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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 Juvenile 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 East Elementary.
- Chapman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.



Young Scott Sisters Then! - September 11, 1977

These young Lubbockites appeared in the Lubbock Digest in September 11, 1977, becoming the first of its age group to appear. They had the following statement: "We are behind the efforts of the LUBBOCK DIGEST, and are proud to be citizens of the city of Lubbock." They are daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Scott, Jr. The sisters are Sessaire Navette, age 1, and Kimmie Keenoya Nacole, 5 months. They are the grandchildren of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Scott, Sr, 2409 Globe Avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jude, 2916 East Bates Avenue. Also, the late Mrs. Alabama Walker, their great-grandmother.

Senior Models For Lubbock Area Client Council's Fashion Show Friday Night

These are the names of individuals who will be participating in the Lubbock Area Client Council's Senior Citizen's Fashion Show which will be held Friday night, August 31, 2007, at Dunbar Middle School's Auditorium. The show will begin at 7:00 p. m. The models are: Ladies: Emma Avery, Billie Cavicl, Linda DeLeon, Tommie Ervin, Lucinda Griffin, Lula Griffin, And R Roberta Hightower. Also, Dorothy L. Johnson, Ruthie P. Planks, Olivia Ramirez, Deborah Ray, Dorothy Seely and Mamie Young. The Male Models: Rev. Homer Avery, Willie L. Griffin, Sr., Ysidro Gutierrez, Rev. Charles E. Planks, Floyd Price, Roger Priestly, Rev. Edwin Scott, Sr., and Elder Thompson. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and students \$3.00. Tickets may be purchased at door.

Larry Jones Named Vice President Service Integration



Larry Jones

Larry Jones has been appointed to the position of vice president, Service Integration of Global Service Partners which was effective August 16, 2007. His addition to the Global Service Partners (GSP) team will be a critical part of supporting GSP's continued growth by leading multiple Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) service initiatives for GSP and Pratt & Whitney. In addition, his new role will further strengthen the integration of GSP's service offerings to further the OEMRO focus. He will have responsibility for on-going development of key MRO tools such as advanced diagnostics and engine maintenance (ADEM), Online Services and the Customer Portal. He will have leadership responsibility to drive MRO solutions and partnerships within Pratt & Whitney, UTC and with their extreme partners in order to drive one-company initiatives and best practices across MRO businesses. In addition, he will have responsibility for customer support professionals within GSP and work in close partnership with Dick Fair, who leads the Large Commercial Engine Customer Service organization. Larry joined Pratt & Whitney in 1979 following service as an aviator in the U.S. Marine Corps. He has held a series of roles with increasing responsibility in both Commercial and Military Engines, in areas such as Engineering, Field Service, Marketing and Customer Service. Larry was an early implementer of Customer Focus Teams in the Commercial Engine Business, establishing a field office in Minneapolis, which provided on-site sales and support services to Northwest Airlines, TWA, Midwest Express and several similar airlines. In his most recent role as vice president, Military Customer Support, Larry was instrumental in fielding the F119 that powers the F-22, expanding operations of the F117 for the C-17 and developing the support system stem for the F135 that powers the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. He provided leadership that helped create award-winning partnerships with domestic and international air forces that resulted in ACE Gold levels of supportability and customer satisfaction. Larry attended Wheatley Elementary School and graduated from Dunbar High School in Lubbock. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones of 1838 Manhattan Drive of Lubbock. He has a Bachelor of Science from the United States Naval Academy, and a Master of Science in Business Administration from Purdue University. Larry's customer focus and knowledge, broad understanding of the aftermarket business and his ability to engage employees make him the ideal leader to help ensure continued growth of GSP. Jones is excited about his new opportunity with this company. He will do well in this effort.

Estacado Matadors Open Season Friday

Those Estacado High School Matadors will open their football season Saturday afternoon, September 1, 2007, when they play Hereford High School at Lowrey Field, beginning at 1:00 p. m. With a record of 2 wins and eight losses, they finished fourth place in District 4-4A. This year, however, will be a new year and with a new coach. He is Coach Danny Servance, who will tell you the only place is for them (Matadors) to move up in the district. He gives credit to his predecessor, Coach Buster Leaf, for the work that he and staff did in establishing the foundations of pride and discipline in the Estacado program, which will give him a head start in bringing the Matadors back to prominence. He will tell you about the situation which former Permian Coach Randy Mayes had to go through prior to his arrival in Odessa when he helped rebuild the program at Ennis. The current coach, Sam Harrell, father of Texas Tech quarterback, Graham Harrell, was able to continue that work and reap the rewards of success. Coach Servance is hoping to do the same things at Estacado. Before coming to Estacado, he will tell you he heard a lot of things about Estacado and these are some of the best-discipline kids, respectable kids I've ever been around. "They do a good job of trying to do anything we ask them to do. The fundamentals that Coach Leaf had started teaching are very similar to what we used to teach at Odessa Permian. There were a lot of things going in the right direction before I got here." The Matadors did a much better job in 2006, but one of their major problems each week was defense, keeping their opponents out of the end zone. The Matadors allowed 33 points per game in 2006, but they are expected to correct that this year with a new defense. It will mean more physical football team, which comes with hard work. Coach Servance will tell you the Matadors can become a tough, hard nosed defense this season and more will follow, and the offense will take care of itself. "Things are going to happen that we know are going to happen during games," says Coach Servance. He will tell you, "There will be times when we make plays and there will be times when we don't make plays. The thing about it is we've got to have short memories where we forget about the play and move on to the next play and make that the play you make." The Matadors will play Permian High School on September 6 at Lowrey Field, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Marcus J. Williams Joins ExxonMobil

