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New leaders continue to emerge in Black culture



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 Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at 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.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.
- Estacado High School Alumni & Faculty Class Reunion meetings are held the second and third Sundays at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All Estacado Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.

This is the final article in a series of seven, regarding Black history. Last week, we covered the civil rights and the struggles involved that developed because of those issues.

The Late 20th Century

The declining effectiveness of the radicals gave more moderate black leaders a chance to reassert themselves, although they, too, often adopted elements of the black consciousness rhetoric. Thus, during the 1970s public attention was increasingly directed toward leaders reflecting a variety of strategies that did not threaten the American social order. Thurgood Marshall, the first black appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, symbolized the possibilities for working within the political system. The executive director of the Urban League, Whitney M. Young, Jr., transformed his organization into an important social welfare institution.

The formation of the Congressional Black Caucus provided black U.S. representatives with the means to determine priorities of racial reform. The National Black Political Convention, held in 1972 in Gary, Ind., was attended by 8000 delegates and marked an effort to broaden black participation in discussions of political alternatives. In that year Representative Shirley Chisholm, a Democrat from New York, became the first black woman to run (albeit unsuccessfully) for the presidential nomination of a major party.



The movement of Blacks in art and politics saw extreme growth and change in the 20th century and into the present day. Most people will agree that changes still need to be made for more equality and equal rights for all people, of every color and creed and nationality.

Blacks in the Arts

The upsurge of activism in the 1960s significantly affected black social and cultural life. As in the 1920s, black people manifested growing interest in African and African-American history and closer identification with the distinctive aspects of their culture. The writers Ralph Ellison and James Baldwin and the playwright Lorraine Hans-

berry (1930-65) had suggested the new direction even before the '60s, but the dramatist and poet Imamu Amiri Baraka (originally named LeRoi Jones; 1934-) set the tone for the late '60s with his emotional condemnations of white values. The cultural revival continued, although not always within the confines of the earlier militant mood. Writers such as Alex Haley, Paule

Marshall (1929-), the 1993 Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, and Gloria Naylor (1950-) committed themselves to describing and analyzing the black experience. Among the playwrights of that period were Pulitzer Prize winners Charles Fuller (1939-), who received the prize in 1982 for A Soldier's Play (1981), and August Wilson, who in 1987 received the prize

for Fences (1986) and The Piano Lesson (1990). Poets also contributed their voices, among them Gwendolyn Brooks - in her To Disembark (1981) she calls for a "disembarking" from oppressive white cultural patterns - Maya Angelou, Nikki Giovanni (1945-), and poet-playwright Ntozake Shange (1948-). The poet, playwright, and novelist Rita Frances Dove (1952-) was appointed U.S. poet laureate in 1993, the first black woman to hold that honor. In other media there have been the world-renowned operatic soprano Leontyne Price; dancer-choreographer Alvin Ailey, whose works expressed the black heritage; filmmakers such as Gordon Parks (1912-), Melvin Van Peebles (1932-), and Spike Lee; and painters, working in different styles, among them the poetic Romare Bearden (1914-88), the realist Jacob Lawrence (1917-2000), and Benny Andrews (1930-). Andrews, whose paintings are social commentary in allegorical form, was one of the organizers of the Black Emergency Cultural Coalition, which in 1969 protested against the inadequate representation of blacks in American art. From rhythm and blues in the 1950s to hip-hop in the '90s, black performers have had a major influence on the development of popular music in the U.S. and throughout the world. See also American Art and Architecture; American Literature; African-American Music; Rock Music.

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No indictment in Emmett Till slaying

All but closing the books on a crime that helped give rise to the civil rights movement, a grand jury has refused to bring any new charges in the 1955 slaying of Emmett Till, a black teenager who was beaten and shot after whistling at a white woman in the Mississippi Delta.

The district attorney in rural Leflore County had sought a manslaughter charge against the white woman, Carolyn Bryant Donham, who was suspected of pointing out Till to her husband to punish the boy for what was a grave offense in the segregated South.

But the grand jury last Friday issued a "no bill," meaning it found insufficient evidence, according to documents made public Tuesday.

Federal authorities decided last year not to prosecute anyone, saying the statute of limitations for federal charges had run out. Mississippi authorities represented the last, best hope of bringing someone to justice. No one has ever been convicted in the slaying.

"You're looking at Mississippi. I guess it's about the same way it was

50 years ago," said a disappointed Simeon Wright, 64, a black man who heard his cousin whistle. "We had overwhelming evidence, and they came back with the same decision. Some of the people haven't changed from 50 years ago. Same attitude. The evidence speaks for itself."

He added, "I don't know how many years I have left on this Earth. We can leave this world and say, 'Hey, we tried. We tried to get some justice in this, and we failed.'"

Till, a 14-year-old boy visiting from Chicago, was kidnapped from his uncle's home in the town of Money and killed after he wolf-whistled at Donham, a shopkeeper at the Bryant Grocery & Meat Market.

Three days later, his mutilated body was found in the muddy Tallahatchie River, weighted down with a cotton gin fan. His left eye was missing, and his right eye was dangling on his cheek. The body was identified only by a ring he was wearing.

His mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, who died in 2003, held an open-

casket funeral in Chicago, and a photograph of Till's disfigured face in Jet Magazine had a powerful effect on public opinion, letting the world see what was happening in the South.

Roy Bryant, Donham's husband, and his half brother, J.W.



Milam, were acquitted of the crime by an all-white jury in 1955. The two men later confessed in an inter-

view with Look magazine. Both are now dead.

The FBI reopened the case in 2004 but decided in 2006 not to press charges. The case was turned over to local prosecutors, with the FBI suggesting they take a closer look at Donham. Some witnesses said a woman's voice could be heard at the scene of the abduction.

