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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 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 Tuesday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chautman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Cafeteria.

8th Grade Teens of Month At Alderson Middle School



Kevin Mathis



Shanswala Turner

Alderson Middle School, where Mr. George Love is principal, is proud to present the September Teens of the Month.

They are Kevin Mathis and Shanswala Turner, who are eight grade students at Alderson. Mathis is the son of

Gabrielle White and Kevin Mathis. Turner is the daughter of Shantell and Willie James Turner.

"We are proud of our young people at Alderson says Catherine Headley, assistant principal of Alderson.

50 Years Since Little Rock Students Entered White School in 1957

The nine men and women who passed through the doors of Central High School 50 years ago celebrated that anniversary by helping nine students make their entry into college.

The Little Rock Nine Foundation awarded nine scholarships, each worth \$10,000, at a gala dinner on Monday evening, September 24, 2007. The \$200-a-ticket black-tie event which was held at the State House Convention Center was sold out to more than 1,300 people by July. President Bill Clinton, honorary chair for the fund-raiser, was speaker. PBS NewsHour anchor Gwen Ifill was emcee, and musician Henry Shed performed. The Coca-Cola Foundation gave corporate support for the banquet.



The students are: Thelma Mothershed, Elizabeth Eckford, Gloria Ray, Jefferson Thomas, Melba Pattillo, Ernest Green, Carlotta Walls, Minnijean Brown and Terrace Roberts who are seen with Daisy Bates, who was president of the Arkansas Conference of Branches of the NAACP in 1957.

The Nine have contributed portions of their speaking fees over the past few years to help the foundation achieve its goal, which is to help promising high school students struggling school districts attend college. The foundation was approved for non-profit status in 2000.

Carlotta Walls LaNier, the foundation president, said the Nine discussed its creation before their 40th anniversary in 1997. Eight of the Nine met (Thelma Mothershed Wair was at a family reunion) and "they pretty much said to me you go right ahead," The foundation was incorporated in Colorado, but LaNier hopes it will have an office in Little Rock someday.

The inaugural recipients of the

annual awards, chosen by a committee of educators and two of the Nine, are Curtis Flournoy, Wilbur D. Mills University Studies High School; Jose Hollowsay, Little Rock Central High School; Ruanda McFerren, Northside High School, Fort Smith; Elvi Colmenero, North High School, Denver; Lindsey Brown, Craigmont High School, Memphis; Veronica Billingsley, Booker T. Washington High School, Memphis; John Williams, Moises E. Molina High School, Dallas; and Daisha Henry, Franklin D. Roosevelt High School, Dallas. They earned their scholarships with essays on the importance of the Little Rock Nine in civil rights history and what the Nine meant to them.

Head Start Helps Children Change Families

Head Start program give children a positive, strong start on life and provides for development of parent involvement in the education of their children. This Head Start outcome has occurred in the family of Blanca and Tobe Herron. Blanca and Tobe had four children -- Maurice, Krystal, Marcus and Micah. Maurice Herron, now 28 years old, attended one year of head start as a 4 year-old child at Child Services Head Start Center. Krystal Herron-Foster attended two years of Head Start during her 3 and 4 years old at the Child Services Head Start Center. Marcus Herron attended one year as a 4 year old at the Child Services Head Start Center. The youngest, Micah Herron, also attended two years at the SPCAA Home Base and YWCA Head Start Center.

Since their Head Start years, Maurice graduated from Estacado High School in 1998 and attended Texas Tech University. Krystal Herron-Foster graduated Valedictorian of Estacado High School in 1999, graduated from Texas Tech University in 2004, and is currently working on her Master's in Education at Wayland University. Marcus Herron graduated from Lubbock High School in 2002 and attended South Plains College. Micah Herron graduated with high honors from Lubbock High School in May, 2007. Micah is currently attending Panhandle State University with an academic and athletic scholarship.

Mrs. Herron was one of



Herron Family: Tobe Herron, III, Maurice Herron, Krystal Herron, Blanca Herron, Micah Herron & Marcus Herron.

seven children from a migrant family who migrated from Edinburg, Texas to South Dakota. Her family settled in West Texas farming industry. She is currently completing her seventeenth year of employment with the South Plains Community Action Association. Her employment followed the enrollment of her children in the program as she completed her Associated degree in Child Development and Bachelor's degree in Education at Wayland Baptist University. Mrs. Herron serves as a Mental Health/Disabilities assistant for SPCAA Head Start.

Blanca's current job duties include helping children and parents obtain the most appropriate educational program. She conferences with teachers and other professionals to develop and implement individual educational plans for children with special needs.

