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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 Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manthattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manthattan 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, 5530 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Des Elementary Cafeteria.
- Escobedo 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 Escobedo Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.

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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## Early 20th century reveals turbulence, cultivates culture

This is the fifth of several articles regarding Black history. We will continue these throughout the month of February and beyond. Last week, we covered the changes that occurred after the Civil War.

### War and Depression

World War I marked a turning point in African-American history by hastening the long-term process of black urbanization and institutional development. When black migrants came to urban areas to take industrial jobs vacated by white soldiers, the resulting expansion of the black urban population opened still further the business and professional opportunities for blacks. Even before the war, the emerging black middle class had begun to identify its own interests with those of less affluent blacks, who were their clientele.

These sentiments became more evident as blacks self-consciously reacted to white racism with expressions of racial pride and unity. College-educated blacks - Du Bois called them "the talented tenth" - were still few in numbers (only 2132 blacks were in college in 1917), but they were more and more likely to have received academic rather than vocational training and were thereby better able to provide articulate political and cultural leadership. These



Pictured here is a group of officers from the 368th Infantry in World War I.

educated blacks did not agree on support for the war - the labor leader A. Philip Randolph and the socialist Chandler Owen (1889-1967) vigorously opposed it - but were united in the view that blacks should use the war as an opportunity to make racial gains. The majority of the 370,000 black servicemen were assigned to support units during World War I, but some all-black regiments saw

extensive combat duty. The 369th Infantry Regiment was the first Allied regiment to reach the Rhine River; the regiment was awarded the Croix de Guerre by France for distinguished service during the war. Black servicemen came home from the war with a determination to demand the respect of the nation for which they had fought.

### The Postwar Years

Even as blacks returned, however, white opposition to black gains became more intense.

In 1917 more than 200 blacks were killed in East Saint Louis, Ill., by a white mob that invaded the black community. During the same year, 63 black soldiers in Houston, Tex., were summarily court-martialed and 13 hanged without benefit of

appeal after a black battalion rioted in reaction to white harassment. After the war, many black soldiers in uniform were attacked and some killed by whites seeking to reinforce traditional patterns of racial domination. During the "Red Summer" of 1919, antiblack riots occurred in Longview, Tex.; Washington, D.C.; Chicago; Knoxville, Tenn.; and Omaha, Nebr. These events further stimulated blacks to defend their rights and support outspoken leaders.

The most popular militant black leader was a Jamaican immigrant, Marcus Garvey, who in 1916 established an international organization with headquarters in New York City. His Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) had a membership ranging from 2 to 4 million people. By 1919 he had also established a steamship corporation, the Black Star Line, to pursue trade with Africa. Garvey's popularity, however, made him a target of attacks from black civil rights leaders and brought him under surveillance by the U.S. government. In 1922, amid mounting controversy, he was arrested for mail fraud in connection with his steamship line. His subsequent conviction and imprisonment, and his deportation in 1927, resulted in a rapid decline of the UNIA.

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## Patterson, Jr. eager for preaching gig in Slaton

T.J. Patterson, Jr., a native of Lubbock and graduate of Dunbar High School, will be preaching in a Revival at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 887 First Street, in Slaton March 12, 13 & 14, 2007. Rev. C. C. Peoples is pastor. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Patterson received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas State, in Denton. He began working with young people as a Freshman. He has always enjoyed working with young people and very concerned about their future. He worked in the youth department of St. James A. M. E. Church in Denton.

During his tenure in college, he worked for State Senator John Montford of the 28th Senatorial District as a summer intern.

After graduating from college, he moved to Austin and served as a legal assistant in the Elections Division of the Texas Secretary of State's Office from 1984 until 1987. During that time, he worked in the youth department of Grant Chapel AME Church.



T.J. Patterson, Jr.

In 1987, Patterson moved to Houston where he attended Thurgood Marshall School of Law. He then joined the youth department of Winsor Village United Methodist Church where the Pastor is Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell. He developed and instituted a Boy's Rites of Passage Program at the Winsor Village. The program was a mentoring program for boys between the ages of 12 years old and 18 years old. In the program, each young man was assigned a mentor and there was bi-

monthly training for each young man in the program. The beginning of the boy's program was also important to the establishment of a girl's mentoring program at Windsor Village.

In 1993, he moved to Austin to work for State Senator Rodney Ellis as a legislative staffer. While in Austin, he joined Mt. Sani Baptist Church where Pastor A. W. A. Mays is the shepherd. He was ordained as a Deacon at Mt. Sani Church after years of service at the church. While a Deacon, he developed and began a Boy's Rites of Passage Program. The program was also a mentoring program for young men between the ages of 8 and 16. Like the Houston program, each young man was assigned a mentor and received bi-monthly instruction on the passage to manhood. Subjects included respect of womanhood, male etiquettes, economics and civics, African-American history, physical education, computer training and religion.

He will tell you, "I want to see every young man become the man that God has called them to be." He also says that "God has a great des-

tiny in store for young people and he wants them to realize that great destiny rather than making bad choices that allow them to forfeit that great destiny."

After accepting his call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, he became an associated Minister at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

After the 73rd Legislative Session, he began working for the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) in July, 1993. He served as Chief of the Civil Enforcement Section of Special Crimes Division. His staff was responsible for enforcing Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (Asset Forfeiture Statute) and Chapter 125 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code (Nuisance Abatement Statute). In addition, he assisted in the investigation and prosecution of White Collar Crime Cases handled by OAG.

He was hired by the City of Fort Worth as a Senior Assistant Attorney, where he was assigned to the Litigation Section. His areas of concentration included Chapter 125 prosecutions, Chapter 54 litigation, Chapter 214 Litigation, the Code of

Compliance Department, the Building Standards Commission.

After moving to the metroplex area, he and his family joined Cornerstone Baptist Church where Rev. Dwight McKissic is the Pastor. He currently serves as the only male chorale leader to the children's choir. As a Sunday School teacher, he teaches 5th and 6th grade boys, which he enjoys due to his love for young men. He has a great love for teaching young men and will continue to do so for as long as God allows. He believes God has called him to teach and preach to boys and young men.

Currently, Rev. Patterson is the Manager of Legislative Affairs in the Governmental Relations Department for the City of Fort Worth. As a Governmental Lobbyist, he spends a majority of his time in Austin during the Texas Legislative session. His position will require him to spend time in Washington, D.C. to seek passage of federal legislation for the benefit of the City of Fort Worth.