Davis Beito, a history professor at the University of Alabama who has researched the case extensively, said Tuesday there is probably no one else left to arrest in the case. He said it is hard to underestimate the importance of the Till case, which took place the same year as the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott.

"It gave a jump-start to the civil rights movement," he said. "It did not create the civil rights movement, but it made it more into a mass movement. It really mobilized people."

Donham, who remarried, is now 73 and has declined interviews. A telephone number for her was disconnected Tuesday.

District Attorney Joyce Chiles, a

black woman who grew up near where the killing took place, was in court Tuesday and not immediately available for comment.

Wright said: "J.W. Milam and Roy Bryant died with Emmett Till's blood on their hands. And it looks like everyone else who was involved is going to do the same. They had a chance to come clean. They will die with Emmett Till's blood on their hands."

Horace Harned, 86, a former Mississippi legislator and member of the Sovereignty Commission, a state agency that worked clandestinely to preserve segregation, said he was glad to see no charges filed. He said the suggestions that Donham had a role in the crime are "a bunch of foolishness."

"Of course, I don't believe in murder. That's the wrong thing. It always backfires on you. That should've happened," he said. But he added: "You can't correct all the ills of the past. If we did, the Southerners were treated much worse than anybody back in the Civil War."

Meet Isaac G. Garnett, Executive Director of NELCDC

The North and East Lubbock Community Development Corporation, NELCDC, has a new executive director who is Isaac G. Garnett. The mission of the corporation is to create, facilitate and promote development in North and East Lubbock.

The current program structure of NELCDC includes: Single family housing development, Senior citizens housing development, Financial literacy training, Homebuyer counseling and credit repair, Down payment and closing cost assistance, Neighborhood shopping center development and operation, and Micro lending.

As executive director, Mr. Garnett is responsible for NELCDC Board relations and development;



Isaac G. Garnett

communication, coordination, cooperation with the City of Lub-

bock; results oriented management and staff development; strategic planning, budgeting, collaboration with community groups, external relations and resource development.

Prior to his employment with NELCDC, from 2004-2007, he served as a public housing manager with the Housing Authority of the City of Lubbock. He had direct responsibility with the management of over 200 units of public housing.

Mr. Garnett has been the administrator of the drug elimination program and public safety operations of the Lubbock Housing Authority.

From 2002 to 2004, he was called to service in Iraq "Operation Iraqi Freedom" to perform duties in

support of a division commander charged with responsibilities of advancing democracy and fair government in Iraq. In this capacity Sergeant Garnett helped draft an interim government charter for an Iraqi province, and managed contracts for the development of infrastructure, e.g. parks, markets, hospitals, etc.

A resident of east Lubbock,

with his wife and six children, since 1989, he has served as a community activist during that period serving in many roles beneficial to the community. In 2002, he was a Lubbock City Council appointee to the North and East Lubbock Development Commission which recommended the creation of NELCDC.

He is a Texas Tech University graduate.

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

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

A Women Missionary Society Workshop will be held Saturday morning, March 17, 2007, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, beginning at 10 a.m. Sister Beasie Cox is president. Rev. Sonia J. Deaty is pastor.

The Women's Missionary Society Annual Day of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be held Sunday afternoon, March 8, 2007, beginning at 3 p.m. All Women Missionary Society organizations are invited to attend.

The New Hope Baptist Church will be celebrating its 81st Church Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, April 15, 2007. Special publicity is being developed to get the word out about this celebration. In the Sunday bulletin, there will be trivia questions asked and a prize will be awarded on Anniversary Sunday. This should be a very interesting and educationally effort.

The Pilgrim Baptist Church will be celebrating its 23rd Church Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, March 18, 2007, beginning at 4 p.m.

On Wednesday evening, March 21, 2007, beginning at 6:30 p.m., the New Hope Baptist Church will host its Family & Get Acquainted Day during Prayer Meeting. There will be a fellowship dinner to welcome the new members. Sister Cooper is Prayer Ministry Coordinator.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens of the community. Among those include Sister Annie Flowers, Sister Doris Washington and Sister Verniter McCutcheon, a patient at University Medical Center.

Rev. James Canvanugh, pastor of New Light Baptist Church, has been a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital for several days. Your prayers are most appreciated.

As we go to prayer, let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Remember God is able, no matter our station in life.

Congratulations are in store for Asya Harris, a junior at Monterey High School, for an outstanding job in finishing third in the District Skills USA Competi-

tion for Cosmetology. She was the only junior to compete. She will be participating in State competition March 28 through 31, 2007 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Rev. & Mrs. T. J. Patterson, Jr. and children, T. J., III and Lauren, of Mansfield, Texas, spent a few days with his parents this week. He was an evangelist in a 3 night Revival at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Slaton where the host pastor is Rev. C. C. Peoples.

The school doors have been closed this week because of 'Spring Break', but will be open next Monday morning, March 19, 2007. So, let us be very careful in driving throughout the community as these young people still have a few more days to play and relax. Drive careful going to and from our destination the remainder of 'Spring Break.'

Why not visit a Lubbock Public School next week. Let these young people see you on their campus. These are our valuable assets and they need to see us as much as possible.

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In Remembrance

W. T. Garrett

A 69 year old former graduate of Dunbar High School, W. T. Garrett, was eulogized last Friday afternoon, March 8, 2007, at the Rising Star Baptist Church.

Interment was under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Garrett passed away Monday, March 1, 2007, at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born October 29, 1937 in Mansfield, Texas. He also attended Ella R. Iles Elementary school. He was a professional musician.