Mrs. Herron's work also focuses on the parents and she helps them many ways. For

some parents, she is caring, sensitive listener, for others she provides accurate information on child development and special needs. Many parents express that their confidence helps them to tackle and deal with other



Maurice Herron



Krystal Herron

issues or problems in their lives. Blanca Herron is part of the Head Start program that provides the foundation for the importance of education and assists parents with becoming positive advocates for their child's health, education and overall success in life! Additional information on the South Plains CAA Head Start program is available from the spcaa.org website or by calling 762-8815 or 894-2207. Currently there is open enrollment in all 13 counties served by SPCAA. Some Head Start classrooms are in public schools settings and others are in licensed child care centers.

Blanca and Tobe and the Herron children have benefited endlessly many ways from the Head Start program.

Pastor A. W. Anthony Mays Will Conduct Revival At Parkway Drive Baptist Church

Pastor Deshun Avery, newly appointed pastor of the Parkway Drive Baptist Church, 2913 East 2nd Street, is announcing an Fall Revival which is held September 26, 27 & 28, 2007, beginning each night at 7:00 p. m.

Pastor A. W. Anthony Mays, who has been a pastor since he was age 18, is the Senior Pastor of the Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Austin, where more than 2,000 attend services each Sunday morning.

As pastor for over 35 years, Pastor Mays attended the public schools of Round Rock Independent School District, and became the first African-American to attend the newly integrated Round Rock High School. He continued his education at the University of Texas where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Further study was undertaken by Pastor Mays at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.



Pastor & Mrs. Avery

Over the years, Pastor Mays has served in a number of religious and community positions. He is the former moderator of the East Texas Baptist Association, and served as Vice President of the Texas Baptist Congress Workers, and he is past president of the Baptist Ministers' Union of Austin. Pastor Mays has also served as Branch President of the NAACP in Wichita Falls, Home Rule Commissioner of Round Rock, Texas and Planning and Zoning Commissioner of Tyler.

Dailey & House Reunion Celebrates 100th Anniversary



The above members of the Dailey family were in attendance of the 100th Anniversary of the Dailey and House Reunion at the Mount Zion A.M.E. Church on Sunday, August 25, 2007.

They are Maurice, Jess, Sr., Billy Jess, Jr. (standing) William, Gille, Johnny, Jimmy and William. More information is on Page 2, and a photo of church.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Krystal Herron, right, is shown receiving her Estacado High School diploma in May, 1999 from the then principal, Kenneth Wallace. Since then, Krystal graduated from Texas Tech.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This weekly column will continue to look for information which will help many of local families.

For example, families who are income eligible may receive fee assistance to attend one of the Early Learning Centers' five centers for child care. Parents or guardians must be employed or in school. This program is available from 6:30 a. m. until 6:00 p. m. Monday through Friday. If interested, call 765-9981 for more information. There must

be some families who qualify in our community.

How many of you ever eaten at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center? As you know, Senior Citizens enjoy a well-balanced lunch Mondays through Fridays. Meals are served at noon. Adults 60 or older are asked to donate \$2.00 per meal. Guest under age 60 are required to pay \$4.00.

Senior Citizens unable to pay will not be turned away.

For more information, call 767-2710.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Remember, God is able.

Among those will include is Jvance "High Pocket" Dawson, who is a resident at the Southwest Regional Medical Complex. Your prayers will be most appreciated.

Visit a public school this week as our kids need to see us.

In Remembrance

Elijah Steptoe, Jr.

Funeral services for Elijah Steptoe, Jr. were held last Saturday



Steptoe

morning, September 22, at the Mount Zion Baptist Church with Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Steptoe passed away Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at University Medical Center.

He is survived by two daughters, Ashley Harris and Alicia Holmes; a son, Elijah Steptoe, III; three brothers: Robert Johnson, Brian Steptoe and Richard Steptoe; three sisters: Betty Steptoe, Shirley Harrison, and Sylvia Holbert (John); four grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Congratulations, T. J. & Eddie; Job Well Done!

Congratulations to both of you, and the staff of the Southwest Digest on the 30th Anniversary of the Southwest Digest this year! You all have every right to be pleased and proud of your newspaper and its accomplishments, and I add my voice to the Lubbock community's chorus of praise and thankfulness for your 30 years of diligence and hard work!

I know that it has not always been easy for you all to publish the Southwest Digest, but rest assured that your efforts have always been noticed, and much appreciated!

