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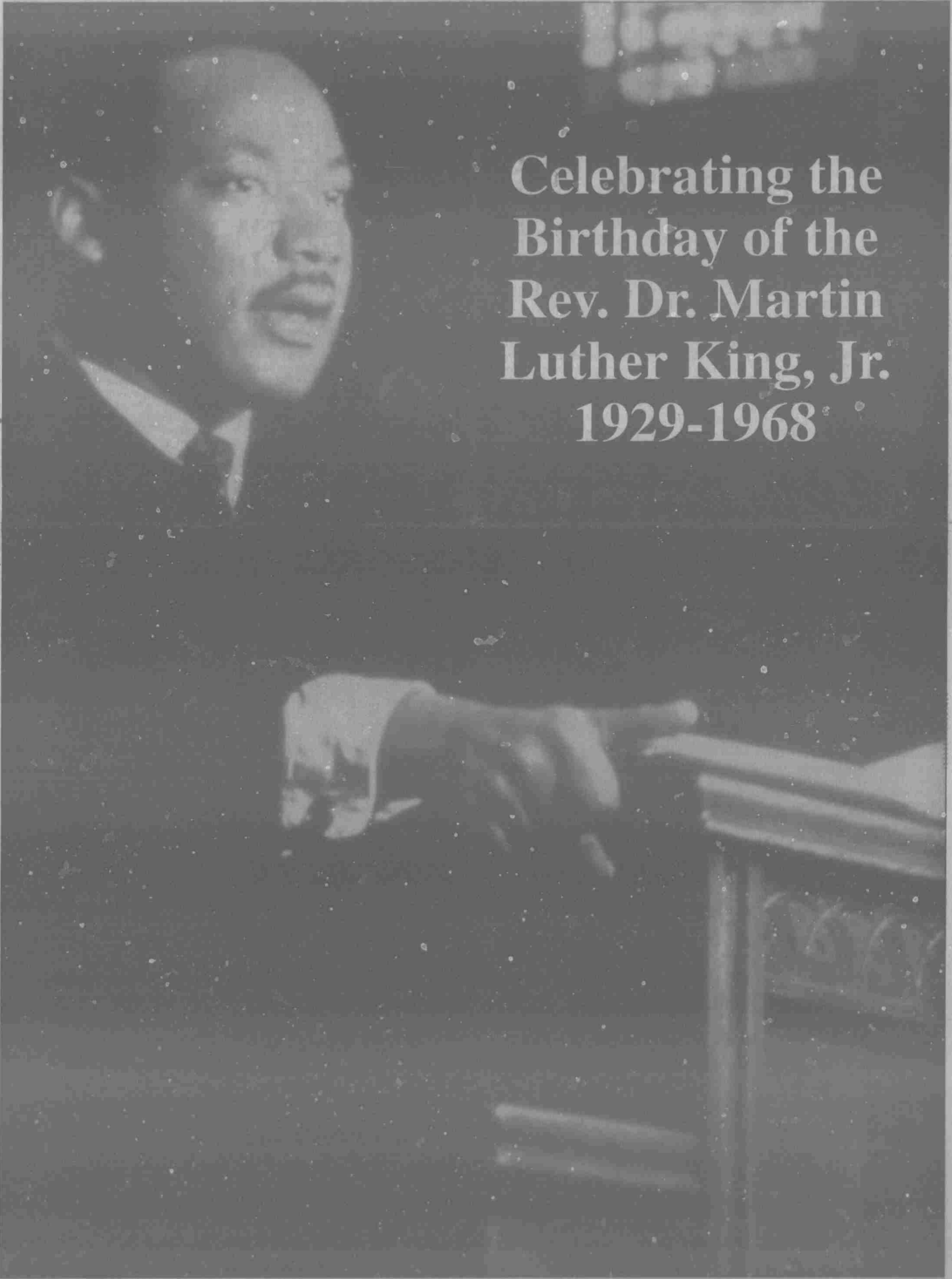
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Celebrating the Birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1929-1968

Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Moton, is the host pastor. We are always happy to have visitors attend our services. You are always welcome!

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. It was Youth Day. All teachers and students were in their various classrooms for instruction for 30 minutes. At 10:15 a. m., all reassembled in the main auditorium marching and singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Brother J. C. Quigley gave a prayer. The young children gave remarks about the morning lesson. They did a very good job. Sister Joan Jones closed out the discussion.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department — Junior Class retained the Offering Banner.

Adult Department: Adult Class No. 1 lost the Offering Banner to Adult Class No. 4.

The 10:45 a. m. devotional services were conducted by our Young People. They did a splendid.