He is married to Ursula Monroe Patterson, who is also an attorney, and both are the proud parents of Thomas, III and Lauren Patterson.

## Top Ten Best Dressed Men & Women Celebration set for Saturday, March 3rd

The time has finally come! The stage has been set and the "Top Ten-Best Dressed Men & Women" of the Black community will be presented Saturday afternoon, March 3, 2007, at the Booker T. Washington, American Legion, Post 808 in Yellowhouse Canyon, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

This program is a Southwest Digest community image building upgrade. The community image, as previous stated, and this is not a fundraising, ticket selling contest, but a community voting affair. Local citizens sent in a coupon or coupons from the Southwest Digest. There were no rules, no qualifying, but only who one considered well dressed male and female. That's it! Co-workers,

friends, relatives, acquaintances, church members, and self participated. All entrants will be recognized.

Here are the persons who received votes: Men - Fulton Berry, Pastor Roy Davis, Pastor Weadell Davis, Lamont Ford, City Councilman Floyd Price, Greg Ricks, Minister Edwin Scott, Charles Taylor and Quincy White.

Also, Willie Griffin, Pastor Eddie L. Evertine, Jr., Ossir Curry, Pastor William Watson, Bill Raven, Oscar Jones, Pastor C. C. Peoples, Larry Isaac, and Su pt. W. David Haynes. Their photos were not available.

The women nominated were: Dr. Pennie Butler, Myria Haynes, Violet Price, Cleo Quigley, Bertha Quigley, Ben-

nie Sims and Lula Spencer.

Other ladies were: Legena Gena Collins, Karen Peoples, Lucy White, Carolyn Thomas Cowright, Minister Pennie Planks, and Vellie Blanton.

For pictures of the contestants, see our ad on page 5.

This is a two-fold occasion which is positive for the community and allows the contestants to model their wares in the community as well as a community topic and a chance for people to prepare for next year.

Tickets for this event maybe purchased at the Southwest Digest, 902 East 28th Street, or from Ms. Shirley Robertson, 773-6997. Tickets are \$15 per person; and \$5 for school children to age 12.

The Southwest Digest.

since its inception, has been promoting people who would not have had an opportunity to appear in the media. "This is what we love to do for our people," said Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher. "As long as there is a Southwest Digest and the good people support us, we will continue," he continued.


The Southwest Digest is a

weekly community newspaper for all people, but primarily oriented to the Black Community and basically reflective of the Black Community displaying a positive image.

"With God's help, this will be an exciting event for all of us!" said Richardson.

The entire community is invited to this fun event!

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



# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The rehearsals for the 53rd Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs will get underway Tuesday evenings, March 13 & 20, 2007, at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, beginning at 7:30 p.m., with the last rehearsal being held Friday evening, March 23, 2007, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, beginning at 7:30 p.m. It is very important for all choir members and directors to be present as there are some songs to be learned. The 53rd Annual Celebration will be held at Greater St. Luke Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, March 25, 2007.

For more information, call Ms. Bennie Sims, president, at 763-3830.

During the regular monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs, a Memorial Prayer and Lighting of a Candle was done in memory of Rodney Collins who was found dead in his residence last week. Services are set for today at the St. John Baptist Church. Ms. Bennie Sims, president, conducted the special recognition for a man who was an officer and hard worker in the Federation of Choirs.

Let's not forget the "Black Best Dressed Man & Woman" event which will be held Saturday afternoon, March 3, 2007, at the American Legion, Post 808 in Yellowhouse Canyon, at 3:00 p.m. This is an event sponsored by the Southwest Digest. Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher, says this is just a means of bringing the Black community closer.

"This is not a fundraiser, just a means of concern about the Black community."

The recognition of the veterans of the U. S. Armed Forces at the 5th Annual Black History Month Celebration at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library last Saturday afternoon, February 24, 2007, was a very enlightening experience for those in attendance. Like some were saying, "This place is getting too small to hold this event." A special recognition was given in honor of M/Sgt. Robert Bell who was killed in action in South Vietnam. A certificate was presented to his widow, Ms. Frances Bell, and a candle was lit in his honor.

Perhaps the highlight of this annual celebration was the participation of our young people. Beginning with the Estacado High School Honor Guard; two youth from Wheatley Elementary School, Chadisi Burrell, fifth grade and M'Layla Homes, third grade, led the pledge to the U. S. Flag and Texas; Ms. Jane Clausen, library director, gave greetings; Under the direction of Mrs. Mary Jo Wilson, Alderson Middle School Orchestra, music was provided including "Star Spangled Banner" and "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing."

Special Tribute were done by young people from the Rise Academy: Jaquille White, Crispus Attucks; Tairisha Scott, War of 1812; Chantel Syrus, Buffalo Soldier; CaDeidra Jones, Civil War; Brittini Garcia, WWI; Marcus Fitzhugh, WWII; Valeria

Kiddle, Korean War; Reg'Zao White, Vietnam War, DeVonts Chapman, Colin Powell and Enashe Carter, War on Terrorism.

A trumpet solo was rendered by George Love, principal of Alderson Middle School. A memorial presented by Ms. Jackie Porch, a member of the Library Board. Pastor Solomon E. Fields of St. John Baptist Church sang an uplifting selection. The unveiling of a portrait of Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson was done by City Councilman Floyd Price. A special presentation was done by Henry B. Crawford, curator of history at the Texas Tech University Museum. City Councilwoman Linda DeLeon, with the assistance of Ms. Porch, read the roll call of all veterans who received a certificate.

Remarks were given by Mayor David Miller. Ms. Bobbie Gean Patterson gave remarks and thanked everyone for being in attendance. She encouraged young people to do their very best.

Mrs. Helen Fitzgerald, Branch Manager, served as mistress of ceremonies. She was very motivated about this annual event, and was excited about recognizing veterans for what they had done for the United States of America. She said, "Our theme, 'One Nation ... We Stand', explains what this is about!"

Refreshments were served after the affair. The event was sponsored by The Friends of the Lubbock Public Library, Southwest Digest and Roots Historical Arts Council.

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## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson  
SEASONAL TRANSITIONS

I realize that we are wearing fur trim suits, fur trim hats and warm cozy scarves. It's winter and it's cold. But it is not too soon to begin thinking about spring. It's always smart to stay one step ahead when it comes to fashion. Department stores are displaying spring merchandise already, so as they prepare, we too should prepare.