Doris A. Luke

Funeral services for Doris A. Luke were held last Friday morning, March 8, 2007, at the Mt. Gilead 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.

She passed away Monday, March 5, 2007, at University Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by a child.

She is survived by a brother, eight children, 15 grandchildren,

and four great-grandchildren.



Williams

Veronica Joyce Williams

Graveside rites were held Monday afternoon, March 12, 2007, for Veronica Joyce Williams at Peaceful Gardens

Memorial Park in Wv. Follow under the directions of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Ms. Williams passed away here Wednesday, March 9, 2007.

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Health and Beauty scholarship applications being accepted

The American Health and Beauty Aids Institute (AHBAI) is accepting scholarships from college-bound high school seniors through its Fred Luster, Sr. Education Foundation. The winning students are selected on the basis of their academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service, and financial need.

The Fred Luster, Sr. Education Foundation was established by the AHBAI Board of Directors in 1991 to honor the memory of the late Fred Luster, Sr. a founding AHBAI board member and founder of the Chicago-based Luster Products, Inc. To date, the Foundation has awarded nearly a half million dollars in scholarships.

The deadlines for Fred Luster, Sr. Education Foundation Scholarships are April 15, 2007 for college scholarships. For more information or an application, visit our website at www.proudlady.org and click on scholarship.

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Harris competes in cosmetology competition

Asya Harris competed in the District Skills USA Competition for Cosmetology recently. She ranked third in the District where she competed against 18 other young ladies who were seniors. She was the only junior in the competition.



Asya Harris

This is her first year to compete, and qualified to compete in State competition in Corpus Christi, Texas March 28 through 31, 2007. She will be competing with young people from all over the State of Texas.

"I am excited about this opportunity, and I will do my very best," said Asya. "I am really looking forward to this State competition," she continued.

Asya is a junior at Monterey High School.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus

Here Is Why The Heathens Rage!!! Part II

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

1 Timothy 4:1 - Now the spirit speaks expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

Revelation 2:11a - Jesus said, he that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit said unto the churches.

The word of God was, at one me time, the only true way. The Church would go, but then the Church like in the Garden of Eden, not obeying God who said, "Go!!!"

Matthew 28:19 - Jesus said, go you therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The Devil told the Church to go out and give mankind all the rights they want, but to do the will of God to preach and teach God's word that you don't.

Revelation 12:12b - Woe to those who inherit the earth and of the sea. For the Devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time.

When the Devil gave out his rights to the people, he knew they were wrong. The Devil is the god of this world. Earth is where he is. Hell is where he belongs!!!

Revelation 20:10a - The Devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophets are and shall be tormented day and night forever and

ever. ***** Are You Marching With The Unbelievers??? *****

The Churches gave mankind their rights, but they are of the Devil and wrong. The Churches follow the Devil's plan and knew God was on his heavenly throne!!!

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

The Churches marched, and didn't tell the people about salvation y God's grace. Now look, the heathens are everywhere. America is a disgrace to the human race!!!

Matthew 15:9 - Jesus said, in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

***** The Heathens Been Planted!!! *****

(The Rights of the Heathens: Rights to Steal a 3 day old baby, Man Rights to Dismembering his wife's body, Teacher and Student Rights, Teenage Drinking Rights, Child Molestation Rights, No Prayer In School Rights, Drugs In School Rights, Kill The Teacher and Classmate Rights, Abortion Rights, Kill The Abortion Doctor: Rights, Divorce The Parents Rights, Road Rage Killing Rights, Mother Drowning Her Children Rights, Kill The Judge

Rights, Sniper Freeway Killings Rights, and many more of the Devil!!!!)

***** You Reap What You Sow!!! *****

Churches have planted the Rights Thing, and the people do whatever they will. Our children are catching Hell now, and it's painful and a bitter pill!!!

Matthew 23:37b-39 - Jesus said, you who kills the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto you. How often would I have gathered your children together even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, And you would behold your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, you shall not see me henceforth till you shall say, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

America needs to go back to the old ways, and that was the ways set by the Lord. That's why we need to repent, and return to the one and only loving true God!!!

Revelation 2:2a, 4-5 - Jesus said, I know your works, and y our labour, and your patience. How can you bare them which are evil. Never the less, I have some what against you, because you have left your first love. Remember, therefore, from where you are fallen and repent. Do the first works or else I will come unto you quickly and will remove your candlestick out of his place except you repent.

***** God Said, If My People Which Are Called!!! *****

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the home of Sister Elnora Jones on Saturday morning, March 3, 2007, beginning at 9 a.m. The morning devotion was led by Sister Annie Day, Sister Patricia Harding, and Sister Dorothy Hood. The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Jones. Her subject was "Are You Securely Connected?"

In every aspect of one's life, he or she has a source of connection just to name a few: jobs, Social Security, retirement, lights, winter gas, radio, television, computer internet, e-mail, telephone, cell phone - to just name a few.

Question - Are you connected to Christ? John 15:1-17. Jesus says, I am the true vine, and my father is the gardener. What Jesus is saying, I am the source of life. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch in me that bears fruit, he prunes so it may be more fruitful. Sometimes God has to cut away some things in our lives so we can bear fruit. In Galatians 5:16-21. Paul speaks of walking in the spirit, and we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. He goes on to mention the works of the flesh which are these: adultery, fornication, hatred, idolatry, witchcraft, strife, envying, murders, drunkenness and others. If you do these things, you shall not enter the Kingdom of God.

Sometimes God has to cut

away some things in our lives which can be painful. Jesus spoke to his disciples you are clean because of the word I have spoken to you. The word of God cleans us from all unrighteousness.