The Youth Choir marched in the processional singing out of their hearts. Rev. Jeff Brown offered the morning prayer. After a song, scripture, and a prayer, the responsive reading was done with everyone standing. The morning hymn, "Glory, Glory", was sung. Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. He's doing much better since his recent accident. The sermonic hymn was "Near The Cross."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "It's Time For Saints To Get Bold." His scripture text was Acts 14:29-31. The sermon was wonderful. After an invitation to discipleship was extended, several came by Christian experience, baptism and prayer. An entire family came back to church.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Among them include Sister Joan Y. Ervin, who is ill at home; and Sister Vinnie Hibbler as well as Sister Bernice Kelly.

Don't forget or bereaved families as well. Pray for the Colquitt and Biggers who lost a brother last week. Sister Lucille Knighten Jackson lost her mother, Sister Winnie L. Blaylock Knighten, who was funeralized here last Thursday.

Sister Norma "Baby" Austin is asking for your precious prayers.

Don't forget the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration this week.

Volunteer Center to Sponsor Martin Luther King project

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a day on rather than off. As one of the fourth designated national service days, people all over the country choose to honor Dr. King's memory by participating in service project that translate their reverence for his life and teachings into action to make a better nation.

Volunteer Center of Lubbock will sponsor a community-wide book drive to help people get involved on this holiday, January 17. The center will collect new or used books (in very good condition) for children ages 10 and under to be donated to the Red Raider Reader program, the Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy, and

the Guadalupe and Parkway Neighborhood Centers.

Barnes and Noble will serve as the collection site for the book drive, every hour on the hour, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., volunteers from the community, will read a story in the children's area. Following the story, Clifford the Big Red Dog will collect books donated. Barnes and Noble will offer a 10% discount on new books purchased that day to be donated to the project.

For more information, or to learn about other service projects in the area, please contact the Volunteer Center of Lubbock, 747-0551

Training for Lubbock Landmark's Docent program Begins February 16

LUBBOCK, TX—The Museum of Texas Tech University invites history and nature enthusiasts to experience love at first "site" by becoming a volunteer member of its Lubbock Lake Landmark docent program. The Landmarks docent are volunteer educators who lead tours of archaeological excavation sites, exhibits, and nature trails for school groups and the general public. Docent also assist visitors with hands-on activities, demonstrate archaeological processes at special events, and participate in workshops and community outreach projects.

Spring training for new docent begins Wednesday, February 16, and concludes on Wednesday, March 22. The free, five-week (20-hour) training program

consists of Wednesday evening lectures from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and Saturday afternoon field sessions from 1 to 3 PM. Presentations cover a wide range of subjects related to archaeological research conducted annually at Lubbock Lake Landmark including archaeology, regional geology, environmental and cultural history, and interpretation techniques.

Volunteers are not required to have any specialized training or experience, but they must enjoy learning and working in an outdoor setting, and be willing to be an active member of the program for at least one year after training. In return for their dedicated service, docent receive many benefits including: opportunities to learn about

this region's rich natural and cultural history; skills that will enable them to provide creative learning experiences for guests; a chance to meet others who share their interests and enthusiasm for learning; and discounts on purchases in the Landmarks gift shop.

To register for docent training or for information regarding Lubbock Lake Landmark public programs, please call Susan Shore, museum educator at (806) 742-1116. Visit the Museum's website for Landmarks information at <http://www.ttu.edu/~museum/>

As one of the few known sites in North America to contain evidence of continuous human habitation spanning 11,500 years, the Lubbock Lake Landmark is a renowned archaeological

preserve. It is jointly operated by the Museum of Texas Tech University and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as the Lubbock Lake Landmark State Historical Park. The Landmark is located at 2401 Landmark Drive on Lubbock's northwest edge (accessible via marked Loop 289 exits, or following signs at US 84 (Clovis Road) through Landmark Lane to Landmark Drive).

MUSEUM HOURS
MUSEUM: 10-5 Tuesday-Saturday, until 8:30 PM Thursday, 1-5 Sunday. Closed Monday. At 4th & Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79409-3191
LUBBOCK LAKE LANDMARK: 9-5 Tuesday-Saturday, 1-5 Sunday. Closed Monday. At North Loop 289 & Clovis Hwy.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR ALL AROUND THE WORLD!

