

## Hollywood's Time

Crockett, Texas news & views

by Billy (Hollywood) Grooves

I often hear people say that although things are not as good for African Americans in this country as they should be, African Americans are still living much better than most poor people of the world, and they should be thankful. While I haven't been all over the world, from the television images and what I've read and heard about world poverty, it's probably true. My concerns about "true sayings" are twofold, and I am not just talking about the people who are making these comments or their motivation for saying them. My twofold concern is simply; Why America doesn't recognize, respect and treat fairly the people who helped to make America so rich, until it has "people living large" in the ghettos? In my mind, its Ludicrous to compare African Americans to the world's poorest people, then tell us we should be glad that we're not in that condition. For starters, African Americans helped to create this "Utopia" called America. They started this majestic place with their free labor and minds. Our Black ancestors sacrificed their lives so that "free America" could grow. If you want to compare modern African Americans to any group, then compare us to "builders of nations", governments and empires. When one compares Black people to their peers, then you can see where African Americans come up on the short end of life. I will wind this down by saying if everyone in America got paid what they were owed "on time and in time", a greater per cent of Black people would be on the level of the elites in America. So the next time you hear Black folks talking about financial plight in America, you have to remember ...It really is African Americans way of wondering out loud about what happened to their piece of the American pie that we helped to bake! God bless America, Africa and rest of the world. Kudos go out to all the Alumni Chapters of Jarvis Christian College in Texas and across the nation.

## Texas Retired Teachers Association Walks-A-Million Winner Announced



Wardell Starling

The members of the Cherokee County Retired School Personnel walked 29,732,000 steps, the equivalent of 14,866 miles in 2007 as they participated in the Texas Retired Teachers Association's (TRTA) Walks-A-Million Program. The purpose is to encourage the 64,000 members in the 257 local units in Texas to walk daily in order to maintain good health and keep the health insurance cost down. The CCRSP is proud to announce that Wardell Starling, the chaplain, walked the most steps in 2007, totaling 3,600,000 steps, the equivalent of 1,800 miles. He will receive a certificate of recognition from the TRTA.

The Walks-A-Million Program at the CCRSP is coordinated by Laura V. Hicks Health Care Committee Chairman and Deborah L. Riggins is the president of the committee CCRSP.

They expressed their appreciation to all the people who participated.

Rob not the poor, because he is poor, neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

~Proverbs 22: 22-23

## Larissa CME Church struck by lightning second time



Larissa C.M.E. Church destroyed by fire

Jacksonville, TX. - On March 29, 2008 Larissa C.M.E. Church was destroyed by fire for the second time. The first time it was destroyed on September 3, 1992. Each time lightning struck it igniting a fire. "We are in the planning process of rebuilding the church. We haven't decided if we will rebuild there or where". Said Maurice Anderson, member. Donations can be left at Bank One Jacksonville or contact Mr. Anderson at (903) 894-6535 or the pastor, Rev. M. Williams.

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