was a polite way of saying that there is no way that such a racially anachronistic film loaded with racially demeaning images and characters can be peddled without telling how and why the images and message are racially insulting today. In those days though the stereotypes were considered tame and acceptable. The Disney announcement drew mild applause from those that object to the offensive racial stereotypes. But hold the cheers. Song of the South has never stopped making money for Disney. It's been a popular sale item on video and laserdisc in Britain, Hong Kong, Spain, France, Germany, as well as Italy where the title is translated as "The Stories of Uncle Tom." The British even re-released Song in 2000. Out of print international copies of the film reportedly command upwards of \$100 at on line sales. In the United States Song of the South never had a swan song. It is readily available for sale on book and record sets. There would be no objection to the continued commercial pump of Song of the South if the clamor for it was merely collector's nostalgic, scholarly interest in black folktales, or to use the film as a learning tool to warn students of the social and psychic damage racial stereotypes have wreaked. But Disney executives almost certainly know that the copies of Song of the South that are sold contain not a whisper of the "appropriate context" they claim the studio is concerned should be in the film before re-releasing it. The dangle of even bigger dollars from official video sales may ultimately prove too tempting for Disney to pass up, with or without the appropriate context. In a statement in March Disney President and CEO Bob Iger dropped a strong hint that re-release may well be in the cards in the near future. Iger's statement was a trial balloon to see what if any public reaction there is to that prospect. So far there's been virtually none. The NAACP and other civil rights groups have taken no position on it. That's a good sign for Disney. The protest if any, they're banking would be scattered, weak, and short-lived. If that's the case, then there'll be no need to provide the appropriate context for the film. It would be just a straight dollar and cents business deal. In the coming months, the thousands that hunger for and still delight in the Old South imagery of blacks singing, dancing, telling homespun tales, and who are eternally deferential to whites will continue to prod Disney to get the film back on the video market shelves. Disney's waffling on whether to release or not shows they are listening, and listening closely. Racial stereotypes have always been one of America's most timeless and lucrative commodities. Ask Don Imus. Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah anyone?

BlackNews.com Columnist Earl Ofari Hutchinson is an author and political analyst. His new book *The Latino Challenge to Black America: Towards a Conversation between African-Americans and Hispanics* (Middle Passage Press and Hispanic Economics New York) in English and Spanish will be out in October.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



As one ages and engages in the vocation or career of teaching in public schools, there is a tendency to become cynical. Cynical refers to the way in which one views the annual injection of methods and evaluation into the classroom setting. We must admit that in order to teach anything, one must first know something to teach. It is assumed, (bad word choice) that one learned something to teach during the four to six years of college attendance. Adding to that, if one knows something, it is no chore to impart that knowledge to someone else who is capable of learning something. When teaching has taken place and students have learned, test

results usually show that something has been taught and learned. Teaching and learning are not exact sciences. In our attempt to make teaching a science, we have come close to eliminating the tried and true means for getting information over to students. Knowing that each child is different and will learn at a different pace, we are spending too much time trying to accommodate those whom we feel are having difficulties and not enough on those students whom are capable of grasping everything we can give them. We try to make sure we cover all of the steps in our methods and miss out on what good ole fashioned loving help can do. We underestimate the value of our capable students who can reach the hard to reach student and help them to grasp difficult subjects. Children can often

help each other better than any method a teacher can employ. For this reason, special education needs to be tossed. Special accommodations for the physically handicapped is a must, but students learn from other students better than they learn from adults and segregation of slow learners is nothing more than a crock to get more federal dollars while inhibiting the growth of today's students. The average child in special education, collecting federal dollars for schools and themselves is not now or was ever a wise move. Some parents abuse the privilege. The more methods we employ, the more guidelines we must follow and the less our children learn. We need to get 'in cinque' and let teachers teach and attempt to make available more for teachers to know, rather than more of what to do and how to do it, in-as-much-as it changes every year.



Howard

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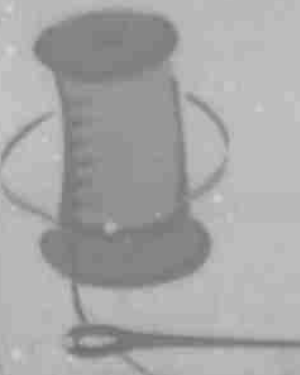
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1. Failure to Plan—An old saying goes, "Most people don't plan to fail, they fail to plan." This is particularly true when it comes to insurance and finances. If any planning is done it's on a piecemeal basis, but that's just not enough. To have a shot at accomplishing what we want, we must first set our goals, analyze what it will take to achieve those goals, and then implement a plan. The plan should include everything from savings and checking accounts, to longer-term vehicles like annuities, CDs, and IRAs, and the protection provided by life, health, and disability income insurance.

2. Insufficient Diversification—Another old adage still rings true: "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." Diversification is generally considered a key to reducing risk and enhancing potential return. Some people believe that because they have CDs in three different banks they're properly diversified. True diversification cuts across product types, lengths of maturity, and asset categories. With a well-diversified portfolio, you're never too dependent on how well one product performs.