Volunteer Host Families Needed For International Exchange Students

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is seeking local volunteer families to host an exchange student from one of a variety of countries for the 2000/2001 school year. Students will begin arriving in early August, 2000 and the program has already received applications from students in Germany, Switzerland, and Thailand who want to participate in this exciting exchange

experience. The exchange students, All between the ages of 15 and 18 years, will live with host families and attend local high schools. They are carefully selected, speak English, have their own health insurance and spending money. Host families provide a bed and meals for their exchange students as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to

share the American way of life. All types of families are eligible to host: those with small children or teens, "empty nest" families or those with no children, retired couples, and single-parent families. The SHARE High School Exchange Program is sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT), a non-profit educational foundation that has been promoting

intercultural exchange for 25 years. The local coordinator will provide information about the SHARE! Program and will help families select a student with similar interests. Interested families are urged to call Yvette Coffman, Texas State Director, at 1-800-941-3738 or the ERDT Southwest Regional Office at 1-800-414-3738.



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N Army & Air Force Hometown NEWS

Air Force Airman 1st Class Fernando E. Carrillo has graduated from the munitions systems apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

The student received training in conventional and nuclear ordnance inventory management and accounting systems, munitions operations, publications utilization, and manual and automated files management.

Carrillo is the son of Guadalupe V. and Mary Carrillo of 717 E. Purdue, Lubbock, Texas.

The airman is a 1999 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.

Air Force Airman Tiwanda K. Wilson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Wilson is the daughter of Donald R. Wilson of 1927 E. Brown St., Lubbock, Texas.

She is a 1999 graduate of Coronado High School, Lubbock.

OBITUARIES

ROBERT LEE "GIP" GIBSON, JR.



Funeral services were held for Robert Lee "Gip" Gibson, Jr. Thursday morning, January 6, 2000, at the Bethel A.M.E. Church with Rev. Elliott C. Lambert, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Bennie Jordan, Daryl Thomas, Eddie Rowe, Larry McBrewer, Raymond Lemmons, Wendell Phoenix, Carey Children's, and Cosby Morton.

Honorary pallbearers were Michael Tannison, Artemus Tannison, Lawrence Sanders, Jackie Bibbs, Watkins Brothers, John Tucker and the Dunbar High School Class of 1974.

Robert was born November 29, 1954 to Robert, Sr. and Martha Gibson in Lubbock, Texas. He was a well known resident of Lubbock for 45 years. He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1974. He also attended Texas Tech University in pursuit of a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He passed away Monday, January 3, 2000 at the University Medical Center in Lubbock. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mrs. Martha Gibson, and brother, Dr. Dwight Gibson.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a wife, Ponizetta Gibson; daughters, Temika N. Adams of Spokane, Wa. and Christi A. Gibson of Lubbock, Texas; a son, Robert L. Gibson, III of Lubbock, Texas; two grandchildren — Robert L. Gibson and Deniqua C. Adams; a son-in-law, Dennis Adams, and a daughter-in-law, Suree Gibson.

Also, a father, Robert L. Gibson, Sr.; three sisters: Latrala G. White, MD, Pamela G. Akpotaire, and Jerane K. Gibson; three brothers: Vernon C. Gibson, Elvin B. Gibson, and DeWayne Gibson; an adopted brother through love, Eddie Rowe; including a host of cousins, relatives and sister-in-laws: Lisa Gibson, Priscilla Gibson, and Terri Gibson. Also brother-in-laws: Patrick A. White and Ambrose Akpotaire; other relatives and a mother-in-law, Mrs. Ruby Phoenix.

EDDIE JACKSON



Mass for Eddie Jerome Jackson was celebrated Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Jackson died Saturday, January 1, 2000, at University Medical Center.

Born February 17, 1982 in Lubbock, Texas, he attended Lubbock High School, where he was a senior and played on the varsity football team. He was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

Survivors include his parents, Eddie and Irma Jackson of Lubbock, Texas; and his grandparents, Mamie Jackson of Levelland, Texas and Julio Perales of Gonzalez, Texas.

MRS. WINNIE KNIGHTEN



Final rites were held for Mrs. Winnie L. Blaylock Knighten Thursday, January 6, 2000, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were a Joint Board of the New Hope Baptist Church.

She was born to the parentage of the late Jimmy and Susie

Henderson Blaylock on October 9, 1901 in Bastrop, Texas. She met and married Lee T. Knighten in Floyd, Texas on October 26, 1919. To this seventy years of marriage, five children were born.

She moved to Lubbock, Texas from Greenville, Texas in 1945, and united with the New Hope Baptist Church where she served in many areas faithfully until her health failed.

Mrs. Knighten is survived by three loving daughters: Helen M. Smith of Queens, N. Y., Lucille Jackson and Dorothy N. Isaac, both of Lubbock, Texas; two faithful sons-in-law, Oscar Smith and Charles Jackson; seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two children, one grandson.

ROBERT PONDER SR.