The most important question you should ask yourself is, **WHAT AM I GOING TO DO DIFFERENT THIS SPRING?** It's time to put your fashion thinking caps on, and keep an open mind for change, experience more color, bright bold colors are always refreshing, try different styles, don't be predictable.

Be daring, create excitement. Spring is also a great time to change your hair style and color, perhaps a lighter shade.

Ladies spring into action!

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

## Estacado High School PTA

### 1st Annual Soul Food Cooking Contest

March 24, 2007 • Judging begins at 2:30 pm • Taste-testing from 3-5

Entry forms & rules located in main offices at Estacado, Dunbar, Alderson and Iles

### ENTRY FORM

For information, call 790-9045

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Category: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Dish: \_\_\_\_\_

Judges will be local chefs and community leaders.

\*\*Entry Fees: \$5 per person (non-EHS PTA members)  
\$3 per person (EHS PTA members)

\*\* All proceeds will benefit EHS PTA Scholarships and Membership Fund.

Deadline for entry - March 9, 2007  
Categories: Main Dishes, Meats, Vegetables, and Desserts

## In Remembrance

### Robert Lee Byrd, Sr.

Services for Robert Lee Byrd, Sr. were held last Friday morning, February 23, 2007, at the First Progressive Baptist Church with Rev. Homer Avery, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He was born January 8, 1947 in Lorenzo to the parents of Kenneth Byrd, Sr. and Amanda B. Thomas. He was employed at Farmers Co-Op Compress for 35 years, where he left behind a host of co-workers.

He married Eva Loris on July 23, 1983 in Lubbock. There were two children born to this union.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Eva Byrd; daughter, Greta Byrd; father, Kenneth Byrd, Sr.; mother, Amanda B. Thomas; and two brothers, Kenneth Byrd, Jr. and Jerry Byrd.

He is survived by two sons, Robert Byrd, Jr. of Lubbock and Darrell Byrd of Irving; two daughters, Christina Byrd of Lubbock and Shirl Byrd of Irving; a sister, Katie B. Williams of Lubbock; a brother, Willie Byrd, Sr. of Lubbock; step-mother, Zettie Byrd of Lorenzo; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of close family and friends.

### Rodney L. Collins

Funeral services for Rodney L. Collins will be this morning, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at the St. John Baptist Church with Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Collins, age 37, was found dead in his residence Wednesday, February 20, 2007.

### Frank G. Lofton

Funeral services for Frank G. Lofton were held last Saturday morning, February 24, 2007, at St. Matthew Baptist Church with Rev. Edward Canady, pastor, officiating. The eulogy was delivered by Rev. W. R. Bolton, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of Abemathy.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Lofton passed away Sunday, February 18, 2007.

### Ross Mosley

Funeral services were held for Ross Mosley last Saturday morning, February 24, 2007, at Mt. Gilcad Baptist Church with Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Mosley passed away Sunday, February 18, 2007.

### Jessie Mae Prosser

Funeral services for Jessie Mae Prosser were held last Thursday afternoon, February 22, 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, February 16, 2007, at her residence.

### Myrtle Wright

Funeral services for a former resident of Lubbock, Myrtle Wright, were held last Saturday afternoon, February 24, 2007, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Sonia J. Beaty, pastor, officiating.

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

She passed away Monday, February 19, 2007, at Methodist Specialty Hospital in San Antonio.

### Elsie Cill Joiner Young

Funeral services for Elsie Cill Joiner Young were held last Friday morning, February 23, 2007, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Sonia J. Beaty, pastor, officiating. The eulogy was delivered by Rev. Q. S. Goins delivered the eulogy.

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

She passed away here Friday, February 16, 2003.

She was born March 13, 1914 to Stanford and Daisy Mae Joiner in Lincoln, Lee County, Texas. She moved to Lubbock in 1932 where she worked many years helping many people.

In recent time, she was photographed in contest, "Take Pride in the east Side," where her photo, taken in front of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, won first place in the contest. It was taken by Jontel Perry, age 11.

She is survived by a sister, Elva Patridge of Giddings, Texas; a sister-in-law, Lula Mae Joiner of Lubbock; a host of nieces and nephews, the congregation of her church, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, and a lifetime of friends.



Byrd, Sr.



Lofton



Wright



Mosley



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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus God's Roll Call Like A Thief At Night!

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

**Revelation 1:8; 2:7a** - Jesus said, I am alpha and omega, the beginning and the ending, said the Lord, which is and which was, and which is to come, the almighty. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit said unto the churches.

As we go through our days, are we looking for God to call our name on time? Everyday God calls his roll, and in his book of life, there is your name and mine!!!

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a** - To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die.

**\*\*\* Yours And My Names Are Not In The Obituaries This Week!!! \*\*\***

We know the day of the Lord is coming, and we know it's just a matter of time. Have you heard some of God's warnings? Or have you seen some of his signs???

**Mark 13:7-8** - Jesus said, when you shall hear of wars and rumours of wars be not troubled. For such things must need be, but the end shall not be yet. For nations shall rise against nations, and kingdoms, and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows.

**\*\*\* Have You Seen God's Signs??? \*\*\***

As I see many people doing as they did in the day of Noah, eating, drinking, and marrying.

Just having a jolly good time hearing the call of God. They're not even caring!!!

**Matthew 24:38-39** - Jesus said, for as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. Until the day that Noah entered into the ark.

**\*\*\* Are You On The Broadway Or The Narrow Way??? \*\*\***

The Bible said, many shall get on the wrong road, and it's called Broadway. Many churches are not following Jesus Christ who said I'm the only way!!!

**Matthew 7:13-15** - Jesus said, enter in at the strait gate for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in threat beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

**\*\*\* Have You Seen The Wolves In The Churches??? \*\*\***

Many Churches are full with many people just having their name on the Church roll. They pay their tithes and offerings, but have not accepted Jesus to save their soul!!!

**Matthew 7:21-23** - Jesus said, not everyone who said unto me, Lord, Lord shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. But he that do the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? And in your name have cast out Devils? And in your

name done many wonderful works? And then I will profess unto them. I never knew you. Depart from me you who work iniquity.

Time is out for playing church. We must be about the Master's business saving souls. Look around you, souls are being lost the Devil, and you go to Hell they did go!!!

**Mark 16:15** - Jesus said, go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. But he that believes not shall be damned.

Did you not know that your death date is set? And no man knows the hour. Some will be working, walking, driving, watching TV, and some even taking a shower!!!

