

Editoria



**Who
wants
to work
for
free?**

The Theme for Black History Month, February 2008 is "*Carter G. Woodson and the origins of Multiculturalism*".

February is Black History Month in the US. Black Churches, newspapers, radios and families have done a great job with teaching the public about this fact, and teaching the history that goes along with it since the mid-nineteen seventies. Most anyone who tells the truth can tell you this. Did you know that Black History is celebrated in other countries, too? Jamaica and Canada celebrate it in February.

October is Black History Month in the United Kingdom. Like in America, the origin of their celebrations came from Dr. Carter G. Woodson.

It's time that other cultures have learned enough of the great contributions made by African Americans to stop using skin color as a way to divide America and stop holding it against us that our ancestors wanted out of slavery. After all, who wants to work for free?

Alto Christian Brotherhood doing christian duty

by Earnest Mitchell

Alto, TX.- Looking back over 2007 we would first thank God for another good year.

We are an organization of Christian individuals devoted to making a difference in the lives of people throughout Alto and Cherokee County.

One of our goals is to bring young men a way of life that offers alternative to the destruction that is present in our communities...illegal drugs, dropping out of school, being disrespectful to women and the elderly. We mentor them teaching self-respect and respect for others. It is our responsibility to remind them that education is the key to a bright future and that all things are possible through Christ.

In 2007 we gave two \$500.00 scholarships to deserving students, furnished transportation to the elderly to doctor appointments, Social Security Office and grocery shopping. We assisted families with emergency assistance by paying electric bills and water bills. We worked with the schools and identified children who were in need of warm clothing. With the support of ACBH Members and supporters, we able to: furnish 50 kids with coats, and 54 pairs of shoes and provide 38 food baskets

in and around Cherokee County.

Aspecial thank you goes out to those who spent countless hours to make this happen. ACBH Officers are: Cecil Verdell, President, Larry Jenkins Vice President, James Green Secretary, Lionell Whitaker Assistant to Secretary, Earnes Mitchell Treasurer, and Assistant to Treasurer Willie Brown. Donations to help support our cause can be mailed to ACBH in care of Earnest Mitchell or Willie Brown to P. O. Box 183 or P. O. Box 52, Alto, Texas 75759. For pickup of items call (36 858-3282. Committee members in addition to the officers are: Earl Hackney, Clyde Session, and Arthur Harris. We are comprized of 5 area churches New Hope, Union Hill, Weeping Mary Linwood and Chapel AME. working to bring people together in a Christian loving manner. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month. We extend an offer to anyone to come worship, and evangelize.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
This letter is to thank you for the wonderful article you published in the September Issue of the Texas Informer. I'm very grateful for the time and effort you spent by coming to the Crockett Labor Day Rodeo and also, the telephone interview you did.

Having the opportunity to share my past accomplishments as well as my present goals with you and your company, the *Texas Informer*, may have helped pave the way for youth that might be interested in the rodeo circuit.

Enclosed is a DVD copy of some of my accomplishments. You might want to share this in your Black History Issue. I have several engagements booked during Black History month for show and tell and motivational speaking. If I can be of help to your community, please contact me.

Mertis Dightman, Sr.
Crockett, Texas

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction....The chain reaction of evil—hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars—must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation.

*Martin Luther King, Jr.,
Strength To Love, 1963.*

Texas Informer Subscriptions

Return to:
P. O. Box 332

Rusk, TX. 75785

\$25.00 one year- 12.50 6 mo.



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St. _____

Zip: _____

WAL★MART SUPER CENTER

1311 S. Jackson
Jacksonville, TX 75766
(903) 589-3434
FAX(903)589-3162