A young man who grew up in Lubbock, Marcus J. Williams, was hired in June, 2007 by ExxonMobil Corporation as a U. S. Compensation Consultant in Houston. He graduated from Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in June 2003. He attended Ohio State University's Max M. Fisher College of Business for a Master's degree in Labor and Human Resources in Fall, 2004. He also received a Minority Graduate Scholar, an award from ExxonMobil Corporation. He also worked as a Graduate Administrative Assistant for the Office of Minority Affairs-Minority Scholarship Services. He did his practicum at United Cerebral Palsy of Central Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, as a Development Intern in the Spring 2005. He received an internship with Shell Oil Company, Houston, as an Human Resources Analyst during the Summer, 2006. He was President of the Black MBA Association for the Max M. Fisher College of Business. He also worked as an intern. He graduated from Ohio State University with a dual Master's in Higher Education Student Affairs and Labor and Human Resources. He is the son of Avis Elise Patterson Williams and Mark Williams of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the grandson of Bobbie and T. J. Patterson. He is back in Texas! That is, Houston, Texas.



Marcus J. Williams & One of His Professors at OSU

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

Prairie View A&M Confers Seven Doctoral Degrees

Prairie View A&M University conferred seven doctoral degrees during its recent summer commencement. While the university has existed for more than 130 years, the first PhD program enrolled its first students only six years ago. Texas A&M University Chancellor, Michael D. McKinney stated, "Doctoral programs at Prairie View are still very new. Today, along with the first electrical engineering doctoral candidate, we are doubling the number of Prairie View PhDs." "These scholars are so important to advancing research-based knowledge in a number of important areas, from electrical engineering to educational leadership and juvenile justice," continued McKinney. The College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology graduated five doctoral students in Juvenile Justice; the College of Engineering graduated one PhD in electrical engineering; and the College of Education graduated one PhD in educational leadership. The summer's graduating class of nearly 350 graduates received words of inspiration and encouragement from PVAMU's own Dr. Milton Bryant and Dr. M. Paul Mehta, who are retiring Deans of Engineering and Education, respectively. Both will remain in faculty positions during the coming fall semester.

Texas Tech University Hockey Team Seeks Oned Year Lease

The Texas Tech University hockey team is seeking a one-year lease agreement with the City to play in City Bank Coliseum. The Lubbock City Council is considering the proposal during a special meeting today, Thursday, at 7:30 a. m. The proposed lease includes \$40,000 in coliseum rental charges for 17 games and 83 team practices. The Tech hockey organization is purchasing a new ice plant and paying utilities associated with its operation. City of Lubbock Inc. is operating concessions during all games. The lease carries an option to renew for two seasons. Tech's program, which was established in 1999, currently competes in the American Collegiate Hockey Association against teams from other Big 12 Conference schools and from throughout the South-west region. Training camp is set to open September 11 at the coliseum. The team's first home game is September 28 against the University of North Texas.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

It has come to the attention of this writer of the Nurses and Ushers Annual Day at the St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church. It is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, September 23, 2007.

The public is invited to attend this annual worship service.

The Senior Choir of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church will hold its Annual Choir Day on Sunday afternoon, September 9, 2007, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

Sister Amanda Dial is president; Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor.

The Scholarship Committee of the New Hope Baptist Church making ready to award a scholarship. If there are any questions, please contact one of the committee members: Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Gipson, Mrs. David Stovall, Mrs. Lottie Barrow, Ms. Brenda Gipson, Mrs. Joan Ervin, Mr. Ernest Swain, and Mrs. Dorothy Kinner, Chairperson.

For additional information, contact one of these members.

Let us continue to pray for our members and others who are on the sick and shut in list. Among them include: Sister Dorothy Nash, Sister Bernice Wright, Sister Emma Rowe, Sister Lillie Smith, Sister Pearl Vester, and Sister Charlie Mae Pratt.

Also, Sister Juan Y. Ervin, Sister Mable Biggers, and Sister Joan Jones.

Let those and others remember that God is able. No matter what our condition may be. It is just good to stand for the Lord.

The First Appreciation for Rev. Sonia J. Beaty, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, will be held Sunday afternoon, September 9, 2007, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

The public is invited to attend this celebration. It is good to come together and celebrate the goodness of Almighty God!

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The Southwest Digest will have a 39th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday afternoon, September 16, 2007, at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, Rockwell, Texas. The public is invited to come by and help celebrate the works of the Southwest Digest.

If you are unable to attend church services at your church because of circumstances beyond your control, then tune into the New Hope Broadcast over Radio Station KJAK 92.7 FM, from 11:30 A. M. until 12:30 p. m., each Sunday morning.

If you are not a paid subscriber to the Southwest Digest, why not become one today. Call 762-3612 and order a year's subscription.

The Southwest Digest would make a gift for a relative.

In Remembrance

H. L. Adams, Sr.
Funeral services for H. L. Adams were held last Friday morning, August 24, 2007, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Adams passed away Sunday, August 19, 2007.

He was born March 11, 1927.