**Matthew 24:36** - Jesus said, but on that day and hour knows no man. No not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

As I read the obituaries, your name and mine are not found there today! But one day, we will take our last breath, and will meet the Lord in the air!!!

**Matthew 24:31** - Jesus said, he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds from one end of heaven to the other.

**\*\*\* I'm Just A Nobody trying To Tell Everybody About Jesus' Body Who Died On The Cross For The Sins Of Every body \*\*\***



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

### Totalization with Mexico: A Bad Deal

I have written a number of times on the proposed "totalization agreement" with Mexico. Each column expresses feelings of disgust and disappointment in the people who will give America over financially to Mexico.

I make no bones about financial association or breaking bread with a country whose previous leader referred to blacks and particular black Americans as monkeys - a leader who would allow government postal stamps carry huge lips, denim wearing, happy-go-lucky blacks in derision. His statement was if his white Irish and Spanish blood was far superior to people of African descent. His and the people liken to him action prove their distaste for dark-skinned Mexican people and especially those who are black. Their idea for dark-skinned people is to always be subservient to fair or white-skinned people.

To refresh your memory - the "totalization" agreement were first made in the 1970s between the United States and several foreign governments as a financial safety net to make sure American citizens living abroad did not suffer double taxation with respect to Social Security taxes. This has worked somewhat well with other countries whose financial system for Social Security taxes are similar.

However, Mexico is a "horse of a different financial green." Mexico would prostitute its poor people financially through illegal

immigration for the good of its economy that primarily benefits the upper class.

The GAO (United States General Accounting Office) found "the proposed agreement would likely increase the number of unauthorized Mexican workers and family members eligible for social security benefits. Mexican workers who ordinarily could not receive social security retirement benefits because they lack the required 40 coverage credits for U. S. earnings could qualify for partial Social Security benefits with as few as 6 (1 and 1/2 years) coverage credits. In addition, under the proposed agreement, more family members of covered Mexican workers would become newly entitled because the agreements usually waive rules that prevent payments to non-citizens' dependents and survivors living outside the United States."

The GAO report continues stating "totalization agreements generally expand benefits to both authorized and unauthorized workers and create new groups of beneficiaries. This would be the case for a totalization agreement with Mexico if it follows the same pattern as all prior totalization agreements. Mexican citizens with fewer than 40 credits (10 years) will be permitted to combine their annual earnings under their home country's social security program with their annual earnings under the U. S. Social Security program to meet

the 40-credit requirement." (Note: Under an agreement, U. S. citizens will also be able to receive totalized Mexican benefits. The amount of time needed to qualify for Mexican social security benefits is about 9.6 years under the former pay-as-you-go plan that closed in July 1997 and 24 years under the defined contribution plan that replaced it.)

Ron Paul of Texas Straight Talk says it well: "There are obvious reasons to oppose a Social Security totalization agreement with Mexico. First, our system already faces trillions of dollars in future shortages as Baby Boomers generation retires and fewer younger workers pay into the system. Adding hundred of thousands of non-citizens to the Social Security rolls can only hasten the day of reckoning."

Second, Social Security never was intended to serve as an individual foreign aid program for non-citizen. Also, totalization agreements allow non-citizen to qualify for Social Security benefits by working in the U.S. as little as 18 months. A Mexican could work here for only a year and a half, travel to Mexico, and retire with full U.S. benefits. This is grossly unfair to Americans who must work more quarters even to qualify for benefits." Our hearts are saddened by the poverty in Mexico. However, "totalization" is a bad idea and subject middle-class Americans to the hellhounds of poverty.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are very excited about the many Black people who were inventors. Did you know that we are somebody!?

Here are the names of some and their invention: Garrett A. Morgan, Traffic Signal; J. F. Pickering, Airship; M. C. Harvey, Lantern; Lincoln F. Brown, Bridle Bit; J. W. Reed, Rolling Pin, Dough Kneader, and Roller; A. P. Ashbourne, Biscuit Cutter; Oscar E. Brown, Horse Shoe; David Boker, Inner Tube; G. T. Woods, Apparatus For Transmission of Messages By Electricity; George W. Carver, Paints And Dyes Made From Clay; William Bailes, Ladder Scaffold Support; G. T. Woods, Amusement Apparatus; George W. Carver, Peanut And Abstract and Various Inventions; L. Bell, Locomotive Smoke Stack; N. Rillieux, Evaporating Fan Sugar Refiner; Louise Alexander, Television Tube; T.W. Stewart, Mop; G.T. Sampson, Clothes Drier; H.A. Bowman, Making Flags; G.W. Griffin, Pool Table Attachment; William D. Davis, Riding Saddle; W.H. Richardson, Child's Buggy (Car-

riage); J. Standard, Refrigerator; Jerry M. Certain, Parcel Carrier; W.H. Richardson, Piano Attachment; Sarah Boone, Ironing Board; F. W. Leslie, Envelope Seal; Richard B. Spikes, Car Directional Signal; J.W. West, Wagon; G.T. Woods, Galvanic Battery; L. Temple, Toggle Harpoon; Jan Matzefiger, Lasting Machine; W.S. Campbell, Self Setting Animal Trap; E. Emanuel Moore, Earth Moving Machine; J.V. Nichols, Electric Lamp; J.L. Love, Pencil Sharpener; Jack Johnson, Wrench; G.F. Grant, Golf Tee; J.H. Jordan, Jr., Cocktail Table; Lewis Latimer, Incandescent Lamp; Madam Walker, Hot Comb; T.J. Marshall, Fire Extinguisher Variation; D.A. Fisher, Furniture Castors; Frank Shewcraft, Letter Box; J.H. Hunter, Portable Weighing Scales; J.F. Hamonds, Apparatus For Holding Yarn Skeins; O. Dorsey, Door Holding Device; A.B. Blackburn, Spring Seat For Chairs; A.C. Richardson, Casket Lowering Device; A. Miles, Elevator; and J. Ricks, Horeshoe.

These are only a few of the Black inventors who were Amer-

icans. So as we have just celebrated Black History Month, let us continue to remember the many things Black people have done in these United States of America. May God continue to bless each of us. We will have more on this.

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill in our community. Your visits, telephone calls and visits will mean so much to those who are sick and shut-in. Just put it in God's hands. It will get much better, because God is able!

Don't forget your drive by prayers, no matter where you are as your prayers are so important. Don't forget your Pastor and Church as well as our young people really need our prayers.

Saints, thank you for reading and passing information in this article each week. It really means so much to each of us who attend the meetings of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast. God is able!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora-

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity."

