

Hollywood's Time

by Billy "Hollywood" Groves (Sept.-07)

Black Media A Necessary Tool
Crockett, TX. - As a people we have come a long way since slavery. Many in our race have achieved astounding success in their lives. We are making more money than ever before. We are accepted in more places than ever before as a race in the history of America. Yet, something just isn't right with the condition of Black folks in the United States. Aids, high unemployment, the prison industrial complex, apathy about voting, no banking system, racism, along with a distrust of each other (which prevents us from working together) are some of the problems. The lack of a strong Black media presence is also definitely a problem of major proportions for modern day African Americans. As a freedom fighting journalist, I don't just tell about what's happening to my people, I fight for freedom and I write about solutions



to the problems. The first bit of information that I offer my people is, "We must support Black media outlets, such as the Informer Newspaper of Walter and Maxine Session, as well as every other positive Black media outlet that we have." Wasn't it Hosea in the Bible who said, "My people perish for the lack of knowledge"? It's as true today as it was two thousand and some years ago. Once we get our Black media together, then we can get all of our people on the same page. God Bless America, Africa and Black media outlets which constantly remind us that the issues of African Americans are important to Black people, if no one else! The Myrtis Dightman Labor Day Rodeo was held labor day weekend at the Porth Agriculture Arena in Crockett to a packed house of enthusiastic rodeo fans. Legendary African American cowboy, Myrtis Dightman of Houston, a Crockett native participated in the parade and other

festivities of the Rodeo. Dightman, a member of the Cowboy Hall of Fame told me he still enjoys riding in his rodeo and helping the young people of East Texas any way that he can. He added that this year's Rodeo had cowboys and cowgirls from all over the state and other states competing for prizes. Houston businessman J.T. Thompson, a Crockett native, hosted the First Annual Labor Day Western Fashion Show at the Crockett Civic Center, in conjunction with the Myrtis Dightman Rodeo. Singer Tony Henry of Houston, a Crockett High graduate, who recently signed a contract with hit rapper Chamelionaire, was the featured singer. Megan Cook, a singer, dancer and rodeo performer from Grapeland displayed her singing talent at the Western Fashion Show. Tayo the Poet of Houston, who plays a harmonica and had a lead role in the movie "Deadly Wordz" was there with Anthony Henry. Gospel Singer, David Walker and Serenity will be performing in the near future at the Lone Star Cowboy Church in Montgomery, Texas. For more information on the concert, contact www.dwserenity.com Ricky Mitchell of Crockett and Grapeland is the hard working father of a nine month old daughter, Kashia Mitchell. Ricky is the son of Rena Fay and

Leotis Mitchell of Grapeland and attends Jones Chapel Church in Crockett. "Stay out of trouble, stay away from drugs and get a job that you can do", was his advice for young people. Ricky calls Crockett City Councilman, Nathan "Brother Nate" Gardner his role model, along with his parents. He often volunteers his time to helping the city of Crockett and positive places like the Groves Educational Foundation in Crockett.

Kudos go out to Los Angeles Actor, promoter, comedian Robert "Wyatta" Wyatt, a Crockett native who is bringing top music talent to East Texas. Michael Henderson, Midnight Star and Cherelle are the latest singing legends who are scheduled to perform in Crockett at the Civic Center. Wyatta told me he will be bringing the top entertainment to his home town on a regular basis in the future.

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