John 15:4 says: "Remain in me and I will remain in you, no branch can bear fruit by itself, neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in the vine. Verse 5 says: I am the true vine, you are the branches. If a man remain in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit. Apart from me, you can do nothing. In ot her words, spiritual dead and unproductive you will become!

If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers. Such branches are picked up and thrown into the fire and burned. This passage refers to church goers. They go to church every Sunday, but not bearing any fruit. Dead works will be burned in the fire.

If you remain in me and my word remains in you, ask for whatever you wish and it shall be given unto you. Our prayers will be answered if we are connected to the true vine.

Question - What is the purpose of remaining in the vine? First of all (Life) answered prayer, fulfilled purpose, bearing fruit. The Father is glorified, the fullness of joy, effective evangelism, personal communion with God. The more we know about him, we become obedient to him.

II Corinthians 5:10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he has done, whether it be good or bad. We can't assume that God will not hold us responsible for the deeds, done in the body. We will be awarded according to our works which could mean a loss of reward. I Peter 1:7; I Corinthians 3:11-15.

Conclusion: Failure to bear fruit is a spiritual disaster. We don't want to attempt this Christian race, shaking and faking.

Galatians 5:22 - The fruits of the Spirit are: Love, Joy, Meekness, Peace, Long-Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Temperance, against such there is no law

Let's take an inventory of our lives. What kind of fruits are we bearing???

*** Thank you, Sister Jones, for this wonderful message. May God continue to give you the wisdom to teach others!

We are still praying for all people who are sick, bereaved and those having problems. In other ways, help us pray, Saints!

Thanks for reading, Precious People. You are making a difference!

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

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, March 11, 2007, was a glorious day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady. God has been so good to the members of St. Matthew as they celebrated their 59th Church Anniversary as it was a glorious day in the Lord.

It was just great to celebrate in the name of the Lord, and to have our many church friends and family to come and help us. It was just a great day in the Lord!

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:15 a.m. with our dedicated

Superintendent, Sister Luella Harris, in charge. It was another outstanding lesson which was entitled "Striving For Pure Love." The scripture-text was I John 3:11-24. As the lesson brings out, Jesus wants us to love one another. We might not like anyone, but we must love one another! Pastor Canady did a splendid job in reviewing the lesson.

*** The morning worship hour got underway with the morning devotion which was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge.

Singing out of their hearts and souls on this great day was

the St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir. It is just marvelous when God's people come together and sing His praises!

Pastor Canady delivered another dynamic sermon. His subject was "Don't Be A Hypocrite!" His text was "L. Luke 13:15-17.

*** We are asking you to continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members and others. Let us not forget Sister Lola Byrd who has been ill. Remember, God is able!

*** Thought For The Week: "We can't run the Christian race until we learn to walk."



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The Downfall of America

Hubbard Farms is a suburban city of Detroit. A city that is mostly white and Hispanic. It is known as a community where people walk in each other's houses and stop by. However, Hubbard Farms is reported to have a swell of crime in the last few months that has left this historic city under siege.

Hubbard Farms is a city of people frustrated with Detroit and its sputtering city services, crime and blight. These people sold their property and simply moved north of 8 mile.

In light of a great number of plants closing in Detroit, this city has taken Detroit's image. To add to this city's and neighboring economic pain, Lear Corporation executives informed employees of its Detroit armrest and headrest plant closing, Friday, March 9, 2007. About 300 hourly workers, represented by UAW Local 174, will be affected. Two years ago, workers agreed to have their hourly wages cut from \$23 to \$14 to remain competitive and keep the plant open. However, these plant workers face the painful rod of the constant lie of "we have to restructure."

Because of the alleged greed and corporate mismanagement Detroit and her neighboring cities liken to Hubbard Farms will feel the wrath of hell because of high unemployment. The former mention leads to the following by great economic geniuses in America. Did you know that federal law provides 65,000 H1-B visas for scientists, engineers, computer programmers and other professionals every budget

year? The United States borders are open to these highly skilled workers. They do not have to slip across the border.

High-tech officials report they are at a period where they are creating more technology jobs but America colleges and universities are producing fewer graduates with engineering degrees.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter has proposed allowing more of the popular H1-B visas. He would increase the cap to 115,000 and would future increase the limits on demand.

Texas Senator John Cornyn has said, "We don't have enough homegrown scientists and people who are well-trained in math and science, and what happens is those jobs are offshored or outsourced to places like India and China. It represents a real challenge to American competitiveness."

Specter will present legislation that would change how foreign students are dealt with. He would create a new visa for students in science, technology, engineering and math and allow them to take a job after the graduate and apply for permanent residency. The students would not have to go back to their homeland, as the present law requires.

The AP reported Bill Gates, the world's richest man and chairman of Microsoft, warned the nation's lawmakers that restricting the number of skilled workers allowed into the United States will put the country at risk of losing its competitive and technological edge.

Gates said, "The United States cannot maintain its economic leadership unless our work force consists of people who have the knowledge and skills needed to drive innovation." Gates went on to state that Microsoft has not been able to fill approximately 3,000 technical jobs in the United States because of a shortage of skilled workers. He would open the gates for unlimited foreign immigrants. His rich corporate friends allegedly appear to be hiring illegal uneducated Mexicans and other illegal workers from South and Central America. Someone help me! Did not the Head of China stop at Bill Gates house on his first visit before he visited President Bush?

We would encourage all young people to state in school and become challenged by the most difficult subjects so that Chinese and Indians will not take America's technological competitive edge as the rich neocons have suggested.