Church services last Sunday morning, February 25, 2007, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended. Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:15 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Harris, and was reviewed by Pastor Harris. The morning lesson was entitled "Secure Connections." The scripture text was St. John 15:1-17. It was a very informative lesson which gave all in attendance something to ponder.

The morning worship hour began with devotion at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Herman Williams in charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sang out of their hearts and souls. Oh, what a wonderful time we had singing

God's praises!

Pastor Canady delivered another powerful sermon. His subject was "For This Cause, Come I." His scripture text was St. John 12:23-28. Praise God for the mighty word! It was a wonderful sermon for all in attendance. May God continue to strengthen our Pastor!

Let us continue to pray for all who are on the sick and shut-in list. Remember Sister Oreltha

Moore and Sister Lucinda Griffin. If you know of someone else who is ill, please continue with prayer and visits. God is able!

Remember if you are looking for a Church Home, come and visit St. Matthew Baptist Church any time! You will be glad you did!

Thought For The Week: "Pride and lust are hidden stores over which many people stumble."

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# Economic and cultural changes create historical moments

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## DEPRESSION AND WAR

The cultural awakening of the 1920s lost momentum in the '30s as the worldwide economic depression diverted attention from cultural to economic matters. Unemployment and poverty among blacks was high even before the stock-market crash of 1929, but the general downturn in the economy made it more feasible for blacks to join with whites in seeking social reforms. A small minority of blacks was drawn to the Communist party (see Communist Parties: the U.S.), which made special efforts to attract them and ran a black candidate for vice-president in 1932, 1936, and 1940. The party's black support remained small, however, and many black members, such as the writer Richard Wright, became disillusioned and left. More important was the involvement of blacks in labor unions, both all-black organizations such as the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, led by A. Philip Randolph, and the industrial unions that joined to form the Committee for Industrial Organization (CIO). Unions played an important role in forming the National Negro Congress, with Randolph as president, to promote black economic interests, but internal political disputes reduced its effectiveness. Nonetheless, black workers became firmly established during the 1930s and '40s in numerous industries. In part as a result of union involvement, the allegiance of black voters underwent a historic shift from the Republican party, which they had supported since Reconstruction, to the Democratic party. In the 1934 election, two years after Franklin D. Roosevelt won the presidency, for the first time most black voters supported Democratic candidates.

## The New Deal

Although blacks overwhelmingly voted for Roosevelt in the 1936 election, his New Deal had mixed results in black communities. On the one hand, federal relief programs provided aid for poor blacks who had previously been forced to survive without government assistance. Blacks were also hired to build, and were enabled to occupy, new housing financed by the government. In addition, partly through the efforts of Eleanor Roosevelt, New Deal policies were influenced by a group of black leaders, informally organized as a Black Cabinet by the educator Mary McLeod Bethune. Finally, several blacks were appointed to the Roosevelt administration. Among these

were Robert C. Weaver, an advisor in several agencies, and Bethune, who was director of Negro Affairs in the National Youth Administration.

On the other hand, the Roosevelt administration did little to confront the special problems faced by blacks. New Deal programs did not help southern black farmers, who were hurt by the decline in agricultural prices and were not allowed to influence the Agricultural Adjustment Administration programs. Fearful of losing his southern white support, Roosevelt declined to back federal legislation against lynching. Blacks were often victims of discrimination on the part of federal relief programs, especially in the South. By excluding farmers and domestics, the Social Security Act of 1935 excluded 65 percent of all black workers. Similarly, the bulk of black workers were not covered by National Recovery Administration codes (see National Industrial Recovery Act). Many federal housing programs also perpetuated patterns of residential segregation.

Despite setbacks, however, a foundation was established during the depression for subsequent civil rights reforms through the alliance of blacks with white liberals. During the 1930s the NAACP led a vigorous legal battle against discrimination, concentrating on segregation in public education. In 1938, it gained an initial victory when the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the admission of a black man to the University of Missouri law school, because the state had failed to provide such facilities for blacks. The NAACP also played an important defense role in the Scottsboro Case, although its involvement came only after the Communist party had publicized the case.

## World War II

The war against the Axis powers provided a great stimulus for changes in national racial policies, for it increased the need for black labor and heightened the sensitivity of whites to the dangers of racist ideas. On the eve of the war, a threatened march on

Washington by blacks under the leadership of A. Philip Randolph persuaded Roosevelt to issue an executive order prohibiting racial discrimination in the defense industries and in government. Although the Committee on Fair Employment Practice, established under this order, had few enforcement powers, it encouraged a large-scale migration of blacks in search of jobs in defense plants. Between 1940 and 1950 this migration more than tripled the black population in the western states. Conflicts over housing and jobs developed in some cities between black and white workers, and a race riot occurred in Detroit in 1943, resulting in the deaths of 25 blacks and 9 whites before federal troops restored order.

While making gains in civilian life, blacks also sought to improve their status by military service. As in previous wars, blacks seeking to enter the armed forces faced considerable discrimination, although the War Department eventually approved the training of an unprecedented number of black officers and accepted blacks to serve as pilots and in medical and engineering units. Approximately half a million blacks served overseas in segregated units in the Pacific and Europe. Dorie Miller (1919-43) won the Navy Cross, the highest honor awarded to a black serviceman in the war, for his heroism at Pearl Harbor in 1941. As in civilian life, racial conflicts occurred on or near military posts and in occupied zones abroad; serious riots erupted at several camps, where black soldiers protested against poor conditions and racial discrimination. See also World War II.

## The Harlem Renaissance

Garvey's rise and fall was only one aspect of the growth of racial pride and awareness that characterized the 1920s. As he drew support from black workers and those who owned small businesses, a cultural movement—the Harlem Renaissance—was gaining support from black intellectuals (see also American Literature: Harlem Renaissance). The Jamaican-born poet and novelist

Claude McKay was the first black literary figure of the 1920s to attract a large white audience. The innovative novel *Cane* (1923) by Jean Toomer (1894-1967) voiced the common theme of the Harlem Renaissance in its identification with the lifestyles of the black poor. Although Toomer and the poet Countee Cullen were members of the black elite, they and other black writers combined European literary technique with African-American themes. The most popular and prolific of the black writers of the 1920s was the poet Langston Hughes, whose works showed a strong identification with the black working class. These writers found an audience largely due to the efforts of white patrons and black editors, such as Charles S. Johnson (1893-1956) at Opportunity (published by the Urban League) and Jessie Fauset (1886-1961) and Du Bois at The Crisis (published by the NAACP). Alain Locke (1886-1954), a Harvard graduate and a Rhodes scholar, was one of several black academics who promoted African-American and African culture. His work was later continued by Zora Neale Hurston (1901-60), a novelist who in 1935 published *Mules and Men*, an outstanding book of southern black folktales.