3. Insufficient Life Insurance—We're quick to insure our cars and our homes, but too often we overlook our most important asset—ourselves. With mortgages, tuition, and bills to be paid, it's important to have proper coverage on all income earners. Some people may have group term life insurance through their employers, but this alone may not be sufficient. Be careful not to be over-

ly dependent on group term, for these plans can be inflexible, may not be portable, and may not be available when you need it most—after age 65. Look into purchasing individual coverage to suit your particular needs. How much life insurance is enough? That depends on a number of personal factors including income and number of dependents. It's best to sit down with an insurance professional to go over your needs and look at the available options.

4. Inadequate Disability Income Insurance—Your earning power is the generator that keeps the wheels of your household running smoothly. But what if that generator breaks down? The risk of disability, as well as its potential cost, is simply too great to ignore. Once again, a company-sponsored plan may be too limited for

your needs. Typically, disability income insurance plans will cover 50–60% of your annual income for a pre-determined period of time. You'll want to study the policy carefully to understand all of the provisions, including the definition of disability, the waiting period following disability before you can collect, and the length of the payment period.

5. No Estate Plan—Some people have the impression that estate planning is just for the rich. Unfortunately, that view can be costly to their heirs. Your estate includes such items as your home, cash, investments, personal property, and other assets you and your spouse may own jointly or as community property. These may add up to a lot more than you thought you were worth. Federal estate taxes apply to estates valued at more than \$2 million in

2007 and 2008*, and a climb to over a 45% tax rate for large estates. Add in state death taxes and final expenses and your death can be quite costly to your loved ones.

You owe it to your family to have an estate plan in place. An effective will, a trust arrangement, and adequate life insurance are some of the options available to you to help your heirs get what they deserve.

"To err is human" is yet another pearl of wisdom. Sure, everyone makes mistakes, but all of the ones outlined above can be avoided. With proper insurance products and financial strategies you can steer past those costly blunders and be on the road to financial success.

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100 Black Men Group Launches Black Business Directory

The **Lubbock Black Business Directory** is now available. The internet Directory lists information about African American businesses, individual professionals and community organizations in the Lubbock area. It is a free service sponsored by 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc.

Currently available online, it is expected that the **Lubbock Black Business Directory** will soon be available in a hard-copy printed form. The Directory is designed to be easy to access and use. Anyone interested in obtaining information about the location and services of black-owned businesses, professional services, and social and community organizations can do so on the internet at www.lubbockblackbusinessdirectory.com.

Information such as contact information and hours of operation can be obtained by searching for name of the business or type of business. At this time there are more than one hundred entries. The listings cover many types of businesses, from beauty and barber shops to restaurants to tree-trimming services. Churches and social organizations as well as doctors and pharmacy services are also listed.

The **Lubbock Black Business Directory** represents one of the many community-oriented initiatives of the 100 Black Men organization. The 100 Black Men of West Texas, founded in 1994, is the local chapter of the nationwide 100 Black Men of America. The Directory is part of the group's economic development sphere of activity, one of the four pillars of service to black youth and the African American community, which also include mentoring, education, and health and wellness.

According to Greg Ricks and Michael Ward, members of 100 Black Men of West Texas and principal developers of the **Lubbock Black Business Directory**, all black-owned business owners, African American professionals, and community organizations in the Lubbock area are encouraged to list their information in the Directory. The service is free of charge and applicants need only complete a simple application with information about the business or organization. The business or organization does not need to own a computer or have an email address. Further information and application forms can be obtained at (806) 773-3252 or P.O. Box 6331, Lubbock, TX 79463.


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- Wood file
 - "...-a-dub-dub"
 - Snob
 - Upon
 - Dial in on a radio
 - Pay hike
 - A-bomb particle
 - Chieftain in Arabia
 - French school
 - Don't leave home (with your baby) without it
 - Repeat a passage
 - License for absence from a religious house
 - Great Britain's airforce
 - Beaches in Mexico
 - Par for the course
 - He likes green eggs?
 - Course for expecting parents
 - Abounding with elm trees
 - Concerning, archaic
 - Retirement investment
 - Where mobile, hang out, pl.
 - Swimmer's tow
 - Away from intended path
 - Clinton ___ Rodham
 - Traditional deliverer
 - What #38 Down does
 - Chronic drinker
 - Sibyllic
 - Mountain lake
 - Popular eating place for babies
 - Mushroom top, pl.
 - Abel and Cain's father
 - Fairytale start
 - Three-stringed violin
 - Greek salad cheese
 - Contains a hydroxyl group bonded to a carbon atom
 - Native-American storytelling tradition
 - The little one cried, "Weel Weel! Weel! All the way home!"
 - PlayStation maker
- DOWN**
- One less traveled
 - Not in favor of
 - Roofed colonnade
 - Quarrelled with Caesar and fled to Egypt
 - Cuban dance
 - Member of Unit Church
 - Titanic enemy
 - Baby soother
 - Heavy metal band "Quiet ___"
 - A small island
 - "... whizz!"
 - Nobel Prize-winning nun
 - Summary
 - Glorify
 - Dark bread
 - A sacred song
 - Hawaiian veranda
 - Set right
 - Russian monarch
 - "Crazy" singer
 - Public start
 - Rejuvenations
 - Expense, cost
 - Open to interpretation
 - Supplanted by TV news
 - Faultfinder
 - At the stern
 - Causes wheezing
 - Not Doric nor Corinthian
 - Voices in a tunnel
 - It "killed the radio star"
 - Impure form of quartz
 - Wedding cake layers
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