

Buffalo Soldier Tragedy victims honored

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MORTON, Texas (AP) — At the end of the day, not all war stories are filled with guns, glory or winners.

Such was the case for 40 men with the 10th Cavalry, who rode off in pursuit of Comanches on July 26, 1877.

Not a bullet was fired in the four-day march, which began near modern-day Tahoka. But in the end, four men were dead — victims of a disastrous military mission remembered as the Buffalo Soldier Tragedy of 1877 or the Lost Troop Expedition.

On a recent Saturday, a Texas Historical Marker was dedicated at Morton Memorial Cemetery next to the burial site of four Buffalo Soldiers who died during the expedition. About 40 people attended the ceremony.

The Cochran County Historical Commission applied for the state marker and four military head stones of the men who died. Members of the Morton black community helped pay for the granite markers honoring the four men.

"This was a community effort," said Dorothy Barker, chair of the Cochran County Historical Commission.

Black troops were used by the military following the Civil War to provide security in the Western frontier. These troops were often in contact with Amer-

ican Indians, who later called the men "Buffalo Soldiers."

One of the duties performed by many Buffalo Soldiers was to patrol and search for defiant tribes who either attacked settlers or refused to live on reservations.

That was the mission of the men from Company A, 10th Cavalry.

The group's misguided journey took them through what today are Cochran, Lynn, Hockley, Terry and Lubbock counties. The men went as far as New Mexico before turning back and eventually returning to their camp near present-day Tahoka.

Several days into the ordeal, the men began wandering away from each other in search of water. Four days after setting out, about 15 of the Buffalo Soldiers made it back to their camp. The men had gone 86 hours without water under the West Texas summer sun. Those who survived told stories of how they drank the blood and urine from their horses to survive.

Others never made it back. John H. Bonds, John T. Gordon, John Isaacs and Isaac Derwin died.

"Everyone in the expedition suffered badly and these four men died," said Paul Carlson, a history professor at Texas Tech University and author of "The Buffalo Soldier Tragedy of 1877."

The Sun in the community...

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The Libyans (below) are in the US for one year to train in housing and infrastructure development technologies from TCB-ACOM.

Pictured to the right in the Libyan photo are: Adam Blair, Maggi Stweart, Rena Inglehart, Lauren Hooks, Saly Kone and Robert Morgan (Back Row) Rican McGusty and Vincent Cox



Correction: This is the picture that should have run with the "Congressman Green gives seniors legislative update in the July 8 edition. We regret the error. (Sun Photo/Myra Griffin)



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Libyans, TCB-AECOM and Port of Houston staff arrive at the Port to take a ride on the Sam Houston as part of the one year housing and infrastructure training contract for the three civil and mechanical engineers from Libya. Front Row: Dr. Ibrahim Shourkie, Ph.D, Libyan Program Director, Dr. Abdulgader Slama, Ph.D, Libyan Program Director, John Patrick Horan, PPM Director of Trade Development for Port of Houston, Dr. Ali Rashaida, Ph.D, Libyan Program Director, Eric Nevil, PE, Vice President Corporate Development, TCB-AECOM; Min Chu, PE, Senior Vice President, TCB-AECOM; and Stephen G. Berckenhoff, PE, Vice President, TCB-AECOM. Back Row: Jerry D. Newell, PE Senior vice President, TCB-AECOM and Anthony "Tony" Sartori, PE, Associate Vice President, TCB-AECOM.



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Port of Houston interns, staff, TCB and Texas Southern University new graduate gather after Libyan boat tour.

Obama and Bill Clinton finally speak

By NEDRA PICKLER
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama and Bill Clinton ended their mutual silent treatment Monday, with the Democratic presidential candidate reaching out and asking his former Democratic nemesis to help him win the White House.

In their first conversation since the end of the heated primary, former President Clinton agreed to campaign for the candidate he portrayed as inexperienced for a presidential run. Obama had said Bill Clinton's harsh criticisms led him to wonder which Clinton he was running against sometimes.

The 20-minute conversation was the latest step in bringing together the two warring camps. While Hillary Rodham Clinton has been publicly behind Obama, hard feelings remained between the former Democratic presi-

dent and the candidate hoping to become the next one.

They hadn't spoken until Obama called Monday after landing in Missouri for a campaign stop. Both sides later issued statements about the conversation, an important public display of how Obama needs to have both Clintons on board moving into the general election.

Bill Clinton is still popular with voters even if his stock went down, especially among blacks, after his angry outbursts against Obama during the primary. But Obama could use the former president to help win over voters, especially the working-class whites who fondly remember better economic times under the Clinton administration and who overwhelmingly supported Hillary Clinton during the primaries.

Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs said Obama asked Clinton to campaign with him and on his own.

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What's Happening

Young church holds fund program

Greater Community Baptist Church, where Reverend W. C. Lauder, II is the pastor/shepherd is having a faith fund program entitled *66 books of the Bible, Genesis 1:1 - Revelation 22:21*.