As in literature, black activities in theater reflected a desire to display their cultural distinctiveness to the public. Several musical comedies produced in the 1920s by Eubie Blake (1883-1983) and Noble Sissle (1881-1975) allowed black performers to prove their talents. The actor Charles Gilpin (1878-1930) played more serious roles, including the title role in Eugene O'Neill's *The Emperor Jones*. The actor Paul Robeson also performed in O'Neill's plays, starred in William Shakespeare's *Othello*, and later gained prominence as a singer of black spirituals and working-class folk songs.

African-American music was also deeply affected by the social

currents of the 1920s. Previously confined to the South, jazz and blues began to be played in northern cities during World War I and soon became established in the rapidly growing northern black communities. Louis Armstrong went from New Orleans to Chicago in 1922 to play with King Oliver's jazz band, and Jelly Roll

Morton began arranging the previously spontaneous jazz pieces during the mid-1920s, preparing the way for big band leaders such as Duke Ellington and Fletcher Henderson.

Next week, we will talk about increased understanding and the civil rights movement.

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## JET Exclusive: Farrakhan speaks candidly about his near-death

Minister Louis Farrakhan speaks openly about his battle with prostate cancer that led to a five-week hospital stay and a major 14-hour surgery. During an exclusive interview at his Michigan farm, Farrakhan revealed to JET that he was saved by the grace of God. "I'm back from death's door," he said, "And six weeks after the operation, I am getting stronger every day." He goes on to address the importance of Black men getting checked for prostate cancer; he says that a quick check-up could save countless lives.



Although Farrakhan rarely poses for photographs, this issue includes up-close and personal shots of Farrakhan and his family. Out of the public eye since August 2006, he anticipates delivering a long-awaited speech on 'Saviours' Day, the annual celebration of the Nation of Islam founder.

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## Lubbock man charged with Collins' murder

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Collins, 36, was found dead in a pool of blood in the bathroom of his home at 1512 East 14th Street on Wednesday morning, February 20, 2007.

Collins' roommate, Broderick Miller, 35, was charged with his

murder and, at this report, is being held in lieu of a \$500,000 bond. Miller was already in county jail on an unrelated charge.

Collins' co-workers at the Court Resident Treatment Center called police when he failed to show up for work for several days and didn't answer his door at home.

A co-worker told Lubbock

police that Collins, and Miller had an argument about a week before Collins was murdered and that Miller had been seen driving Collins' vehicle after the argument.

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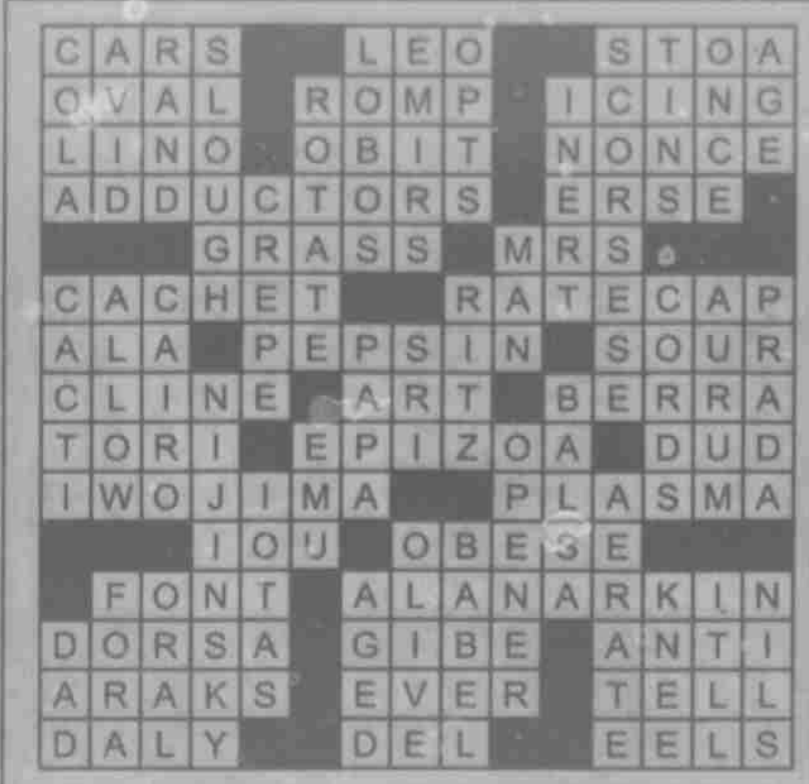
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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**A POSITIVE BEGINNING, WITH MORE TO COME!** THIS N THAT, as well as the more than 200 Lubbockites was able to attend the "THE BLACK HISTORY, BLACK FUTURE LUNCHEON" that took place at the Baker Conference Center on the campus of Lubbock Christian University. Last Monday, February 26, 2007 was a very POSITIVE BEGINNING with much more to come. Although the keynote speaker, RON KIRK was unable because of an emergency which required his immediate attention, the affair was worth the attendance of all. The presentation of the STATE OF BLACK LUBBOCK was very interesting. It brought to light the various areas of development which are important to any people. Special emphasis was given on POPULATION, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & CRIME. There appeared to be those in attendance who were shocked with the numbers, and as many will agree, numbers are very hard to understand. The sponsors of this event were THE LUBBOCK AREA INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE & AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY LEADERS. It was just good to see this happen in our community, and with all of those in attendance, things will come together, and the STATE OF BLACK LUBBOCK will change for the better. Sure, THIS N THAT will agree that the BLACK COMMUNITY has come a long way, but there must be a way for us to move to the position where

we should be in the 21st Century.

**GOOD TO SEE BLACK PASTORS & MINISTERS WORKING TOGETHER!** THIS N THAT is glad to see the BLACK PASTORS & MINISTERS working together in the best interest of Black Lubbock. This came about with the Black History, Black Future Luncheon, which was sponsored by the Lubbock Area Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. Its president, SUPT. W. DAVID HAYNES showed positive leadership by bringing members and other Black leaders together with prayer and something did happen. THIS N THAT supports this kind of an effort, and with prayer, much will happen for all of us. It was just good to see this happen.