He is survived by his children: H. L. Adams, Jr., Jurlene Baldwin, Johnny Ray Adams, Linda Sue Thomas, Kenneth E. Adams, and Dwayne ne Adams; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and many friends.

Shadrice Darnell Taylor
Funeral services for Shadrice Darnell Taylor were held Monday, August 27, 2007, at the 20th & Birch Church of Christ with Pastor Billy Lemons officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He passed away Sunday, August 19, 2007.

He was born June 8, 1976 to Melvin and Marie Taylor, and was the third of three sons. He attended Alderson Junior High School and Lubbock High School. After graduation, he was united in marriage to Elaine Hutton on May 8, 1998. They had four sons.

He leaves to cherish his passing: his sons: Dawson Lawrence, Tyson Vashaum, Shadrice Darnell, Jr. and Derrick Taylor; mother, Ollie Marie Taylor; father, Melvin Douglas Taylor of Dallas; brothers, Melvin Douglas Taylor, Jr. and wife, Diana, and Rodrick Taylor and wife, Debra, all of Lubbock; sister, Tranisha Chanell Taylor of Lubbock; grandfather, Edward Taylor of Bryan; two nieces; three nephews; 10 aunts, 10 uncles, and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Vance Harris, Sr.
Funeral services for Vance Harris, Sr. were held last Saturday afternoon, August 24, 2007, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He passed away Friday, August 18, 2007, at University Medical Center.

Mr. Harris was born June 16, 1940 in Carthage, Texas.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Marenellus Harris; eight children: Broxie Patterson, Belinda Washington, Arnette Watson, Vance E. Harris, Jr., Marey McMillan, Calvin Harris, Michael Harris, and Mary Jackson; six sisters, one brother, 24 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Army & Air Force Hometown News

Army Pfc. Lorraine M. Salas has graduated from the Unit Supply Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at the Quartermaster Battalion, Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The course is designed to train students to receive, inspect, segregate, store, inventory,

issue, deliver and turn-in organizational and installation supplies and equipment; maintain automated supply systems for accountability with use of unit computers; issue and receipt of small arms, and secure and control weapons and ammunition supplies.

Salas is the daughter of Felix C. Salas of S. Union Avenue, Roswell, N. M., and Anita M. Peach of Old York King of Dexter,

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson
Designer Hats
Out of Style!



OHI NO, NO, NO, just the opposite. This fall you are going to see a lot of hats, more so than ever before! Not only with your dressy designer suits, but with casual outfits as well. Ladies, nothing is more stylish than your outfit with a matching brim. Speaking of brims, the sky is the limit regarding the size, shape and color.

If the hat looks great on you, baby girl, you're in style. Not into hats? Give it a try, you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Fashionably speaking, we sometimes have to step out of our comfort zone and make a powerful statement!

Make Them Look Twice!

FASHION TIP: Always wear a smile! FASHION - Just for the fun of it!

IRS Offers Electronic Filing Seminar for Tax Professionals in Lubbock September 18-19

The Electronic IRS Fall 2007 e-file Seminar is designed to help tax professionals in the Lubbock, Amarillo and Midland area successfully incorporate Electronic IRS into their tax practice by making use of electronic filing, e-Pay and e-Service options available through www.irs.gov. Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits are available.

There are two workshops which will be conducted at Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, September 18-19, 2007, from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. The September 18 workshop is for new Electronic Return Originators (ERO) who have not electronically filed in the past and are interested in doing so in the future. The September 19 workshop will be refresher training, to include updates and changes, for tax professionals who are already filing taxes electronically.

Register by September 7, 2007 using e-mail at sbse.cld.sif.southwest@irs.gov, or call (214) 413-5135 for additional information.

Lubbock Colon Cancer Prevention Task Force Will Meet Friday

The Lubbock Colon Cancer Prevention Task Force will meet to discuss the accomplishments, upcoming events and unveiling their "Avenue of Survivors" exhibit. The meeting will take place Friday, August 31, 2007, at noon.

Lunch will be provided for all who attend. This will be a great opportunity for organizations, supporters, and colon cancer survivors to be informed about recent activity and to provide input for future projects.

It is advised to make reservations by calling Ashley Piercy, Assistant Coordinator, Lubbock Colon Cancer Prevention Task Force, at 793-0988, by today, Thursday.

Code's Field Exercise Set For Guadalupe

The Code Administration Section of the Lubbock Police Department will be conducting an intensive neighborhood inspection of the Guadalupe Neighborhood on Thursday, August 30, 2007, between 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. Code Inspectors will be working in the area bordered by 19th Street to Erskine, Avenue Q to Interstate 27. Solid Waste will provide a container for citizens to dispose their bulky items at 1501 Mae Davis Lane.

The object of this exercise will be to identify violations relating to Junked Vehicles, Public Nuisance Weeds and Rubbish, Substandard Housing, and Zoning Code Administration. Inspectors will be talking to the public to provide education regarding these types of violations, citing violations, and possibly abating violations during exercise.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith American or Mexican?

It is imperative we as Americans become involved in the direction and changing course and face of our country. If we are not careful, we will not have a country. Each day we are losing our sovereignty as a nation by a group of people who are bent to hell on changing America to their way of thinking and will go to any length to change our values.