Preachers, parents, and all who are in a position to guide young men and women, please continue to encourage them to strive for excellence. Encourage young African Americans to speak English correctly and reframe from using "Rapper's" outhouse language and sub-species expressions and movement. It is one thing going to a zoo and seeing a sub species in his natural habitat. However, it is another to take on it characteristics each day. Americans must realize that not educating African Americans could lead to its demise. Could there be a Baghdad in America?

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Black society still sees need for change

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Political Gains

Despite setbacks, the black activism of the 1960s produced some lasting political gains. As black residents of central-city areas became sizable minorities - and, sometimes, majorities - of the electorate, black candidates were able to win elections. During the 1970s black mayors were elected in Cleveland, Ohio; Gary, Ind.; Newark, N.J.; Washington, D.C.; Atlanta, Ga.; New Orleans, La.; Los Angeles; and other U.S. cities. The 1980s brought the election of black mayors in Chicago, Philadelphia, New York City, and other cities throughout the country; the total number of black mayors was 318 in late 1990, the same year that Democrat L. Douglas Wilder (1931-) took office as governor of Virginia. Overall, the number of black elected officials in the U.S. rose from about 300 in 1965 to some 7480 (including 26 members of Congress) in late 1990. Two years later, the first black woman senator, Carol E. Mosley-Braun (1947-), was elected from the state of Illinois. Gen. Colin L. Powell became the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1989, played an important

role in the Persian Gulf War (1991), and remained one of the



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nation's best known and most admired public figures throughout the 1990s into the 2000s, becoming secretary of state in George W. Bush's administration in 2000.

These gains were counterbalanced by less favorable trends. An upsurge of black voter registration, stimulated in part by the 1984 and 1988 Democratic presidential primary campaigns of Jesse Jackson, a Baptist minister and social activist, came to a halt in 1988. Since that time, black voter registration and turnout

have declined. The 1994 congressional election, in which only an estimated 37 percent of eligible black voters cast ballots, resulted in the loss of the Democratic party's majority in the House of Representatives and a consequent decline in influence by the Congressional Black Caucus. Mosley-Braun's reelection defeat in 1998 meant that, as the 1990s ended, the U.S. had not a single African-American senator or state governor. There were 39 black members of the House, of whom all but one were Democrats.

Income and Employment

The economic status of African-Americans was also a mixture of highly visible improvements and persistent problems. Throughout the 1970s and early '80s, blacks made steady gains in academic achievements, greatly increasing the size of the black middle class. In the late '80s, it became increasingly difficult to sustain earlier gains, and in some instances small reverses occurred. In 1980, 9.2 percent of all blacks were enrolled in college. By 1990, only 8.9 percent were enrolled. While the median black family income rose to more than \$19,700 a year

and about 29.6 percent had annual incomes higher than \$35,000, black family income remained at less than three-fifths the median family income of whites. In ironic contrast to the economic dynamics that first brought Africans to North America, some of the most vital U.S. industries began to use foreign workers - usually not unionized, and unprotected by minimum wage laws - instead of unskilled urban black workers. Unable to obtain the industrial and domestic-service jobs that had attracted earlier generations of blacks to urban centers, ghetto residents were increasingly mired in economically depressed urban areas that offered few opportunities for upward or outward mobility. The long-term movement of blacks from agricultural and domestic-service jobs to urban industrial occupations - which some think did more for 20th-century black economic progress than all the

civil rights laws and affirmative action programs - had become a spent force.

U.S. economic expansion in the mid- and late 1990s brought a corresponding improvement in the economic position of black Americans. Black college enrollments began to rise again, and by the late 1990s median black family income had increased to about \$25,350, or approximately 62 percent of the median family income of whites. More than one of every three black families had an annual income greater than \$35,000. On the other hand, about the same proportion of black families were still earning less than \$15,000 a year, and unemployment rates among young black men and women were more than double those of whites. Black students also lagged behind whites in access to computers and the Internet, a significant impediment in competing for jobs.

Cultural Dichotomy

The common historical experiences and cultural values that made possible previous black movements for racial advancement remain a source of creative energy and cultural innovation. Many blacks have become enmeshed in middle-class society, with its pervasive institutions that supplant or absorb the distinctive aspects of African-American culture. Nevertheless, poverty and alienation continue to shield segments of the black populace from complete cultural absorption. Du Bois's plea in *Souls of Black Folk* (1903) that blacks maintain their cultural heritage was combined with a realization that they have a "double consciousness." He wrote, "One ever feels his twoness - an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one dark body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder."

Annie's Chat and Chew this weekend!

For the 18th consecutive year, Lubbock Meals on Wheels is benefiting from "Annie's Chat and Chew". This fundraiser was started by long time volunteer Annie Sanders and is being continued in her memory this year at the Mae Simmons Senior Center, 2004 Oak Avenue, on Saturday March 17, 2007 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Guests can enjoy some great food while visiting with old friends and

remembering a very special woman, Annie Sanders. Donations will be accepted at the door to help fund the purchase of meals for the home-bound community served by Lub-

bock Meals on Wheels. Help us keep Annie's giving spirit alive by joining us at Annie's Chat and Chew. For more information, please call 792-7971.

Carter Chapel CME hosts spirit filled services

Rev. Sonia J. Beaty, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, is the speaker of the hour for fellowship services at the Carter Chapel CME Church were spirit filled last Sunday afternoon, March 11, 2007. The host pastor, Rev. Leon Moore, expressed his appreciation for everything which took place.

Rev. Beaty spoke on the hand and how every thing we do, the hand plays an important part. No matter what we with our body, the hand is very important.

Dr. Marian Newton, pastor of Beard Chapel CME Church in Plainview, offered an opening prayer. She also expressed her appreciation for the fellowship services.

The Bethel AME Senior Choir sung several selections. Also, several selections were sung by members of Carter Chapel, with the assistance of Minister Moss.