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER REMINDS US, "THE BEGINNING doesn't mean a thing. IT'S THE END that really counts!"**

**TOO MANY MURDERS IN BLACK COMMUNITY!** THIS N THAT is hoping there is a solution to the recent number of MURDERS, which have been happening in our community. Let us do what we can to encourage our neighbors to be concerned for their fellow citizens. THIS N THAT is not asking we become police, but do what we can as citizens to make our community friendly. As Mayor David Miller is preaching, it is time for a CITYWIDE PRAYER REVIVAL! If you agree, call the Mayor's Office and let him know!

**MLK LITTLE LEAGUE STILL NEEDS VOLUN-**

**TEERS! THIS N THAT** is glad to see the people who have heard the call to VOLUNTEER and help support the MARTIN LUTHER KING LITTLE LEAGUE. It is still not too late volunteer and do what you can for the benefit of our young people. When THIS N THAT hears people talking about the little league program, the picture of the late DR. E.L. LOVINGS flashes in my mind. He worked untiringly with the coaches and team leaders. In those days, as THIS N THAT recalls, the parents didn't just drop off the young player, but stayed for the game or games, and were present to make sure there weren't any problems among the young folk. It was a pleasing sight to see those young players line up for their snow cones after the games. How many of you remember those days? THIS N THAT has learned that these young baseball players haven't had a BANQUET in several years. Surely there are some organizations in the BLACK COMMUNITY who can fix this problem. Also, in those days, PLAINS CO-OP OIL MILL on Avenue A had their doors open. Anyway, let's do what we can to continue to help our young people. THIS N THAT realizes the same people each summer are working with these young people, and they should be told of how much we appreciate them. Just recently, new officers of the MLK LITTLE LEAGUE were chosen and we will give you their names in the future. Anyway, let's do what we can to help these young people. Will you do so?



## Think About It!

### More Black History

by Eddie P. Richardson

Over the past three weeks, we have been exploring Black History with reference to its origin, purpose, hope. Hopefully, something useful was gained from the information. Our idea is there should not be any Black History Month or any other ethnic history holiday. Only true American history not altered or omitted but given true history of the true facts.

If you look into the encyclopedia when you see something great that happened in the past. Without a picture, you automatically assume it was a person or persons of European decent. Every group or tribe made great

contributions to this great nation. For us to have true history as it occurs, even now, it must be recorded by us for us and others. We create and make history instead of a month. Black History as well as other history is made daily which comes out to be American history.

For you who were at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library last Saturday afternoon, February 24, 2007, you would have seen Black American History displayed, especially by the young people who participated in the program along with Veterans being honored. This was quite a program, one which rung out

loud and clear by City Councilwoman Linda DeLeon who made the remarks that rung so true. Frequently, where is the press when something positive is happening in the minority oriented community. But the press appears to always be around reporting negative activities, along with highlighting the area. Even Mayor David Miller was uninformed by some of the negative affects of racism and segregation. He made a public vow to do what he could to overcome this situation.

**Closing Thought:** "What you do speaks so loud, I can't hear a word you say!"

## We Get Letters!

### Thank You from Katie Parks

A special thank you to my many friends, the Texas Tech Health Science Center School of Nursing, The Larry Combest Community Wellness Center, my pastor, Rev. J. H. Ford, and members of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Mayor David Miller and Lubbock City Council, and all who was responsible for an outstanding 85th Surprise Birthday party with many lovely gifts. Also, thanks for dedicating a room in my honor at the Larry Combest Community Wellness Center.

I will forever be grateful. May

God continue to "Bless" each of you!

Katie Parks, Lubbock

### SPOTLIGHT - Mrs. Rose Wilson

Mrs. Rose Wilson was inadvertently left out of the thank-you letter to the editor dated February 22-28, 2007. She was able to obtain \$200 sponsorships donations from both State Representative Carl Isett and Texas Tech University Chancellor Kent Hance's Family for the Lincoln/Douglass Committee Tea held Sunday afternoon, February 11, 2007, at the KoKo Palace.

Mrs. Wilson is an icon in the Lubbock Community, the State, and the Nation. She is involved with the Lubbock Area Client Council, NAACP, League of Women Voters, Juneteenth Committee, South Plains Food Bank, and numerous other organizations and committees.

The \$400 combined sponsorships paid more than half of the essential expenses for the Tea. Thank you, Mrs. Wilson, for a job well done.

Mary Cato-Denson  
Acting Chairperson  
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## 2007 Junior Ambassador Goodwill Program

The City of Lubbock is proud to announce the 2007 Junior Ambassadors. The mission of the Junior Ambassador program is to foster the development of friendship, understanding, and education through International Ambassador Exchange. The Junior Ambassador Program provides a unique opportunity for middle school and high school students to learn first hand about the Japanese culture. Sixteen students have been selected to participate in this unique educational program, representing three area school districts. Each of the students has excellent leadership skills and will be an outstanding representative of our great city as we travel to Musashino City, Japan. The following students have been selected: Kalayisha Abubakar, Kevin Bryant, Jordan Buescher (O.L. Slaton Middle School), Brooke Cowling, Madeline Montes, Mia Perkins (Evans Middle School), Brad Yearwood (Irons Middle School), Giselle Castillo (Hutchinson Middle School), Stewart Jackson (Cavazos Middle School), Johnnie Adkins

(Roosevelt Jr. High School), Savannah Wood, Connor Frankhouser, Henry Blanton (Lubbock High School), Cameron Owens (Coronado High School), Hannah Flake and Jazzlynn Jackson (Frenship High School).

The Junior Ambassadors meet weekly to learn about the Japanese language, culture, and customs. Meetings provide students a chance to become familiar with each other, as well as to prepare for their upcoming journey. The Junior

Ambassadors travel to Musashino, Japan in June for eight days and will stay with Japanese host families. This once in a lifetime opportunity will enrich the Ambassadors' understanding of the social, political, and economic aspects of Japan and will increase their global competitiveness in the job market of the 21st Century.

The Jr. Ambassador Goodwill Program is made possible by the generous support of the Lubbock Independent School District.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



About two thousand seven years ago, one man died; died on a cross and was eventually raised into Heaven. From that day to this day, he has had followers



Howard

who believe that his teachings constitute the best way to live one's life. To many people, this is the only dead person whose life and death has affected their lives bringing with it love, joy and complete happiness. From time to time, a movie is made about the life, teachings and death of this man, Jesus Christ.