Some people who remind me of "snakes in the grass" will use the subtlest tactics to the most vicious political rallies to press their agenda. If we as Americans continue to remain sleep at the switch, we will not have a country. Those who would destroy America cross all color and racial lines. They begin at the Whitehouse (Bush and his political team that want to combine the economies of Canada, the United States and Mexico); the U. S. Congress that does not have the will nor guts to say no to corporate America who outsource jobs to countries like India and China and creating a deficit that will bankrupt our country. Our children will not be able to pay what these fools of Hades are proposing at this very moment.

This same U. S. Congress does not have the body parts to enforce and say no to amnesty and allow more than 20 million illegal immigrants to en the laws of this land and

do what ever in the hades they want in America while punishing the citizens who pay taxes and do all that good citizens would do. If Americans break the law, they are punished by the courts for not obeying the laws of the land. However, if you sneak across the border from Mexico, breaking the laws of America, you are doing it for economic reasons and Americans are supposed to hold their hand and kiss whatever to go along and get along with Mexico.

This was a subtle opinion in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal entitled "West Texas Becoming More Diverse" while probably meant well that should be offensive to white and black Americans of the area.

The article says in part, "Last week, the U. S. Census Bureau reported that ethnic minorities—predominantly Hispanic—are now the majority in 14 of the more than 50 counties in the South Plains and Panhandle.... For people who think most Hispanics do migrant labor and recently arrived from south of the border, it's time to leave the 1950's.... All we have to do is look to other states, California, for example, or other parts of Texas.... In those places, Hispanics are well past the stereotypes and are now sitting next to you in the office.... They are also next to you in the voting booth.... We haven't seen that political impact as much here in West Texas, where some minori-

ties still think their vote doesn't count because it's still a white man's world.... But as Hispanic numbers grow, that will change as it's changed elsewhere in Texas and the country.... At that point, folks who expressed unkind, unfair or otherwise inappropriate sentiments, comments or attitudes about ethnic minorities could find their words return nine to haunt them.... The day may come when they'll be the ones asking for help. If in the past, they've treated their ethnic brethren in a poor way, or a racist way, or a condescending way, they can't expect to be treated respectfully when the shoe is on the other foot.... Remember the Golden Rule.... Although the world has changed, there unfortunately still are some people who put ethnic minorities in a stereotypical box. That's not only an old way of thinking, it's an ancient way of thinking. Minorities aren't minority when they're majority, as they're increasingly becoming today."

What this writer and his kind do not understand is America is supposed to be governed by the "rule of law." Because one objects to those, who would disregard our laws does not mean they are racist and looking down on minority ethnic groups. Everyone has to obey the laws of the land! Because you are Black or Hispanic does not give you the right to be over whites.



We Thank God for Jesus "Preachers Despising God"

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

Part 2

1 Peter 5:2-3 & Revelation 2:7a - Feed the flock of God which is among you. Taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly. Not for filthy lucre (Money), but of a ready mind. Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being an example to the flock. Jesus said, He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit say unto the churches.

The Bible tells it like it is, and the Bible says under the sun, there is nothing new. Preachers have been despising God's word for many centuries, and this is the truth!!!

Isaiah 58:1 - The Lord said, cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions.

"It's Crying Out Time"
We read how Eli's, the Preachers and his sons, how they disrespected the House of God. They didn't love God, and didn't want him to live with him in their hearts.

1 Samuel 2:12, 22 - Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial. They knew not the Lord, and Eli was very old, and heard all that his son did unto all Israel, and how they lay with the woman that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the

congregation. Eli's two sons did what they wanted to do and stole meat, and even had sex in the church and Papa Eli wouldn't even rebuke them or punish them and the church was hurt!!!

1 Samuel 2:23-24 - And Eli said unto them, why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealing by all the people. No, my sons, for it is no good report that I hear. You make the Lord's people to transgress.

"Yes, Preachers Rob God!!"
(I say again, Preachers if the President was coming to your church, and told you he knows who living saved and sanctified. When I get there and see anyone who is not living a Christian, I will take away their tax exemption rights. So Preachers, don't let them be there. I know the Preacher will tell the ones who're not living save to stay at home Sunday! He might even tell his wife not to come, or he might not be there himself, because he fears the power of the President and not the power of God!!!)

Matthew 22:21 - Jesus said, render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's.

Some Preachers allow kinfolk to help run the Church in order to keep the money in the family. They control it and how to spend

it, and the family members all become thieves!!!

1 John 2:15 - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, the love of the father is not in him.

Preachers today have turned God's house into a pure house, and a den of thieves. It didn't start yesterday. Jesus is some of the Chubch, and in Mark 11:17. You can read it!!!

Isaiah 56:10-11 - The Lord said, his watchmen are blind. They are all ignorant. They are all dumb dogs. They cannot bark, sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are all greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds who cannot understand. They all look to their own way. Everyone for his gain, from his quarter (4 Quarters Equals Anniversary).

(Brother Clarence Wells was a Church worker for 57 years, and never an anniversary!!!)

Many Preachers have no respect for Holy things of God. Neither people of God. They let things go on in Churches. That is no business in the House of the Lord!!!

**** Even The Un-Godly Can See The Wrong Things In The Church!!! ****
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, August 26, 2007, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with Sunday School last Sunday morning with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. It was another wonderful lesson was taught by Sister Harris, and was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Living Responsibly In The Community of Faith." Eesson was text was Malachi 2:17; 3:5 & 4:1

The morning worship hour be-

gan with the morning devotion led by Deacon Edward Williams and Sister Ethel Williams. The spirit was very high.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls for the Lord.