"We appreciate all who have attended this fellowship, and let's pray for this kind of relationship will continue," said Rev. Moore.

Deadline approaching for Summer Peace Officer Academy

South Plains College is still accepting candidates of the 2007 Summer Peace Officer Academy beginning May 2 through August 17 in Levelland. The classes will be held Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Applicants must also be admitted to SPC and meet all SPC entrance requirements. Admission to SPC does not ensure admission into the academy. Admission forms are provided after the completion of the entrance exam and background check.

Pre-registration is required by April 19, 2007 along with a non-refundable \$50 application fee for a state and federal background check required through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Office Standards and Education. The registration process may take three to four weeks, therefore early registration is recommended.

Applicants desiring financial aid must do so through the SPC Financial Aid Office and should seek assistance no later than March 1.

For a more detailed list of admission requirements, log onto www.southplainscollege.edu/law or call 806-894-9611, extension 2291.

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Second North Lubbock Mercado meeting Monday

North Lubbock residents will once again have a chance to participate in an open event forum on Monday, March 19th, to discuss the North Lubbock Mercado Charrette. The small-group design breakout sessions for the North Lubbock Mercado Charrette initiative are led by AIA Lubbock volunteers. The ideas however, come from the residents themselves. The first meeting in mid February, attracted over 100 participants.

WHAT: Public Meeting for the AIA/ISO North Lubbock Mercado Charrette Project
WHEN: 7:00-9:30 p.m., Monday, March 19, 2007
WHERE: Cavazos Middle School (cafeteria) located at 210 N University Avenue.
WHO: This will consist of both an open event forum as well as small-group design breakout sessions led by AIA Lubbock volunteers.

Council Woman Linda DeLeon, District 1 representative, said that she was pleased with the interest from the community, as well as the many partnerships that had already evolved as a result of the discussion and planning of the North Lubbock Mercado Charrette. She added that it was important to have the input from the citizens, and that their time and visions of what a Mercado should look like was vital.

"The more interest generated, and the more partnerships that are created, the more likely this Mercado

will happen," she said.
 On November 29th, 2006, the Lubbock City Council gave their consensus and consent for AIA Lubbock to embark in a community design charrette for designing an indoor/outdoor Mercado to be located in North Lubbock. AIA profes-

sionals, allied design professionals, civic leaders, and community representatives, as well as a design team from the Texas Tech University College of Architecture Community Design Studio; will facilitate the charrettes, which are events where design decisions and concepts are

generated and later refined in a series of short, intense group sessions.
 For additional information please visit www.aialubbock.org, or contact Brian H. Griggs at (806) 473-3632.

Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers: Famous Villains

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Those attending must bring the course fee, driver's license and court information, if the class is for ticket dismissal. A driver's license is not required to take the class. Courses are also scheduled for April 14 and May 5.

The course fee is \$25.00 and cash, check or money orders are accepted. All students must pre-register prior to the class. To pre-register, call 806-894-9611, extension 2291.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

PATTERSON LIBRARY PROVIDING VALUABLE PROGRAMS! THIS 'N' THAT is very pleased to see the many activities which take place at the **BOBBIE GEAN & T. J. PATTERSON LIBRARY**, 1836 Parkway Drive. Just looking over activities during Spring Break, there were very exciting programs for our young people. The staff, under the direction of **LIBRARIAN, HELEN VISER-FITZGERALD**, does an outstanding job for all who attend this facility. If you haven't visited this library, then do so today. And if you do not have a library card, you need to get one today. Also, the staff is always willing to do what it can to help in any way to enrich the lives of our young people, as well as adults. So if you haven't gone by and met Mrs. Viser-Fitzgerald and her staff, **THIS 'N' THAT** is encouraging you to do so as soon as possible!

LUBBOCK GIANT SIZE OF TEXAS NEEDS TO LOOK AT VIRGIL JOHNSON! **THIS 'N' THAT** can appreciate the special effort to promote the City of Lubbock through the program called **LUBBOCK THE GIANT SIZE OF TEXAS**. It is a great effort, but would suggest the name of a person who is not mentioned in the promotion. There is no doubt about the fact that **BUDDY HOLLY** made an out-

standing contribution in the field of music, but there is another young man, **VIRGIL JOHNSON**, who sold many records in his singing career. He is known around the United States of America and the **GIANT SIZE OF TEXAS** campaign should promote what he has done with his outstanding singing ability. There may be others, but **THIS 'N' THAT** is hoping **VIRGIL JOHNSON** will be given an opportunity.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "WHEN INTEGRITY and PEOPLE rate higher than PAY AND PROFITS, everyone profits!"

"NEED TO KEEP CLOSE VIEW ON OUR YOUNG PEOPLE! **THIS 'N' THAT** is advising for all of us who are **PARENTS** to take a close look on the activities their young people are involved with each day of their lives. You see, even in Lubbock there appears to be so much negative activity where young people are involved, and in some cases become a victim. As parents, it is our responsibility to keep a tab on what is happening. Now this includes the company your young people keep, where they go for recreational activity, and what adults may supervise them. Time is up for **PARENTS** to be lazy and unconcerned about the posture of their young people. On the other hand, if you are an adult and

look the other way when a young person is guilty of a situation, you are just as guilty! Our young people need our help today because we can't wait until tomorrow. In other words, if you make a young person **MAD AT YOU TODAY**, they'll love you tomorrow, but if you make them **ALWAYS HAPPY TODAY**, they'll hate you tomorrow. Just keep an eye on these precious little ones!