Final rites were read for Mr. Robert Ponder, Sr., a long-time resident of Lubbock, Texas, Wednesday afternoon, January 5, 2000, at Mount Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Mr. Ponder passed away Friday, December 31, 1999, at Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside, in Lubbock.

He was born March 11, 1913, in Liberty Hill, Texas. He married Bertha Ponder on December 5, 1942, in Milam County, Texas. She passed away November 6, 1998.

He moved to Lubbock in 1942. He worked for the City of Lubbock for many years. He was a member of the Mount Gilead Baptist Church. Mr. Ponder was a member of the Deacon and Brotherhood Boards.

He is survived by two sons, R. L. Ponder of Lovington, N. M. and Robert Ponder, Jr. of Dallas, Texas two sisters Clara Colquitt and Mable Biggers, both of Lubbock, Texas; seven grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

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SUPPORT MLK CELEBRATION! THIS N THAT is asking that we **SUPPORT** the 28th Annual **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, CELEBRATION** which will begin on today **THURSDAY** at Noon at the New Hope Baptist Church with **A HIGH NOON PRAYER SERVICE OPENING SERVICES** will be held at the **LAKERIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** at 7:00 p. m. with the Reverend Nathan Johnson of the Antioch Baptist Church of Houston, Texas as a speaker **FRIDAY NIGHT** will be **YOUTH NIGHT** at the Community Baptist Church with Sister Mary White as Chairperson. On Saturday Night a **GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA** will be held at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Brother Samuel Curtis as Chairperson. On Sunday evening beginning at 5:00 p. m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre the Annual City Wide Celebration will take place with the guest speaker being **DR. RALPH DOUGLAS WEST** of the Brook Hollow Baptist Church.

SPECIAL MUSIC will include the **SLATON MASS CHOIR** and the **COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR CLOSING SERVICES** will be held at the St. John Baptist Church on Monday evening at 7:00 p. m. with Rev. Elliott C. Lambert as guest speaker **THEME** for the annual event will be "AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH STILL STANDING" Ephesians 6:13 **THEME SONG** will be "JOY, JOY STILL HAVE JOY." **MS. JOAN Y. ERVIN** is **PRESIDENT OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

A SALUTE TO OUR HOST & HOSTESS! THIS N THAT would like to take this opportunity and introduce our **HOST & HOSTESS** for the Sunday event of the 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. They are husband and wife **REV. KEVIN & TRACEY SNELL JACKSON**. Let's wish them the **VERY BEST** come this Sunday afternoon at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "A MAN too busy to TAKE CARE of his health is like a MECHANIC who is TOO BUSY to take care of HIS CAR. "**

HAVE YOU VISITED A SCHOOL YET? THIS N THAT took time last week and stopped by an **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** AND THE **STUDENTS** were glad to see **THIS N THAT** Have you **VISITED A SCHOOL THIS YEAR? What a WONDERFUL THING TO DO THIS WEEK DURING THE CELEBRATION of the BIRTHDAY of the late DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WHO WAS BORN JANUARY 15, 1929. VISIT A SCHOOL THIS WEEK YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU CHOSE TO DO SO!**

Qualified teachers for All Children No Exception. No Excuses.

By Bob Chase

The single most important factor in a child's education is the quality of the teacher. But in far too many public school classrooms, teacher quality is being sacrificed for teacher quantity as school districts issue emergency licenses to under-qualified teachers and assign teachers to teach classes outside their fields of expertise.

Most disturbing is that children in high-poverty schools - the children most in need - are most likely to have under-prepared teachers. In schools with high percentages of poor and minority students, 39 percent of teachers have neither a college major nor a minor in their primary teaching subject.

For students in high-poverty high schools, the problem is even more severe. Nineteen percent of those in English, 26 percent of those in math classes, and 71 percent of those in chemistry classes are taught by teachers with neither a major nor minor in the field. The result is that the least qualified and least experienced teachers are routinely teaching those children with the greatest needs.

As the long-predicted teacher shortage in public schools becomes more and more of a reality, and the demand for teachers exceeds the supply, the challenge to maintain teacher quality becomes even more critical.

That is why NEA is issuing a call to action to school leaders and parents to make teacher quality a top concern and

to ensure that every child has a competent and qualified teacher.

We challenge local school districts to better organize their teacher recruitment, selection, and hiring processes in order to attract and retain high-quality teachers. Solving the teacher shortage problem is no longer strictly a numbers game. National figures show that 25 percent to 40 percent of people who are certified to teach each year never enter the classroom. Of those who do enter teaching, 30 percent to 50 percent leave the profession before the end of their fifth year.