I like soap operas, and so do many others, and often, the influence of Jesus Christ can be seen in the soap operas. It is so sad that the influence of Jesus Christ is not seen in the daily television show concerning the

life of drugs, marriage, affairs, babies and 'baby daddys' of Anna Nicole Smith. Her story has topped the James Brown affair.

The judge hearing the "Who Will and Where to Bury" the deteriorating body of Anna Nicole Smith wants a television show. With that in mind, his debut is already in action. My legal training is almost nil, but it would appear that until it is determined who fathered the child, that blood ties should take precedent over companionship which has no basis in legality. That means that the mother of the decedent should be allowed to make that choice since she will give the decisions to the deceased son, who can't make any decisions. Let the father of the child take custody of the child, if he desires. If he does not desire, give custody to the grandmother.

Rumor has it that whomever gets custody of the baby will

inherit money from the Marshall family which was awarded to Ms Smith but has been challenged in court, meaning that she did not receive the award. Her death may very well negate the case. If, on the other hand, the baby is a product of her late husband's frozen sperm, the child may stand to inherit money. Who then will be the best person to care for and have custody of the child? There, we have it again; the grandmother.

If the tangled-up life of one dead person offers the rational world any good advice, it should be to stay away from drugs that are habit forming, prescription or otherwise. Keep your affairs in order to avoid legal haranguing after you are dead. We need to get 'in cinque' and take care of our business, otherwise it will be all over the television.

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His favorite thing about being a principal is going into classrooms and seeing different teaching strategies. If you would ask what he misses most about high school, he would tell you, "I miss the Tuesdays and Fridays, because



Moore

I love the anticipation of all athletic events."

He will tell you that when he was a middle school student, it was a very tough going from elementary with so much protection to middle school with more freedom. "There were two teachers who made a big impact on my life," he said. Continuing, he said, "One was his sixth grade history teacher, Ms. Shaw, and the other was Mr. Moore, his sophomore history teacher. You see, both of them encouraged me to excel."

When he was asked what most people would not guess about him, he said, "I have played basketball

against many pro-basketball players." As a high school basketball player, his team never lost a district game in four years. His high school team went to state three of the four years he was in high school.

Mr. Moore's education career began in 1990, and has been a professional at eight different schools. He was the first full-time athletic director at Lubbock Christian University.

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Whitaker was named best actor for his portrayal of the Ugandan dictator, under whose reign hundreds of thousands of people were killed in the 1970s. The hulking 45-year-old actor channeled Amin's animated method of speaking and his imposing demeanor, but he also showed Amin's insecurity, paranoia and vulnerability.

"When I was a kid the only way I saw movies was from the back of my family's car," he said, taking several deep breaths. "It wasn't my reality to think I'd be acting in movies and receiving this honor tonight. It tells me it's possible - it is possible - for a kid from East Texas who was raised in South Central L.A., in Carson, who believed in a dream, commits himself to them with his heart, to touch them and to have them happen."

Like most of the other actors winning awards Sunday night, Whitaker had been heavily favored. He'd already received a Golden Globe, a Screen Actors Guild Award, a Critics' Choice Award and kudos from film critics groups across the country.

Jennifer Hudson won the supporting-actress Academy Award on Sunday for "Dreamgirls," though her co-star and fellow front-runner Eddie Murphy lost the supporting-actor prize to Alan Arkin of "Little Miss Sunshine."

"More than anything, I'm deeply moved by the open-hearted appreciation our small film has received, which in these fragmented times speaks so openly of the possibility of innocence, growth and connection," said Arkin, who plays a foul-mouthed grandpa with a taste for heroin in the road comedy.

Hudson won an Oscar for her



Forest Whitaker and Jennifer Hudson cap off Black History month Oscar wins, making history for African-Americans in cinema.

first movie, playing a powerhouse vocalist who falls on hard times after she is booted from a 1960s girl group. The role came barely two years after she shot to celebrity as an "American Idol" finalist.

"Oh my God, I have to just take this moment in. I cannot believe this. Look what God can do. I didn't think I was going to win," Hudson said through tears of joy. "If my grandmother was here to see me now. She was my biggest inspiration."

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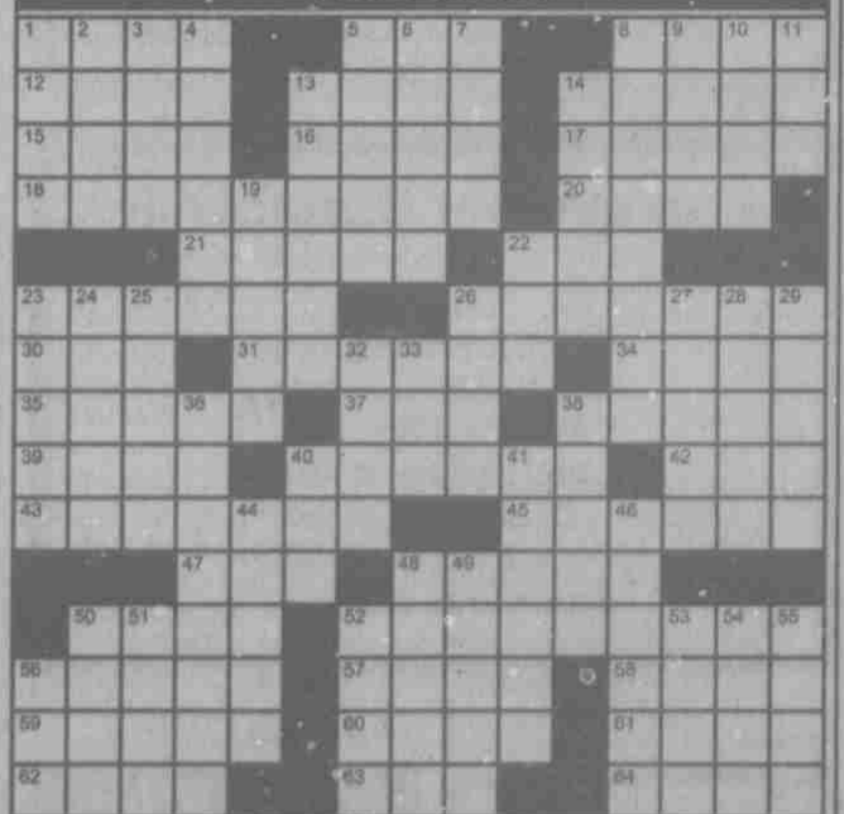
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