Neither of you may remember me (understandable), but I knew both of you when I attended Texas Tech University (1971-73), and lived and worked in Lubbock (1973-81). I worked with both of you when I was employed as Personnel Administrator at the former Devro, Inc. (on Loop 289) from 1975 to 1981; Darwin Hilliard was my boss at the time. I very much appreciated the chances to work with both of you during that time, and I learned a great deal from both of you.

Since that time, I spent from 1981 until 2004 working in Personnel Administration, human resources, and community relations for companies like Celanese Corporation on and Base Corporation on the Texas Gulf Coast just south of Houston. If you check with Brazosport Facts in Brazoria County and mention my name, they can give you a good idea of what I was up to down there while I was there.

My mother, Dorothy Jackson of Brownfield, is a subscriber, and



Patrick Jackson

also sends her best wishes on this major milestone in your lives. Congratulations Again T. J. And Eddie on your 30 years with the Southwest Digest, and may God continue to bless both of you and your families!

(Editor's Note: This was written by Patrick Jackson of Brownfield, Texas as Co-Publishers, we are most appreciative of this kind gesture which came through the U.S. mail, and let us know how the Southwest Digest is appreciated over the years. Really, words can't really express how we felt, but, hopefully, you will know by our continued actions. This gives us the necessary fuel of motivation needed to continue. Surely, we are a two-man appreciation with some dedicated people who work with us on a daily and weekly basis so this publication may continue.

Yes, we give praises to God for being us every step of the way and have provided what we have needed for this past 30 years. So, Brother Patrick Jackson, we appreciate what you have done.

There may be those of you who think we have over blown our 30 years of hard knocks, but just think about where we have come from and the need for more Black owned business)

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson



Ladies you're going to see more and more stripes, as we go along.

They are emerging rapidly. You'll look so lovely in floating dress drenched in lush stripes, or maybe or maybe in a lovely stripe fly sleeve blouse.

Enhance your favorite outfit by accessorizing with spirited shoes and matching handbag, how about a shimmering iridescent striped should drop scarf, a huge striped bangle bracelet?

Make stripe personal they come in all sizes, width and colors.

It's like the polka dots, you have to have a little. Vertical lines? now you tell me ladies how we slenderizing is that.

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

Lubbockites Attend 89th Annual National Convention Of American Legion In Reno

Among the thousands of delegates who attended the 89th Annual National Convention of The American Legion at the Reno-Sparks Convention in Reno, Nevada August 28-30, 2007 were four Lubbockites. They were Frances L. Bell, Georgia Richardson, Ruby Washington, and Darlene Howard.

They also were present when President George W. Bush addressed the convention on Tuesday morning, August 28. According to Ms. Bell, "Security was very tight as he spoke to more than 7,800 people in attendance as he spoke for 45 minutes."

"Bomb squads were visible outside the Reno-Sparks Convention Center," she said.

Dailey and House Reunion Celebrates 100 Years In Princeton, Arkansas

The Dailey and House families celebrated their 100th Family Reunion Saturday, August 25, 2007, in Princeton, Arkansas at the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church on Saturday afternoon, August 25, 2007.

The founder of the family reunion is Bill Dailey who was a man with an abiding passion for the family. He was indeed a family man.

After a period of soul searching, he took steps to keep his family intact. In late 1907, he invited his adult children back home to reconnect. Each year they returned to celebrate with dinners and family fun.

After many changes, Bill Dailey's oldest son, Will, assumed the responsibility of leadership. He readily called upon his good friend and brother-in-law, Andrew House, to lend his expertise and support. The unique partnership formulated the foundation to the present format. The size of the family and the focus of the reunion necessitated a new venue: the meeting place became the local place of worship, Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church.



Pictured above is the present Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church re-built by family members.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Deceiving Humans in our Midst

Allowing me to seize your attention as we focus on Vicente Fox, the former president of Mexico. Do you remember this leader of a country who implied that Blacks features were akin to monkeys? Remember the man whose country (Mexico) made stamps with the image of Blacks being shiftless and happy-go-lucky, extremely black faces and huge white lips.

Remember the man President Bush describe as his friend. Should I refresh your memory of the man who stood tall with a plantation ruler's hat in a photo opt with and over President Bush and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper? Need I refresh your memory about facial expression of President Bush looking up to him as he gesture with his hands as a boy looking up to his father during a behavioral lecture.

Paul Bedard reports in the "Washington Whispers" column in the U. S. News & World Report Mexico former president Vicente Fox says "George W. Bush is 'cockiest guy' I've met. While he expresses a kinship with W, he breaks with the prez on the war and slams the GOP's

immigration platform. He blames Bush's stubbornness on Iraq for bad international relations, calls his Spanish 'grade-school level,' and admits he didn't think Bush would ever become president.