These numbers paint a troubling picture: there is not a shortage of certified people to teach - there is a shortage of people who want to teach. There is a salary shortage where teachers are still paid less than professions that require comparable education and skills. There is a respect shortage where teachers still are not valued for their actual contributions to society. And there is a shortage of the most basic care and feeding of teachers in their professional lives. Addressing and tackling these issues is the first step to attracting and keeping qualified teachers in our schools.

We also challenge parents to become informed consumers about their children's education. To begin, find out if the teachers in local schools are certified to teach in their subject areas. Ask the school dis-

trict what percentage of teachers are teaching subjects outside their main assignment field, and what percentage of teachers hold temporary, provisional or emergency licenses.

Question school leaders about what they are doing to support beginning teachers and keep qualified staff in the classroom. And find out if the district provides mentoring and gives new teachers ample time to observe and learn from more seasoned peers. As more parents begin investigating teacher quality and asking the tough questions, more policy makers will begin taking steps to resolve this problem.

The best-kept secret of the teaching profession is that far too many of us are practicing our craft alongside colleagues who do not hold the appropriate license. And far too many of us are teaching subjects for which we are not qualified. Now is the time to step forward and help eradicate education's little secret. Let's have a fully prepared, qualified teacher in every classroom. No exceptions. No excuses.

Bob Chase is a social studies teacher and president of the National Education Association.

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Wednesday 10:30 a.m. 4-5 year-olds

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Tuesday 10 a.m. 2 year-olds
Tuesday 10:30 a.m. 3-5 year-olds
Wednesday 2 p.m. 3-5 year-olds
Patterson Branch
Tuesday 7 p.m. 3-5 year-olds
Wednesday 10 a.m. 3-5 year-olds
Groves Branch
Tuesday 2:30 p.m. 3-5 year-olds
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United States Department of Justice VOTING RIGHTS ACT CLARIFICATION

The Department of Justice has received numerous inquiries concerning a rumor that has been intermittently circulated around the nation for many months. According to this rumor, the Voting Rights Act will expire in 2007, and as a result African Americans are in danger of losing the right to vote in that year.

The rumor is false. The voting rights of African Americans are guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act, and those guarantees are permanent and do not expire.

Here is a summary of relevant provisions of the Voting Rights Act:

- The 15th amendment to the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 prohibit racial discrimination in voting. Under the 15th amend-

ment and the Voting Rights Act no one may be denied the right to vote because of his or her race or color.

- These prohibitions against racial discrimination in voting are permanent; they do not expire.

- The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was enacted at a time when for decades in some areas of the South blacks had not been permitted to vote, and blacks who attempted to register to vote or to organize or assist others to attempt to register to vote risked losing their jobs, their homes, even their lives.

- To combat this situation Congress included in the Voting Rights Act — in addition to permanent provisions banning racial discrimination — special provision containing extraordinary remedies that applied in certain areas of

the nation for a limited time period.

Among these extraordinary remedies are:

- The authorization of the U.S. Attorney General to send federal registers (examiners) to register votes, in counties where the local register refuses to register blacks. [Section 6, 42 U.S.C. § 1973d]

- The authorization of the U.S. Attorney General to send federal observers to monitor elections, to make sure that blacks who are eligible to vote are actually permitted to vote, and that their votes are actually counted. [Section 8 42 U.S.C. § 1973j]

- The requirement that specially covered jurisdictions gain the approval of the U.S. Attorney General before implementing new voting practices or procedures, to make sure that any voting

changes that they make are not racially discriminatory [Section 5, 42 U.S.C. § 1973]

- These special provisions containing extraordinary remedies were intended to be of limited duration. They were originally scheduled to expire in 1970, but they were extended in 1970, and again in 1975 and 1982. They are now scheduled to expire in 2007, if not further extended.

- Even if the special provisions are allowed to expire, they can be reinstated by court order if there is a renewal of discrimination practices.

- The basic prohibition against discrimination in voting contained in the 15th amendment and in the Voting Rights Act does not expire in 2007 — it does not expire at all; it is permanent.

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Grammy Nominated Gospel Singer Yolanda Adams Sign Agreement with Odyssey Network To Star in upcoming Music-Based Programming

Grammy Award-nominated gospel singer Yolanda Adams ("More Than a Melody," "Yolanda...Lives in Washington") has signed an agreement with Odyssey, A Henson & Hallmark Entertainment Network, to star in upcoming music-based television projects being developed by the network. Announcement of the deal was made today by Margaret Loesch, President and Chief Executive Officer, Odyssey Network.

The programming, which is being developed by Odyssey Productions, Ltd., is expected to premiere on the cable network in the second quarter of 2000 and will feature inspirational musical performances by Ms. Adams and an array of other contemporary artists from gospel, jazz and blues music.