Pastor Canady delivered another powerful sermon. His subject was "Pray For Me." His scripture text was Acts 8:16-25.

Remember our sick and shut-in members. Among them on the sick list this week include: Sister George Ann Hereford, who is resting now at home. Also, Sister Oretta Moore who is able to attend church services last Sunday morning. It was a pleasure to see her.

Just a little kindness to someone who is ill or shut-in will go mighty long way. It's just good to let people know you are thinking about them in this time of illness.

What we are saying, let us not forget those who are down today! Tomorrow, it could be one of us who are fortunately to be well

at this time. God is able. No matter our condition.

Thought For The Week
A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."

Just a few thoughts in passing: Did you know that in such times as these, we are vulnerable to wrong assumptions and conclusions about life, about God and about prayer. But in Psalm 13, David wrestled with the problem of unanswered prayer. He questioned why the world was so dan-

gerous and pleaded for answers from God.

We all know that God is always able!

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are asking "Are you running on empty?"

Ray Pritchard's book, "Names Of The Holy Spirit," states many believers live far below their potential, because they have never discovered the Holy Spirit. Living without the Holy Spirit is like trying to drive a car with an empty gas tank. Many believers are running empty, not even understanding the need for gas. They have all the necessary equipment, but no power. They can say all the right words, quote the right scriptures, preach powerfully, profound sounding sermons, shout at the appointed time, and always keep their Bible visible, but have no power, no presence, and no protection of God. An attractive exterior, shiny and new, all of the prayer parts, but unable to leave the driveway. Are you spiritually stalled? Perhaps it's because you have no spiritual starter. Pray for God's indwelling spirit to fill you right now. Don't run, or rather idle on empty.

Where does one get gasoline? Unlike the liquid we purchase for our automobiles, spiritual gasoline comes from God. It cannot be purchased. Jesus paid the price. It is freely given. It is not necessary to run on empty when fuel is an inexhaustible supply. In Acts 2:38, Peter says: Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a gift from God. "Anyone who does not have the spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ," Romans 8:9. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will give life (power) to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit that dwells in you when we allow things of the world to dominate our lives, when we continue to live after the flesh, we are

running on empty. We become powerless in our witness and powerless in our walk for Christ, but we can live victoriously through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. We don't have to run on empty. We can be filled with the spirit by asking. This is better than having a tiger in your tank. God's supply is at your disposal. Move out from the driveway. Exit the garage and move out into the freeway of life. Confident you are filled by the spirit of God. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,

and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

"Let's Pray"

Holy Spirit, often we have wasted precious resources, time, and energy while running on empty. Your power is available and you have placed it well within our reach. Forgive us and continue to empower us to do your will. We pray, AMEN

Thought of the Week: "When you move up another level, you
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Willie E. Gary, Prominent Trail Attorney Shares Words of Encouragement

Winston-Salem, NC -- Trial attorney Willie E. Gary made a visit to Winston-Salem recently to serve as keynote speaker at the Winston-Lake Family YMCA's 10th Annual Black Achievers in Business and Industry Awards Gala.

Gary spoke before a packed room of over 600 at the Benton Convention Center where 23 teens and 36 professionals were honored for their participation in the Black Achievers program. The evening's theme of "Continuing to Dream" was quite fitting as program participants were recognized for giving back to their communities by serving as volunteers, and students were recognized for achieving academic excellence. Gary encouraged audience members to focus on being positive role models for young people and to help those less fortunate.

The YMCA Black Achievers program was founded in 1971 at

New York City's Harlem YMCA. Its purpose is to help young African Americans develop a positive sense of self, and to set high education and career goals. Professionals within the community act as role models and volunteer leaders for two YMCA Black Achievers programs: Youth Achievers (for ages 6 to 12), and Teen Achievers.

"I am elated to be a part of this great event," said Gary. "The YMCA Black Achievers program helps young people focus on education and their future. Today more than ever, boys and girls need mentors and positive role models to help realize their potential."

Gary, who is best known in legal circles as "The Giant Killer," is noted for taking on some of America's most powerful companies -- winning billions of dollars in verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients. Gary is also the Chairman of the Black Family



Black Achievers in Business & Industry

Channel, America's only minority-owned and operated, 24-hour cable network. Known for his philanthropic endeavors, he and his wife, Dr. Gloria Gary, founded The Gary Foundation, which provides college scholarships to at-risk students who wish to attend college. The Gary's have donated

millions of dollars to help Historically Black Colleges and Universities -- including \$10 mil-

lion to his alma mater Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Liberia Arrests Alleged Coup Plotters

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UNIRIN -- More action is needed to protect civilians in the western Sudanese region of Darfur, who continue to suffer serious human rights violations in the ongoing conflict, a UN special reporter said. In a preliminary report, Sima Samar said Darfur remained a region where gross violations of human rights have been perpetrated by all parties to the conflict.

"I have recently received allegations of serious violations," she said.