While I fancy being political correct and humane in spirit, however, for a leader to play the friend of the president Americans elected as their leader and to stabbed him in the back because he could not have his way with illegal immigration of Mexicans into America is sinister. This is the act of a bedeviled coxcomb. Maybe he does need to go as I have stated before, unto the "blood" and converse with the African American brothers as to why they appear to be akin to nonhuman primate mammals. He needs to wear his Southern Plantation style hat and converse with his authorization style.

Oh, my memory just returns as to why Vicente Fox may be offended by Blacks. The late Barbara Jordan testified before the Commission on Immigration Reform in 1995 say saying, "Credibility in Immigration policy can be summed up in one sentence: "Those who should be kept out; and those who should not be here will be required to

leave."

Karl Leuba wrote a recent story entitled "The animals are running the zoo in Jena, Louisiana." Leuba, an atheist wrote the following: "Hanging colorful Nooses from a Shade Tree is threatening to some of God's People, those with dark skins in Jena, Louisiana know that it is, unless they are from Mars. Now I think anyone who puts up a noose, or burns a cross, or yell epithets has resigned from the community of God, and the human race, so I think beating a racist is not assault on a person, but animal cruelty. As a secular humanist, I don't have the admonition that all are the Children of God. No God, no Children of God. But, I do believe that we are all people, if we want to be. And when we hang up a noose, or burn a cross, or attack on the basis of skin color, we're resigning from the Human race and becoming Animals. I think the same is true of anyone who forces his will on another person. If I ask for a hug and a kiss, you have the right to say no. But, if I invite you to come to school, I am not inviting you to come to part of the school.

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We Thank God for Jesus

"Thank God It Could Be Worse"

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

Proverbs 27:20 - Hell and destruction are never full so the eyes of man is never satisfied.

When we have a headache and the pain is great, we curse. We hear of the man who has a brain tumor. Thank God, it could be worse!

Psalm 118:23-24 - This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

When we go buy groceries, fill seven sacks. The prices are high and we curse. We see many people hustling the trash cans. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

Deuteronomy 15:11 - The Lord said, for the poor shall never cease out of the land. Therefore, I command you, saying, you shall open hand wide unto your Brother, to the poor, and to your needy in your land.

It can rain all weekend, want to be outside and under our breath, we curse. Think of the flooding we hear of in other states. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

Romans 14:6 - He that regards the day. Regards it unto the Lord, and he that regard not the day, to the Lord does not regard it unto the Lord, and he that regard not this day to the Lord he does not regard it. He

that eat, eat unto the Lord, he gives God thanks, and he eats not and gives God thanks.

When we go the store, pull on the door and its hard to open. We curse. We see the man in the wheelchair trying to get in. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

Psalm 105:1-2 - O' God thanks u unto the Lord. Call upon his name. Make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him. Sing psalms unto him. Talk you of all his wondrous works.

We know of some people who got their car's fender bent. Out loud, they curse. Then know of that someone died in an accident. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

1 Chronicles 16:34 - O give thanks u unto the Lord. He is good, for his mercy endures for ever.

When the water is frozen, and we can't make our coffee. Out loud we curse. Neighbor's water has been off for three weeks. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

Psalm 136:1-4 - O give thanks unto the Lord. For he is good. For his mercy endures for ever. To his along does great wonders. For his mercy endures for ever.

The wind is blowing at 40

mph and under your breath you curse.

You've forgotten the 1970 tornado in Lubbock. Thank God, it could be worse.

Palm 65 - They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid of your token (Signs). You make the outgoing of the morning and evening to rejoice.

The man's and his car broke down. He rides the Citibus, and under his breath he curse. Many cities in Texas don't even have a bus system. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

Psalm 104:13 - He waters the hills from his chambers. The earth is satisfied with the fruit of your works.

Brother T.J. Patterson had two of his tires cut, and out loud he did curse. I, Billy, B. J., had all four of my tires cut. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

Psalm 100:1-2 & 4a - Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with singing. Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

Let us always be aware that God is always in control, and as his children, we must understand how He stands.

You see, God loves all of us regardless of who we are.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th St Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, September 23, 2007, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canary.

Services got underway with Sunday School with

Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. It was another wonderful lesson taught by Sister Harris and reviewed by Pastor Canary.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Dealing With

Dissension In The family." The scripture text was Genesis 21:9-21.

The morning worship hour began with devotion by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother

Gerald Jackson.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls last Sunday morning for the Lord.

Rev. Alvin Butler delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was "Living At The Edge of Night." His scripture text was Isaiah 21:11-21.