"Yolanda is an exciting performer with an extraordinary gift for entertaining and inspiring people with her music," said Ms. Loesch. "She has been stirring audiences for nearly a decade and we are thrilled to be working with her in developing high quality programming which will showcase her and many more of the most successful musical artists in contemporary music. This musical arena has exploded in

popularity and we're delighted to be bringing it to Odyssey."

Multiple award-winning artist Yolanda Adams has been called one of gospel's "hottest" voices. She has won seven Stellar Awards, two Dove Awards, a Soul Train Lady of Soul Award and has earned five Grammy nominations. She has recorded six studio albums and one live album since her professional musical debut in 1988. Her most recent Elektra Entertainment release, "Mountain High...Valley Low" showcases her inspirational vision, versatility, and wide range of musical influences.

Odyssey is a 24-hour programming service available to 29 million U.S. homes through 1,500 cable systems, the Primestar direct-to-home satellite service (Channel 84) and C-Band dish owners across the country. Odyssey is owned and operated by wholly owned subsidiaries of Hallmark Entertainment, The Jim Henson Company, Liberty Media Corporation (NYSE: LMG.A and LMG.B) and the National Interfaith Cable Coalition (NICC), whose 70 faith group members constitute the nation's largest consortium of Protestant, Jewish, Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Evangelical and Pentecostal faith groups and traditions.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration January 13-17, 2000

Theme:

"After All We've Been Through - Still Standing"
Ephesians 6:13

HIGH NOON PRAYER SERVICES

Thursday, January 13th -
12 Noon - New Hope Baptist Church 2002 Birch Avenue
Rev. Billy Moton, Pastor

OPENING SERVICES

Thursday Night, January 13th
- 7:00 p. m.

Lakeridge United Methodist Church - 4701 82nd St. Rev. Bill Couch - Pastor

YOUTH NIGHT

Friday Night, January 14th -
7:00 p. m.

Community Baptist Church - 220 North MLK Blvd. Rev. Larry Brooks, Pastor Sister Mary White, Chairperson

GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA
Saturday Night, January 15th
- 7:00 p. m.

Lyons Chapel Baptist Church - 1704 East 24th St.

Rev. W. D. Davis, Pastor

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At their appointments with participating mammography providers, women also will

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Participating mammography providers are Arrington Comprehensive Breast Center of Covenant Health System, Dimensions Breast Center at University Medical Center, Covenant Mobile Services and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Mobile Mammography Clinic. Women wishing to make an appointment

at any of these location during February can call 725-7977 for more information.

United Supermarkets pharmacies will provide gift bags to women receiving mammograms in February from other mammography programs as well as those participating in "Mammograms Made Better." women should take their mammography receipts to United pharmacies to receive their gifts.

Dimension will provide Saturday hours on Feb. 5 and 19 from 9am to 2pm Arrington will make Saturday appointments available Feb. 12 and 19 from 8am to 2pm. In addition,

Dimensions and Arrington will continue offering appointments during their regular hours.

Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm, the TTUHSC Mobile Mammography Clinic will be available Feb. 5 from 10am to 3pm at United's North University and Baylor location and Feb 12 from 11am to 3 pm at UNited's 50th Street and Indiana Avenue location. Covenant Mobile Mammography Unit will be

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As a christian leaders marched: for the Mankind Rights; they disobeyed the law; now the children disobey: day and night!!!

Galatians 6:8, for he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption (Ruin); but he that soweth to the spirit shall be of the spirit reap life everlasting.

The church left the holy bible; and followed a man and his dreams; now the country is over run with sin: Its No nightmare: as it seems!!!

Jeremiah 23: 25-28, The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yea, they are called prophets of the deceit of their own hearts; which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Ba'al. The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? ***** Will those dreamer rob God? *****

Sunday night Black Churches Close: to go worshiped a man; closing God's churches for flush; this is a great, great Sin!!!

Romans 1:22,25, Professing themselves (the christian) to be wise, they became fools. Who changes the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature (M.L.K.) more than the creature, who is blessed forever. Amen.

(If the word wants in on it; it not of God!!! God so loved the world, and gave his son Jesus; do the world want him??? The church turned the truth into a lie; was Jesus born in December? Do the Easter bunny lay eggs? Will rights Free mankind???)
*****Will the Church Rob God? *****

I Billy B.J. follow that lie at one time: called my rights; but then one day my life changed; when I met Jesus Christ!!!

I follow Jesus now: and my life is so ever sweet; the holy spirit gave me power; to put that lie under my feet!!!