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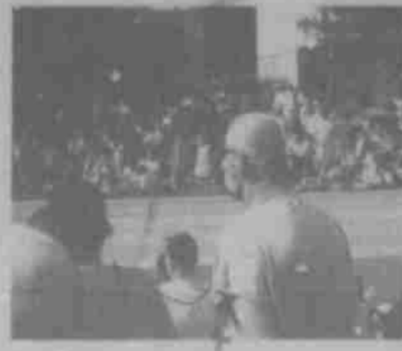
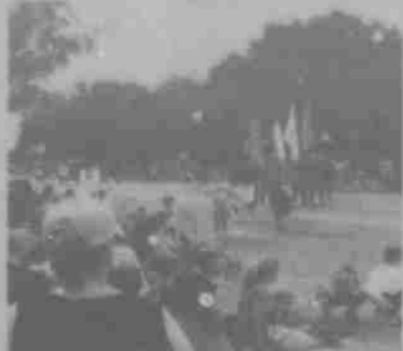
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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

IT WILL BE THIRTY YEARS! THIS N THAT was just sitting the other day just thinking of how far this weekly newspaper THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST has come since September 11, 1977 when it became a reality. At that time it was called the LUBBOCK DIGEST. As this name change came because of our readers in Lubbock and West Texas. Over the years an attempt has been made to give a very PERSPECTIVE on what is taking place in the Black Community of Lubbock and West Texas. There is no doubt about it sometimes it hasn't been very positive but that's the way the world is in this part of the world. It has been a most rewarding experience one in which it has to be lived and in the neighborhood of Lubbock and West Texas it would have been great if more could have been accomplished with this media but we've done our very best over the years. Hopefully when history is told it will give a positive picture of what we have been about over these 30 years. A celebration will

be held on Tuesday evening SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 at the McInturf Conference Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. with CHANCELLOR KENT HANCE of Texas Tech University as our guest speaker. It should be a very exciting evening and hopefully there will be much information given for those in attendance and it should be an evening many will never forget.

WORSHIP SERVICES ON TAP FOR SOUTHWEST DIGEST! THIS N THAT wants to take this opportunity and invite ALL OF YOU to attend WORSHIP SERVICES at the BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH for the SOUTHWEST DIGEST in celebration of 30 YEARS OF SERVICE since 1977. If it hadn't been for the LORD on our side there is noway we could have endured the many obstacles which were in our path. So on Sunday afternoon September 16, we will just PRAISE GOD for all He

has done for us over the years. Oh Yes we are thankful for the many COMPANIES & BUSINESSES who have displayed their goods and services on our pages. Last but not the least THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST want to thank our many readers who have been most supportive. All we're saying is THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST is just happy to have been a part of this city in doing something we like to do and something when history is told it will be reported that there was a weekly Black newspaper THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST that stood tall not just for Black people but all people when there was an issue which needed to be made known. So you can see we will be celebrating for all the good as well as the bad which came our way. Hopefully many of you will attend and help us celebrate.

THANKS OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST! THIS N THAT wants to thank the OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST or all that they do. God Bless You!



Think About It!

If It Is To Be, It Is Up To Me!

by Eddie P. Richardson

"If it is to be, it is up to me" should be the creed of each and everyone of us who has a passion. For too long, we have sit around and waited for someone else to do what we should be doing and could be doing. This should be done, no matter what the resources may cost. We must be committed in helping ourselves.

We have as a people, to some extent, become sorry and lazy, just waiting on John Doe to do it for us. It doesn't matter what it may entail, we just look for someone else to do it for us. What a pity!

The old saying which goes like this: "God helps those who helps themselves." Not only God, but people as a whole will help those who help themselves. When you help yourselves, not only will others help you, but they will respect and support you.

One thing which is very crucial now is our young people and their future. They are utilizing models as their life style role models. Some of these role models are not of a good stature. Some of them are celebrities and some of them are not as positive as we would expect them to be. In many cases, our young people are walking over and by passing many true role models in their own back yard. Yes, in many cases, these role models are in their own homes, their moms and dads. Yes, there are very positive neighbors and the man or lady in the same block in which they reside. Of course, there are good family people with positive jobs, attend church with their family members who work within the community with his wife or husband.

Sometimes, these young people overlook those who are close to them who are outstanding citizens and will make outstanding role models, but yet, some of these young people do the opposite. Young people need to know that our school workers, administrators, teachers, cafeteria workers, custodian workers, and many others who work in their various churches, city and county organizations as well as businesspersons who will make outstanding role models.

Our young people must keep in mind that all good role models do not have to be a super star on the basketball floor, football field or baseball diamond. But if the person is a superb human being with good morals, citizenship and good character, they are outstanding candidates for their role model.

Now a good guide for our young people is to first look to and at themselves, and then look around their own home, neighborhood and community. Then, without any doubt, they will be in position to make the right decision as to who will be their role model. Then, don't be surprised, if the goose who laid the golden egg could be in their own back yard. You see, young people, you are outstanding young people, and you don't need some low down person to bring you down!

Closing Thought: "What you do speaks so loud that not a word you say can not be heard!"

Appalling New Census Statistics Show Increase of More than 700,000 Uninsured Children in 2006

According to startling new data released recently by the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of uninsured children from birth through age 18 rose for the second year in a row. In the last year alone, another 707,000 children have been added to bring the total to more than 9.4 million uninsured children in America. This increase is more than double the jump from 2004 to 2005.

"It is a national disgrace that in just two years, the number of uninsured children has increased by a million in the richest nation on earth," said Children's Defense Fund President Marian Wright Edelman. "This alarming jump demonstrates that our children need a strong national safety net so that every child has access to the health coverage needed to survive and thrive. It is shameful that despite overwhelming public support, the President appears to be doing everything in his power to

prevent children from getting the critical health coverage they need. Congress has a moral obligation to stand up to the President and stand strong for children today to ensure a healthy America tomorrow."