Sunday afternoon, September 30, 2007, at 3:30 p. m., the Missionary Department of St. Matthew Baptist Church will sponsor their Annual Day program. The theme will be "Up Against The Wall." The guest speaker for the afternoon will be Sister Margaret Moton, First Lady of New Hope Baptist Church.

The members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church are inviting all to come and enjoy this great speaker.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members of all churches.

Just remember a little kindness to someone - on the sick and shut in list will go a mighty long way. Let us not forget those who are down today. Tomorrow it could be one of us.

Sister Kay Redman lost her father in Midland, Texas last week. Let us pray for her.

Let us not forget that Sister L. E. Moore of Dallas, Texas, will be guest speaker for our Fall Revival.

Thought For The Day: "Every Christian should be an expectant uplooker, not a sleepy or looker." God is able!

Attend The Church Of Your Choice On Sunday Mornings!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are asking 1 his question: "What Does The Lord Require Of Us?"

"To please the Lord is not enough for us to attend Sunday morning worship. Fulfill all the important rituals and responsibilities of the church. But there is more to our faith than religious rituals; for God wants us to dedicate ourselves to fulfilling his requirements in our daily living.

Micah says that there are three requirements of God for us -- to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8) For the Jews, these requirements were nothing new. God had already told them about justice, kindness, and humanity.

Justice simple means -- being fair to one's neighbor and doing what is right in ones dealing with others. It meant making a fair business exchange, giving a fair decision. Justice means giving everyone a fair and equal chance under the law.

Regardless of social or economic status, when there is justice, the rich are not able to take from the poor and the wealthy do not rob the weak. Where there is justice, there is no segregation, discrimination and police brutality. A just people, a just community will not take people's welfare checks, food stamps, while permitting the affluent to have subsidies and big tax breaks.

Kindness is a warm and friendly way. We are suppose to treat others to be kind. We must be good to someone. Kind people do not lie and cheat on one another. A kind society doesn't mistreat its children, youth and elderly; nor does it deny its members the basic necessities of life.

Kind people don't spread false rumors and malicious gossip; nor do they fail to help those who are in need. The way to God is through humility. The one and

only way... (One sentence sermon) "Wealth without health is like a check without a signature." Think about it.

How many of you know that people who reject absolute standards of right and wrong are often inconsistent. When they think they are being treated unfairly, they appeal to a standard of justice that they expect everyone to adhere to.

A philosophy professor began each new term by asking his class,

"Do you believe it can be shown that there are absolute values like justice?"

The free thinking students all argued that everything is relative and no single law can be applied universally. Before the end of the semester, the professor devoted one class period to do debate issue. At the end, he concluded, "Regardless of what you think, I want you to know.

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

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

Texas Unemployment Rate Drops to 4.2 Percent in August

Austin — The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.2 percent in August, down from last month's 4.4 percent, and down from 4.9 percent a year ago. Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Texas grew by 10,400 jobs, remaining strong, despite the U.S. economy's loss of 4,000 jobs this month. Texas employers have added 229,000 jobs in the past year.

"Our strong Texas economy continues to surpass national trends, with employers adding jobs statewide again this month," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "At 4.2 percent, the state at 2.8 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Amarillo and Odessa MSAs tied for second at 3.3 percent."

The Service Providing sector showed the largest gains. Professional and Business Services showed significant gains of 5,500 jobs, after a banner July, when the industry added 7,300 positions. This industry now stands at a solid 5.1 percent annual growth rate, bringing 62,100 jobs to the Texas economy over the past 12 months. Government jobs also contributed to the state's economic health, adding 6,800 positions in August.

"Employers are adding jobs in a wide variety of industries and I'm particularly encouraged by the strong showing in the Service Providing sector," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "Texas' annual jobs growth rate now stands at 2.3 percent, well-above the national rate of 1.2 percent."

Leisure and Hospitality added 3,500 jobs, following an increase of 1,300 jobs in July, representing an annual growth rate now at 4.4 percent. Natural Resource and Mining increased by 1,600 jobs this month and added 16,500 jobs over the year showing wing a strong annual growth rate of 8.8 percent. Education and Health Services created another 1,600 jobs this month, adding to July's tally of 2,800 positions.

"There are 229,000 more jobs in Texas as compared to this time last year," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Our state offers many opportunities to Texans seeking jobs."