YOUNG PEOPLE, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT! **THIS 'N' THAT** is advising as many young people as possible, to attend the upcoming **"GO FOR IT!" STEP-BY-STEP PLANNING FOR COLLEGE**, which will be held March 27, 2007 from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Byron Martin ATC, Room 101, 3201 Avenue Q. By attending, hopefully with their parents or guardians, young people will have an opportunity for many questions to be answered about enrolling in college. **THIS 'N' THAT** believes there is not a reason why a young American can't attend college to better their position in life. This program is being sponsored by **SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE, SPECIAL SERVICES PROGRAM**. For more information, contact Lynn Gregory at 885-3048, ext. 4615. Give it your best shot, Young People! Will you help them, parents and guardians? Hope so!



Think About It!

Black History Month Gone

by Eddie P. Richardson

Black History Month has come and gone, even though February is the shortest month in the year. It is still a month just to thank or what Dr. Carter G. Woodson had done to develop Black History Week. He chose February, because most African-Americans did not know the 13th Amendment freeing the Africans after the signing January 1863. (Africans in some Southern States, i.e., Texas and Louisiana did not find out until June 1865, giving us the holiday Juneteenth). Woodson selected the second week in honor of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

In an effort to move from February, the **Southwest Digest** brought in March, 2007, sponsoring 'The Best Dressed Man & Woman' program. This program was a very good program as it put in posture a very positive event. The program was very good and enjoyed by all in attendance. The only thing lacking was a larger number of residents from the com-

munity. Not being present, they missed a very positive and uplifting program. The outcome has brought some very uplifting input from those who did attend.

One thing which stood out in the small crowd was the Barrows, that is, Mr. & Mrs. Barrow. In this writer's opinion, as far back since the beginning of the **Southwest Digest**, they have been supporters. Again, as far as this writer can recall, they have attended every affair the **Southwest Digest** has given. We are most appreciative of their support. Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Barrow!

The **Southwest Digest**, since our beginning, has given the Lubbock Community 85% of what they would not get in any other local media. We feature people in our newspaper which would not be seen in any other media. We always try to show a positive image of our community. We try to encourage our people to do for themselves, be positive, support

and help each other, trust and respect each other, and quit sitting around waiting for the government. We must not depend on some white folk to help us do for ourselves what we must do and not someone else. Black people in Lubbock spend hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, but less than one dollar stays in the Black Community. Get this, on pay day less than one hour it stays when basically a dollar should circulate in the Black Community an average of seven times. But in East Lubbock's Black Community, the dollar leaves like a bat out of hell! We as Black people must learn to work with each other. You see, Uncle Sugar's monies are drying up in the stream. The Federal Government owes China billions of dollars, plus the war. There is not too much left for assistance!

Closing Thought: "If it is to be, it is up to us and live by it, and take it his as our creed!"

We Get Letters!

MLK Little League needs all of us

Dear Editor:

The time is past due for more East Lubbock individuals to get involved with those things that promote examples, pride and desires for a better tomorrow. No better example can be addressed than showing a strong support for our youth.

The MLK Little League is in need of individuals that have a desire to provide our youth with positive directions and leadership. Sports is more than just

recreation, it builds character, creates talent and instills how each individual contributes to a group effort.

Those individuals that have hung in there over the past years are in need of new individuals to carry the torch. They have taken the MLK Little League to an acceptable level, however, ill health, age and other reasons create concerns for the continued success of this program. Others need to come forward to learn the "ins and out" under their guidance to eliminate past trials and errors.

Young adults, step up to the plate NOW. Board members, coaches and

financial support are needed. With the new East Side Little League Fields opening next year, we must be ready. Without adult supervision for our Little League youth, we will have a new facility that our youth can not use. And when others use this facility, we will then get involved in our usual way, complaining among ourselves.

Contact Quincy White at 762-1191, ext 237 or any member of the MLK Little League to see what YOU can do. The time is now for our action.

D. Pierce, Vice President
The Concerned Citizens

True story of a boy and his dog during 2004 tsunami

When the disastrous December 2004 tsunami struck his South Indian village, seven year-old Dinakaran misunderstood his mother's instructions for escape and became separated from his family. By mistake, he ran back inside their house by the shore, but thankfully, the instincts of their family dog, Selvakumar, saved both their lives. Barking, nudging, and dragging young Dinakaran by his shirt, Selvakumar manages to convince the boy to run from the house toward the hill where his parents have fled and are waiting, worrying about their eldest son.



Selvakumar Knew Better is a true story of survival, and a heart-warming tale of one special dog's devotion and bravery. Award-winning author Virginia Kroll's true story of a courageous and clever dog who saved a boy's life during the devastating tsunami of 2004 is sure to touch the hearts of readers of all ages. Lush watercolors by Xiaojun Li bring alive the shores of the South Indian village where the story took place. Author, Virginia Kroll saw a story in the newspaper

about Dinakaran, a seven-year-old boy in India who was saved by the family dog. She was so moved by the story that she decided to write a book about it. While the region is still struggling to recover from the disaster and families rebuild what they have lost, Selvakumar's inspiring story reminds us that, with the power of love and the strength it can provide, any obstacle can be overcome.

Virginia Kroll is the critically acclaimed author of over 50 books for children, many of them multi-

cultural. She loves animals and nature and is aware of the deep connection between dogs and humans. Her current companions are Daisy, a gentle, smooth-haired collie, Ying-Yang, an affectionate shih-tzu and Bella, a spirited chihuahua. Virginia is married and has six children. She lives in the delightful Village of Hamburg, New York, just south of Buffalo.

Xiaojun Li is an internationally known children's book illustrator. His illustrations have won him awards from United Nations, China, Japan, and United States. Born and raised in Inner Mongolia of north China, Xiaojun Li studied art at the Academy of Fine Arts in Tianjin and the University of California Davis. He lives with his wife and son in Davis, California.