The old testament speaker is Reverend Abe Washington, pastor New Hope Baptist Church, Willis, TX and the new testament speaker is Rev. Deric Dawson, Associate Mt. Canaan MBCHouston, TX.

The services will be held Sunday, July 27, 2008 at 3:30 pm.

If you would like to participate in our faith fund program by sponsoring a book feel free to contact us at greatercommunitybaptistchurch@yahoo.com or call 281-948-0539.

Worship location is 4710 Griggs Road. Contributions can be mailed to P. O. Box 14909, Houston, TX 77221.

Ain't Misbehavin' is at The Ensemble

Make Your Final 2007-2008 Reservations Now. The Ensemble Theatre is adding two shows due to the high demand for tickets to Ain't Misbehavin'. Please join us for this exciting finale to our 2007-2008 Season.

Ain't Misbehavin' June 21-July 20, 2008 (Most Dates are Sold Out) Available Dates are: Thur, July 3, 7:30pm; Fri, July 4, 8:00pm; Sat, July 5, 8pm.

Additional Performances: Sunday, July 13, 2008, 8:00pm; Sunday, July 20, 2008, 8:00pm

The Cast of Ain't Misbehavin' is: Anthony Boggess Glover; Tommie Harper, III; Kenyatta Herring; Aisha Ussery; Raena White; LaNell Brooks; DeWayne Davis.

Special Guest Artist and 2008 Ensemble Theatre Gala Chair is Merele Yarborough.

A vibrant musical revue and tribute to the Black musicians of the early 1900s highlights music of Thomas "Fats" Waller. Waller, a formidable composer and pianist with a legendary lust for life, was one of the most prolific musicians of his time and an originator of swing music. This Tony Award-winning musical will have you movin' to the beat with its wall to wall music, delightful humor, infectious energy and American spirit.

Community bus lines meeting set

137 Northshore Express Metro Bus Route townhall meeting is planned for Saturday, July 12 from 10:00a.m. to 12 noon. The meeting will be held at the Cloverleaf Fire Dept., 911 Hollywood (77015). For more information, call 713-453-1811.

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Shirley Caesar releases DVD after 40 years

Nashville, TN--With 42 albums and 8 DVD releases, the first lady of gospel, Shirley Caesar isn't showing any signs of slowing down. After 40 years as an artist, adding one more CD and DVD to her repertoire, isn't hard to do for the seasoned psalmist. The 12 song compilation CD, AFTER 40 YEARS...STILL SWEEPING THROUGH THE CITY, was released in November of last year, with the DVD complement released June 24, 2008 (Shu-Bel/Light Records).

The CD and DVD combo premiere rare classics from the gospel diva in the 1970's. Hits such as "Faded Rose", "How Many Will Be Remembered?", and a medley of "Peter Don't Be Afraid", "Nobody But You, Lord" and "Teach Me, Master", are featured with 1980s hits "Jesus, I Love Calling Your Name", "He'll Do It Again", "Peace in the Midst of the Storm", and "Never".

Shirley Caesar first burst on the national music scene when she joined the legendary Caravans gospel group in 1958. For almost a decade, she was a fan favorite and led hits such as

Walipp Preparatory Academy accepting applications for the Fall

Imagine a school where the students stand to greet school visitors, their faces beaming brightly. A place which inspires a love of learning and fosters a true partnership between student and teacher. A school which believes that all children can learn, creating an atmosphere of mutual respect and success in the classroom. Now, imagine the impact that a school like that could have on its community.

The WALIPP-TSU Preparatory Academy is a unique HISD Charter School founded by the William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity, WALIPP. It was conceived by Mrs. Audrey Lawson, Executive Director of WALIPP, and founded to meet the critical academic and social development needs of inner-city youth. Targeting middle school males, the Academy is an authentic (real-world) learning community, using a creative academic and experiential curriculum to build student success

and to develop the total person. Students attending WALIPP will gain a competitive edge contributing to success in high school, college and beyond.

Graduates of this academy will be sought by leading institutions of higher education and global workplaces. Through the efforts of Academy administration, staff, students, parents, guardians, mentors and the larger community, the highest academic, social and service goals of each student will be met in this dynamic culture.

The academy is currently accepting applications for the fall of 2008. Applications must be brought to the school. Students and parents are also required to complete a personal interview. Call 713-225-1551 to schedule. To learn more about enrollment criteria or to obtain an application online, visit www.walippacademy.org. Enrollment is limited.

"Sweeping Through the City." She went solo in 1966 and released her first solo LP "I'll Go" the next year. After that project produced her first solo hit with "Choose Ye This Day," there was no stopping the hits which have included "Jesus, I Love Calling Your Name," "Hold My Mule," "Don't Drive Your Mama Away" and the recent "I Know the Truth" featuring Tonex.

The CD/DVD, celebrating Caesar's 40 year solo career, was recorded last July at the 300-member Mt. Calvary Holy Church where Caesar copastors in Raleigh, NC.

For more information about Pastor Shirley Caesar please visit www.shirleycaesar.com. For review

copies or interviews please contact Kia Jarmon, 615.277.1855 or kjarmon@lightrecords.com.

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