Matthew 11:28, Jesus said, come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

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Nobody had to get hit: with the policeman's billie clubs; my freedom came; when god gave his only begotten Love!!!

Nobody had to get sprayed: with the Fireman's water Hose; My freedom came: the Sunday morning Jesus Christ Rose!!!

John 8:36, Jesus said, if the son their for shall make you Free, Ye shall be Free indeed (truly).

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from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith A Faith that Trusts God

"After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, fear not, Abram, I am thy shield and the exceeding great reward." Genesis 15:1

Friday, January 7, 2000, A. B. Butler was release on a \$100,000 bond from the Smith County jail in Tyler, Texas. Butler had served 18 years of a 99-year sentence for a 1983 rape and kidnapping of a woman.

Smith County authorities questioned whether Butler was the assailant after several forensic tests. DNA evidence cleared Butler.

The 45-year-old's faith along with his sisters and friends kept him believing that he would be released. Butler said, "I feel good about it, very good about it. I've prayed on this a long time."

What is the dominant element of faith? Belief may be the most common answer, but trust provides the dynamic for faith. Belief implies giving intellectual agreement after thoughtful consideration. Belief coupled with and energized by trust becomes faith. Faith actively trusts. Faith moves beyond a belief that remains and intellectual assent. I am sure my friends in the clergy: Norris Harris and Wilbur Tanner are in theological concert with this writer's thought.

Abraham is famous for his faith, a faith that trusted God to keep his promise, no matter how incredible it might seem: a faith that obeyed God no matter how difficult it was.

History points us to the birth of Abraham in Ur of the Chaldees and of heathenish parentage. He was a

Gentile although he became the first Hebrew. His early life is described as rough and simple. God called him away from the corrupt moon worship in Ur, and away from whatever idolatry prevailed in Haran. He made many mistakes, but he had an invincible faith and trust in his God.

Sometimes it is hard to trust God enough to keep on doing right when it is difficult, dangerous, or costly. When doing right brings trouble or loss, it may be hard to keep on being sure it will be to our advantage in the long run. However, it appears to be even harder to know God's Will for our lives.

We know that if we trust in the promises of God, we have a part in bringing about what is promised. God promises to supply our physical need, on the condition that we first seek His kingdom and His righteousness as recorded in Matthew 6:33. He promises salvation with eternal joy, but not unless we believe and are baptized (Mark 1:511).

Abraham understood this. He could not expect God's promises to be fulfilled unless he left his homeland of Ur and Haran. Abraham left and ten years later he could see how God's promise of a great nation could be fulfilled.

We do not know much about God's will for us. We do know that He wants us to be honest and principled, to be faithful servants, to be fair in all our dealings, to be generous and helpful toward others. Sometimes when we make decisions it appears that we have no help from his Word. We should remember however, that if we are Christians, our faith should be a faith that trusts God.

THE OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the home of Delbert and Dorothy Hood. The meeting opened with a song of praise. Scripture was read by Sister Christene Burleson. Prayer was given by Sister Dorothy Nash. Everyone was over joyed by just being able to come to this meeting in this Millennium. What a blessing it really was!

Our teacher, Sister Elnora Jones, brought a lesson we had think over. Her subject was "Be Steadfast".

The following words and scriptures were given: Unmovable I Corinthians 15:58; Faith Revelations 2:10; Strong Romans 15:1 and Colossians 1:10; Patience Romans 12:12;

Undeified James 1:27; Grounded and Rooted Ephesians 3:17

The speaker said the key word we need in this Millennium is Hope. Hope is filled with life. We have a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hope comes natural like breathing. Without hope, life is meaningless. Love has to be learned. Trust has to be earned. Faith has to be experienced. Hope gives you strength to endure to keep on keeping on.

Even in the midnight hours of our life, we have a hope that fadeh not. Our hope is alive. This hope lives. This hope is in search of a city or building of God not made by hands, whose builder and maker is God. If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature.

We have an inheritance reserved for us in heaven guaranteed by the Almighty. No man can take it. It is stored up as a crown of righteousness.

Keep Hope alive! My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. We dare not trust the sweetest, but wholly lean on Jesus' name on Christ the solid rock. We stand all other ground in sinking sand, we'll say it again, all other ground is sinking sand.

Thanks, Sister Jones, for the word. May God continue to bless you is our prayer.

With the New Year, we're beginning a new thing. It will appear in our next report. Keep reading!

Thought of the Week:

"Y2K: Say Yes To The King!"

Keep praying for our communities, city and leaders. They our prayers everyday.

Read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26. This week, another scripture has been added. It is Mark 16:17-18. It is another very important scripture. Check it out, people. We can't continue to live in Oz Street experiences.