Each day, we find that we are really in the computer or technological age. The more dependent we become on technology, the easier it is to be a victim of technology, especially if we choose not to keep up with the latest innovations.



Howard Of course, keeping up with technology is no insurance on not becoming a victim, especially a victim of identity theft.

We are all aware of the possibility of identity theft and some of us have already been victims at some point or another in our lives, but the most vicious form of identity theft is ranging now among hate groups who plant their wives and girlfriends in jobs in banks, stores, businesses, anyplace where they can have access to your personal information and use cyberspace to make a clean get away. Sometimes, a clean get away is exactly what happens when you discover your bank account empty. The use of credit cards and ATMs (automatic teller machines) is the old means of stealing from an individual, but electronic transfers of your money is gain-

ing momentum, especially when you have not authorized it. It makes you wonder if that shoebox or big tin can is not the best way to go.

Some credit card companies try hard to protect your identity and prevent identity theft. Sometimes they are on top of a theft before you even hear about it. These companies usually charge an annual fee, but when they can prevent identity theft, it is worth the fee.

Very few of us can afford to have our assets stolen by thieves of any kind. There are cyber police, but by the time they discover some of the thefts, the thief has gotten away clean. They may be able to stop some damage to our finances, but too often, it is too much to be a victim unless you have the bank account and assets of some of the

billionaires whom have been victims in the past and though they were damaged, it did not hurt them as bad as a complete wipe-out would be for the average citizen.

It is becoming more difficult to protect assets and if the recent downturn on the stock market is any indication of what is to come, we all need to "get in cinque" and find ways to pay off our debts and deal in cash as much as possible. A cash transaction will save the need for credit identification. It appears that check usage is entering into an unsafe zone also. Many businesses are now using electronic transfer and returning your check, so we need to monitor our bank accounts like never before; our checking and savings accounts. Protection is the key word now.

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Disney finally gets a Black princess in new movie

The Walt Disney Company announced last Friday at its annual shareholders meeting that it has started production on a new film, "The Frog Princess," featuring the famed studio's first black princess.

The animated musical is set in New Orleans and is dubbed by Disney chief creative officer John Lasseter as "an American fairy tale."

The story of Maddy, a young African-American girl living in the grandeur of the fabled French Quarter, is filled with jazz and based on an original story written by Disney's John Musker and Ron Clements ("The Little Mermaid," "Aladdin," "Hercules"), who will also direct.

As to why the studio has waited almost 70 years after its first animated film, "Snow White," to present an African or African American animated princess has been a debate bubbling over in the African-American community for years.

In 2005, and after a trip with her daughter to Walt Disney World, Katrina Helm started an online petition asking the billion-dollar behemoth exactly this.

According to her letter, a representative from Disney responded by saying that there were "no African-American fairy tales."

Until now, apparently. Since "Snow White" debuted in 1937, there have been Disney princesses represented from almost every other ethnic group: Asian (Mulan), Native American (Pocahontas) and Middle Eastern (Jasmine). Of course, there are the Caucasian princesses we all grew up with - Snow White, Cinderella and even "The Little Mermaid's" Ariel, who is from the sea.

As reported on by Black Voices, and talked about on internet community boards, the black community wonders how this lack of representation affects the psyche of our children, especially our girls. Over the years, Disney has come under fire on everything from its portrayal of ethnic groups (remember "Song of the South"?) to its alleged denigration of women.

Why now, then? It could be as politically correct as pragmatic, given that African Americans spent 2.2 billion dollars on entertainment

in 2005. Or, in light of Hurricane Katrina, "The Frog Princess" being set in New Orleans could be a nod to those devastated by the storm.



Princess Maddy, the first black princess in a pantheon dating back 70 years, will debut on screen in 2009.

Whatever the case, the hand-drawn epic (the process that was industry standard before computer animation became the norm) is set to arrive in theaters. The film, set for release in 2009, also is the first hand-drawn film Disney has committed to since pledging last month to return to the traditional animation that made it a worldwide brand.

The movie will be scored by award-winning musician Randy Newman, who also wrote the music for Disney's "Toy Story," "A Bug's Life," "Toy Story 2," "Monsters, Inc." and its most recent hit, "Cars."

Disney chief executive Robert Iger said the company wanted to show its support for New Orleans, only partially rebuilt 18 months after it was flooded by Hurricane Katrina, by holding its annual meeting

and setting its newest animated film in the city.

"The film's New Orleans setting and strong princess character give the film lots of excitement and texture," Walt Disney Studios chairman Dick Cook said.

John Musker and Ron Clements, who co-directed "The Little Mermaid," "Aladdin" and "Hercules" will co-direct the movie. The pair also wrote the story for the film.

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21. Much faster than postal mail
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26. Northwest of South Africa
30. Turkish military leader
31. Cover them first
34. Sin over cos, pl.
35. Proclaimed as true without proof
37. In the manner of, French
38. Laundry pass
39. ___ 51 in Nevada
40. Cream puff
42. Victorian, e.g.
43. March craze
45. Nerve cell
47. Co-founder of Dadaism
48. ___ of P. gamum, ancient Greek anatomist
50. Subject of stats
52. Next stop after elite eight
56. Steps
57. Declare as true
58. Tangerine, grapefruit hybrid
59. Points beyond the arc
60. Directed, produced, written by Beatty
61. Tear violently
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24. Greek bazaar
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26. Its tournament starts with 65
27. Eddie, of clothing fame
28. Opening
29. Southeastern Asian organization
32. Pouches
33. "___ at case"
36. Sea cows
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