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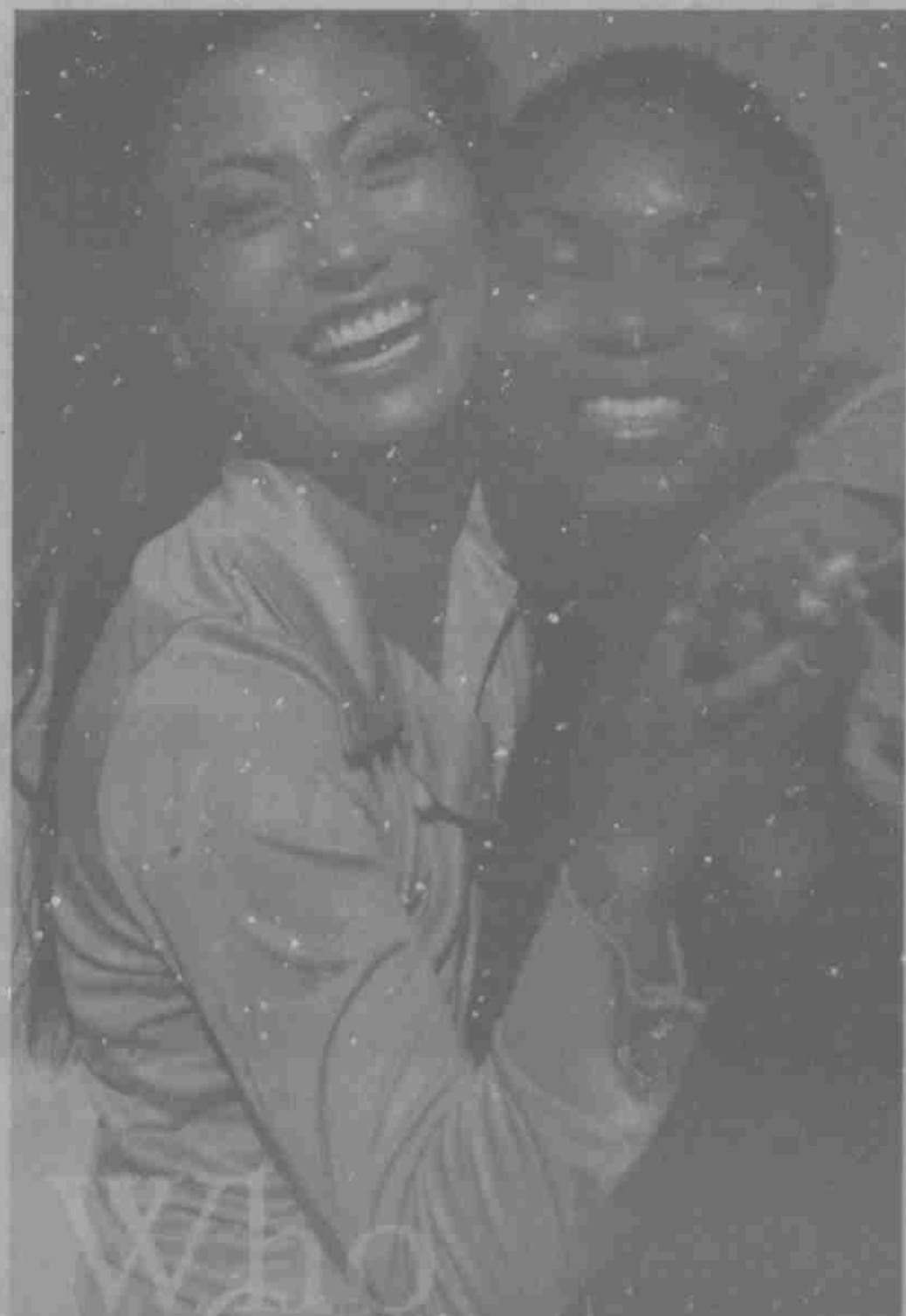
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Mississippi Has Struggled To Desegregate

Race has shaped education in the Magnolia State from Reconstruction through the Carter Administration. For *The Hardest Deal Of All: The Battle Over School Integrate In Mississippi, 1870/1980* (University Press of Mississippi), Charles C. Bolton mines news paper, account, journals, archives, records, legal and financial documents, and other sources to uncover the complex story of one of Mississippi's most significant and vexing issues.

This history closely examines specific events—the aftermath of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, the 1966 protest counter-demonstration in Grenada, and the efforts of particular organizations—and carefully consider the broad picture. The state's white and black public school are given equal attention, as are the range of attitudes about integration amongst white and black Mississippians. The book also details the effect of desegregation on black communities and white private

school attendance.