These new census numbers clearly indicates that the six years of improvement in the rate of health coverage for children that began in 1999 - largely due to the success of the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) - have ended, and the number of uninsured children is once again on the rise. The release of these numbers follows closely on the heels of the President's threat veto SCHIP legislation passed by Congress and the issuance of harsh new rules by the Bush Administration that will substantially increase.

We Thank God

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Ezekiel 34:10 - "I, the Lord said, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock. Neither shall the shepherds feed themselves anymore. For I will deliver my flock from their mouth that they may not be meat for them.

The Outreach Prayer

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each another devil." Think about it!

Don't forget your drive by prayers. Attend your prayer meetings. Your power begins there. Also Bible studies.

We will meet in the home of Sister Elnora Jones, 2416 East 30th, on Saturday, Sept. 1.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Rev. Sister Christene Burleson, vice president.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Education as a subject and as a process is becoming more complicated and somehow confusing as time moves on because of the many different tenets thrown into it by various states and the federal government. States attempt to meet the needs of its children and at the same time meet the requirements of the "Feds" in order to continue to receive those most wanted and often needed dollars to keep school systems afloat.

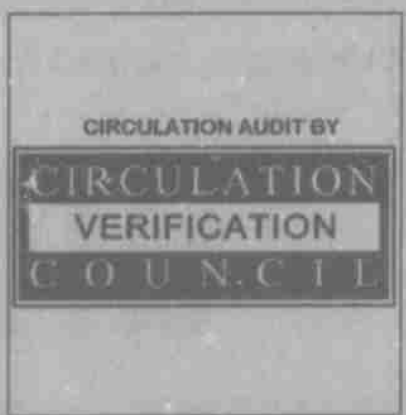
Keeping school systems afloat and the availability of the almighty dollar, here recently, seems to be the name of the game. Children are being sacrificed and learning is becoming stagnant due to the dollar race. The problem with that is, the dollars are not always used to improve school offerings but rather to deliver mammoth salaries to administrators and motivators rather than putting the money on the front line of defense with the teachers and para-professionals who are in direct contact with the students on

a daily basis. Schools which pay huge salaries to its administrators while neglecting the teachers and assistants are begging for low morale, less qualified teaching personnel, poor student achievement levels and low school ratings with regard to national rankings.

School rankings say a lot about a community, its leaders, boards of education, school personnel and its students. All of the blame cannot be put squarely on the schools. PARENTS bare a lot of the blame because regardless to the inherited abilities with which their children were born, they are ultimately responsible for preparing their children to attend school and be open minded to learning. When a child is prepared to learn, the worst teacher in the world can teach something. If he is not ready to learn, the best teacher in the world cannot teach him anything.

Parent/Teacher organizations can do a lot to enhance a school's image. Concerned parents should get together with the boards of education, administrators and teachers and work out a strategy to help students work up to their potentials. Teacher-in-service training is all for naught when there is no cooperation from parents and administrators. Parent

training is also necessary to help students. Let us get 'in cinque' and help our students who are our precious assets in any community.



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Local Minister To Go On Tour!

After much prayer, Norman Garrett, pastor of Lubbock's Faith First Missionary Baptist Church, plans to take the big step from the pulpit to the road. He describes his decision as a "calling" that will take him on a new and exciting spiritual journey.

With a Bible in one hand and a saxophone in the other, Pastor Garrett feels the time has come to take the leap of faith that will surely take him to various cities throughout the region as well as scattered locations across the country. Garrett says not to worry, he will still keep Lubbock as his home base and will stay at Faith First, but feels "when you've been called, you've got to go."

Before becoming a minister, Garrett worked as a power-cable engineering technician for an underwater pump manufacturer. Other past occupations included several other service-oriented positions in private industry. But it was the years before working in industry that made him no stranger to life on the road. Garrett spent more than a few years traveling across the country as a professional musician, entertaining audiences as a black Elvis impersonator. He says he gave that type of life up for Christ and moved back to Lubbock to be near his family.

Garrett admits he's always



Pastor Norman Garrett

been fond of the sax. He remembers being 12-years-old and hearing a sax being played for the first time at Woodson High School in Abilene. He says from that first day, he fell in love with the sound and though the sax is one of the hardest wind instruments to play, it's taken him to a lot of places and even given him the incredible opportunity to share his faith. Garrett says the big difference is that this time he will not be on stage making his sax squeal for the latest show band or praising Elvis, but will be using his instrument to make a joyful noise unto the Lord and praising the Almighty, the King of Kings.

Pastor Garrett will be playing his beloved sax and sharing his faith in a lot of new places during his upcoming Reveal Tour. He says the name "reveal" has a lot of significance in his life and was actually revealed to him through the glory of God. The tour will open on Friday night, August 31, 2007, at 8:00 p. m. in the Estacado High School Auditorium. He feels those who come to hear the performance will be blessed. Admission to the event is \$10.00. Every one in attendance will be able to purchase a discounted \$10.00 copy of Garrett's upcoming CD on the Eitel record label, "Comfort Ye My People."