Despite a "separate but equal" doctrine established in the late nineteenth century, the state's racially divided school systems quickly developed vast differences in terms of financing, academic, resource, teacher salaries, and quality of education. As one the Nation's poor's states, Mississippi could not afford to finance one school system adequately, much less two. For much of twentieth century, some white fought hard to preserve the dual school system, in which the maintenance of one race school became the most important measure of educational quality. Many black fought equally hard to end segregated schooling, realizing that these schools would remain underfunded and under staff as long as they were not integrated.

Charles C. Bolton his professor and chair of history at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. He is the co-author of *Mississippi: An Illustrate History* and co-editor of *The Cofestion of Edward Isham: A Poor White Life of the Old South*. Bolton work has also appeared in the journal of *Southern History*, *Journal of Mississippi history*, and *Mississippi Folklite*.



Editorials • Comments • Opinions



THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY! THAT N THAT after hearing about the recent killing of a young man believed to be 28 years of age there needs to be concern about what is happening in our community. As citizens we need to show concern from what is happening no matter who it involves. As our young people need to know that we are behind them and be willing to correct them, when they are involved with any bad activity. All in all let us go back to the basic and do what is right for all of us. Just keep in mind we need each other and really they need us. So will you serve as committee of one and do your part to keep OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN by standing up for what is right. There is no doubt about it there is work to be done and we can help change some of the bad situations in our community. Remember when the DRUG & GANG MARCHES took place in East Lubbock? Some in the community didn't like them but guess what they did play a

role in the community. And you know what there were not many ALLEGED DRUG HOUSES IN EAST LUBBOCK but it appears as though there are many at this time. So come on PEOPLE let's do what we can do. OKAY?

CONGRATS TO CAVIELS FOR FIFTY YEARS! THIS N THAT would like to say **CONGRATULATIONS** to **MRS. BILLIE J. CAVIEL & ALFRED CAVIEL** for the completion of **50 YEARS OF SERVICE** as a **LICENSED PHARMACIST** The State Board of Pharmacy presented a recognition to them for their service to the practice of pharmacy and to the citizens of Texas. This special recognition was sent to them by Gay Dodson, R.Ph. Executive Director/Secretary of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. **THIS N THAT** says thanks to the Caviels for a job well done and our contributions will always be appreciated.

DEDICATION OF ROY W. ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SET FOR SUNDAY! THIS N THAT is

glad to know that the **DEDICATION** of the **ROY W. ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** will be held Sunday afternoon September 30, 2007 beginning at 3:00 p. m. The new elementary school is located at **7901 AVENUE P** Mr. Roberts was a retired educator bsn: director and principal of Dunbar High School. **THIS N THAT** encourages as many as can to attend this **HISTORIC EVENT ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THE SEEDS we sow today determine the kind of **FRUIT** we'll reap **TOMORROW!"**

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Think About It!

Down With Dope; Up With Hope!

by Eddie P. Richardson

We have lost three generations to drugs, gangs and violence. Black on Black crime is up and has been on the rise and is still rising. Drugs is the basic of it all. Young people use of drugs are at epidemic levels, but believe it or not, old people are also using large amounts of it. What an example to set for our young people? Believe it or not, most of them could care less what kind of example.

Drugs, drugs, drugs are everywhere and who really care? Sagging pants, both boys and girls, show us their dirty boxer drawers, even sometimes with two pairs of dirty drawers as they show their nasty behinds. Now where is the shame, morality, decency and pride? What ever happened to decency, self pride and self-esteem? We are going backwards fast in the wrong direction, vulgar language and disrespect for self and kind and others.

The thing today is "I got over on you," with no regards to the circumstances. You are trying to help someone, because they need help, they take your kind-

ness, goodness, concern and caring for weakness or stupidity when you are trying to help them in the first place and they think they are getting over on you. So really, who's paying who? Come down to it, drugs are always at the bottom of the whole affair. Drugs are a disaster about to happen and continuing to get worse.

One only needs to take a look around at the world today and see the mess it has caused for all of us. Their are more stupid drug deals, because many things have gone bad. The whole drug scene is just stupid and gone beyond any sense of reality. So the only way back to reality is for the nation to come back to hope and down with all this dope in the community. To this writer, this is the only way out and we must bring into account the need for prayer and away with the dope which has caused many of the problems in our many neighborhoods in Lubbock and across this nation.

It will take all of us working collectively to do our part no matter how small it may appear to be. When we come together,

things will happen and benefit all of us. Sure, there are many problems, but with God on our side, we can accomplish our goals we set many years ago.

It appears to be bleak at this time, but by coming together, things will happen for all of us. In this writer's opinion, our parents and guardians need to do their part in rearing our children like they should.