Second Annual Cure Race Monday, September 10th

LUBBOCK, TX—The 2nd Annual UMC Health System Swing for the Cure® will be held on Monday, September 10, 2007 at the Hillcrest Country Club to benefit the Lubbock Area Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The tournament will benefit breast cancer research and local prevention programs. The title sponsor of this year's tournament is UMC Health System.

The Tournament is a 4-Lady Scramble 18-Hole Tournament, with breakfast provided by McDonald's and lunch provided by Hillcrest Country Club. Thirteen LPGA golfers will be on hand to teach the clinic and participate in the tournament. These golfers include: Danielle Amaccapane, Dina Amaccapane, Heather Bowie, Laurie Brower, Mary Bryan, Kate Golden, Michelle McGinn, Kristin McPherson, Anna Macenko, Barb Mucha, Amy Reed, Colleen Walker, and Carri Wood.

Registration will begin at 8:00am and will be followed by breakfast and photos with the Pros. A clinic with the Pros will start at 9:00am and lunch will be served at 11:00am. The tournament will get underway with a shotgun start at Noon. Gallery participation is encouraged at no charge and complimentary passes can be found at all UMC and City Bank locations. The awards ceremony and trunk show will finish up the day at 5pm and is open to the public.

A variety of contests will be held throughout the tournament and prizes such as golf equipment, golf attire, and Komen items and merchandise will be awarded. Information will be available regarding breast cancer prevention, breast health and partnership with Komen for the Cure.

All teams are sold out, but gallery participation is encouraged. Complimentary gallery passes are available at all City Bank and UMC locations. For more information visit the Lubbock Komen website at www.komenlubbock.org or call the Komen Office at 698-1900.

Think Pink... Dress Pink... Enjoy a fun day of golf as we Swing for A Cure®!

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Former Lubbock Man Needs Our Help In Oklahoma!



Ray Tillman

A former Lubbock man, Ray Tillman, who attended Dunbar High school needs the help of the community.

His family is asking for help from the Lubbock and Surrounding Areas.

According to his family members, he had a massive stroke in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It appears as though his conditions, according to family members, he doesn't look like himself, and they are trying to raise the necessary funds to bring him back to Lubbock.

The Tillman family will tell you their finances are gone and need the help of the Lubbock community.

They will admit they would be more than grateful for any help anyone can give the family. For additional information, please contact the Tillman family by calling (806) 765-5469.

While a student at Dunbar High School, he was active on the Panther Basketball team. He is a 1972 graduate of Dunbar.

The family members told the Southwest Digest, they really need the community's help and they will be grateful.

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Greater St. Luke Baptist Church Senior Choir Will Sponsor Annual Day Sunday

The Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church Senior Choir will sponsor their Annual Day on Sunday afternoon, September 9, 2007, at

3:00 p. m.

This is an exciting day for all choir members as they have been working all year to enjoy what God has made possible.

"This is why we celebrate this day each year, and we give all praises to God for all he had done for all of us," said Sister Amanda Dial, president.

There will be other local talent on the program, and all in attendance can enjoy the Lord.

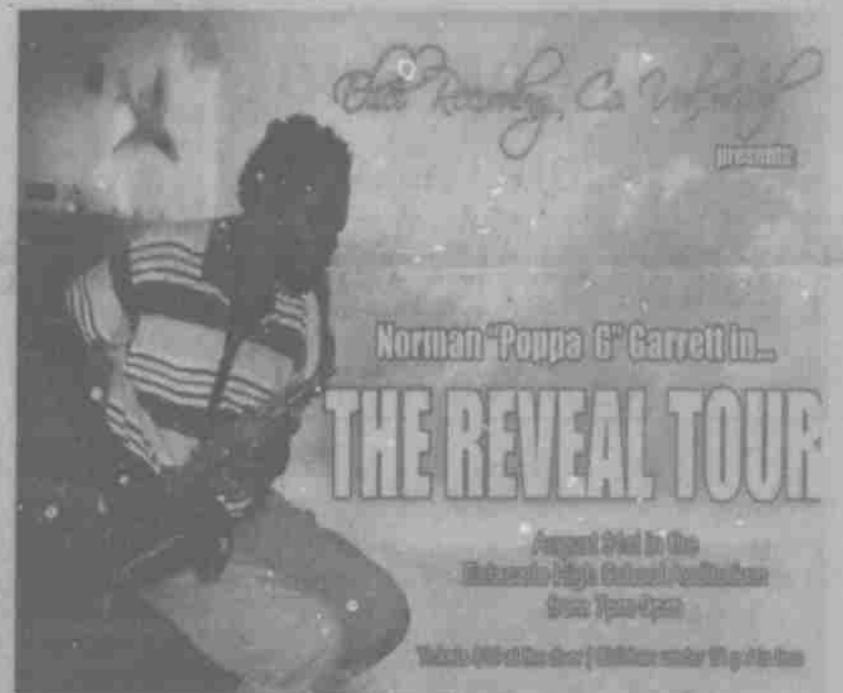
The host pastor is Rev. J. H. Ford. For more information, call 744-2728.

"It's just good when we all can come together and sing God's praises. Here at Greater St. Luke, we are just thankful for this day," continued Sister Dial.

Southwest Digest Will Sponsor Banquet

The Southwest Digest will host a 30th Year Banquet in conjunction with the activities for this year's celebration. The banquet will be held at the McInturf Conference Center, University Medical Center on Tuesday evening, September 11, 2007. The speaker for the evening will be Texas Tech University Chancellor Kent Hance.

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