If we would only come together, many of the problems facing our community would be handled in a way in which we could overcome this evil. Sure, may of us may ask the question, how did we get into this mess? It could be attributed to the fact that we went home and began to watch television and said it wasn't our business. But it was. If we didn't have any kids in school or no kids at home, it still is our business to do what we can to cleanup the neighborhood so it can be a much better place for all of us to live. +

Closing Thought: "If you do your part, things will happen!"

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



The replay of the "Trial of the Century" has begun. Ever since O. J. Simpson was acquitted at the murder of his ex-wife and her friend, there has been something



going on that he has been accused of that could possibly land him in jail where so many people feel that he belongs. The idea that he belongs in jail stems from the civil suit in which he was found guilty of the wrongful death of Ron Goldman and awarded \$38,000,000 dollars by the court, is the evidence.

Of course, if one was to replay the life of Ron Goldman and the fact that he was on the outs with his family, especially his parents, one could speculate that his life as an alleged 'gigolo' would not be worth thirty-eight million dollars if he lived to be 100 years old. But, in view of the fact that anyone can sue anyone for any reason, in fact that O. J. Simpson was not found guilty of the murders in a criminal court and the plaintiffs were not satisfied, the public at the time, being disappointed with the verdict made up

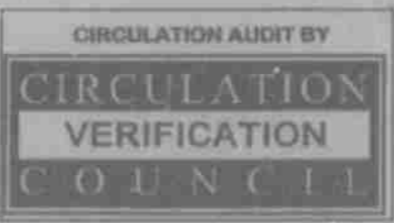
for the justified with an acceptable injustice. There is a flaw in our justice system. It needs to be fixed. This was double jeopardy.

It appears that with all of the injustice sent his way, Mr. Simpson, up to this point has still found a way to live a fairly comfortable lifestyle without fully paying the enormous amount levied against him. There are still those individuals and groups that keep him under a microscope and make sure that the public knows everything that he says or does. After over ten years of freedom, and a book whose rights he lost to the Goldmans, it appears that it has become necessary to 'set-up' O. J. Simpson to put him 'where he belongs.' He fell for it.

He should have halted the sale of the book as everyone who felt that he was guilty of the murders feel that the book was a true confession. If not, that is the way they saw it anyway. Old age brings on a lot of bad decisions.

Simpson's bad decision was acting on a telephone call to

recover items stolen from him. He apparently had not really missed the items to the point where he was suffering from their loss, and should not have followed through on the call. Some friends are like Judas when it comes to money. Who knows if the truth about the real perpetrators of the 'set-up' will ever be brought to light. The whole ordeal has essences of



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intrigue and subterfuge like the assassination of J. F. Kennedy. One accuser has had a heart attack or stroke and another has been jailed for other reasons. Whether O. J. Simpson will be found guilty of the charges against him, again will rest with the feelings and beliefs of the judge and jury when the trial convenes. Let us stay 'incinque' and pray that the facts, rather than feelings determine the verdict.

Global 'Gangstaz' Round the 'Hood'

"post-op complications" from surgery she had in June.

"She's doing much better," he made known. "She's improving all the time. She would be coming home within a week."

He said she was "extremely disappointed" at having to cancel several concert appearances with King and Green.

"She really wanted to be on the road with her friends. She was really looking forward to this tour with B. B. King and Al Green. She's the quintessential performer. She loves to perform for her fans. She was disappointed when she was told she couldn't go out and do that."

She will join the second half of the tour which was held August 23, 2007.

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Activities on November 10 will start with registration at 10 a. m. in the Student Center Mall. A Reunion Meet and Greet Campus OpenHouse is scheduled for 11 a. m. Campus tours are planned from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. Departmental faculty will be available to visit with former students and discuss changes on campus.

At non. Texans Exes Reunion Lunch is planned in the Texan Dining Hall. Participants can enjoy burgers and hot dogs as well as alumni entertainment and door prizes.

At 3 p. m. former SPC athletes will be recognized at halftime of the SPC/Costal Benó basketball game in the Texan Dome.

A Reunion Recognition Dinner is set for 5:30 p. m. in the PE Complex. The dinner will include an entertainment showcase featuring students, former faculty and alumni. Tickets are \$10 per person. Payments will be collected at the time of registration.

The festivities will conclude with a performance by the Fine Arts Department of "Over Here" at 7:30 p. m. The Broadway musical production is a live radio show set during World War II with cast members riding a train across country. The production will include the traditional big band sounds and songs by the Andrews Sisters.

"Over Here" will be performed at 7:30 p. m. November 8-10, and a matinee at 2 p. m. on November 11.

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