Erite to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Write today!

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All interested individuals willing to serve on this committee may submit a letter of interest and resume, or other biographical information, by 5:00 pm, January 18, 2000 to Citibus, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas 79407. The Lubbock Public Transit Advisory Board will appoint a new committee member to the DAC at the January 25th Board Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Garrett at Citibus (806) 767-2380 ext. 222.

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Todd R. Klein 2000

KLEIN ANNOUNCES FOR DEMOCRATIC PARTY 2000 CHAIRMAN

Todd Klein, lifelong Lubbock resident filed for the position of Lubbock County Democratic Party Chair. Mr. Klein has served as precinct chairman, executive committee member as well as regional coordinator for several democratic campaigns. In addition he presided as campaign manager for state representative and congressional races.

After more than 12 years of party activism, he has vowed to continue his commitment to the Party. As such, he has set forth an agenda which includes: assembling a winning coalition, involving voters in the electoral process, and improving the Party's image.

Commenting on his style of leadership, Mr. Klein describes himself as a "different kind of candidate - I am not your typical politician. The public is rightfully turned off by politicians who try to speak at the public through sound bites and

30 second ads and make promises they have no intention of keeping. As party official, I intend to get our message out to the public in a fashion that is positive and informative. I am proud of our party's principles and the fact that we have the winning issues on our side. We are a party that stands for the pocketbook, economic issues that affect working families and civic tolerance for differing views."

Mr. Klein feels that it is important that the Democratic Party emphasize reform values. "I believe that it is time we take money out of politics. Even if the obscene fundraising frenzies that Washington politicians must constantly engage in only creates an impression of corruption and a system run amuck, that is reason enough to stop it. Anyone with good ideas and a willingness to participate in the political process should have an opportunity to run. We shouldn't have a

process devised where one must be a millionaire or beholden to millionaires in order to run. Furthermore, the distortion that this creates in favor of special interests at the expense of the public must end."

Mr. Klein firmly believes that the Democratic Party is the party on the side of the public. "Whether it be protecting Social Security, securing the solvency of Medicare and Medicaid, reversing the disastrous effects of the Freedom to Farm Act, or making health care accessible and affordable along with securing a Patient's Bill of Rights and providing a Prescription Drug Program the Democratic party cannot allow its image to be defined by its opponents." In order to improve the Party's image, Mr. Klein has pledged to take the Party's message directly to the public. Mr. Klein is confident that if campaigns are about issues and ideas, Democrats can win.



Ex TSU Student declares Texas Southern University will remain independent

A u s t i n - Representative Al Edwards of Houston District 146, former Texas Southern University (TSU) student and graduate vows that as long as he is in the Legislature TSU will remain independent. Some members are dedicated to saving Texas Southern because of political and/or social motives. But for Representative Edwards the desire to preserve TSU goes much further.

Edwards remembers his first day at Texas Southern University, going to the campus with his father and \$50 to enroll. The registrar at that time was a friend of Edwards' family. She insured Reverend E. L.

Edwards, Sr., the Representative's father, that she would get young Al enrolled—and she did.

Representative Edwards' memories of his alma mater are fond and enlivening. "I remember my first English professor, Dr. McCleary. I also remember Dr. Thornton, my psychology professor, and my P. E. Coaches Gains and Adams. I was in the movement led by Reverend Bill Lawson at TSU, and involved in the TSU riots with Mickey Leland, and many others," Edwards said.

Edwards remembers long lines for registration, "... but I also remember the compassion for the students

displayed by professors like Dr. Perry, Dr. Norris, Dr. Modeste as well as others. So many students from rural parts of Texas and poor backgrounds came to TSU. We all bonded as a family. Students helped each other buy blue books for exams. They shared food even clothes, but together they managed."

Texas Southern University serves as a focal point of education, information, and inspiration to the community as well as to its students. Memories and experiences like Edwards' occur every day, and these are just a few of the reasons why TSU must remain an independent entity "TSU means more than just a

degree," Edwards said, "It was a home away from home. The University helped develop students into good men and women, instilling character and class. Attending TSU taught us a lesson on the importance of working together with each other and sharing with those less fortunate."

Had it not been for TSU, a university with an open door policy, chances are that Edwards would not have attended or graduated college. The same goes for many other students. "Now that we are facing the situation with Hopwood discriminating heavily against minorities and the poor, the need for institutions like

TSU is very important" Edwards said. Another reason Southern is needed is the rising cost of higher education. "Because of the increase financial costs of an education many scholarships and grants have been dismantled and are no longer available to those who need them most," Edwards said.

Nevertheless, Edwards is totally committed to TSU—despite the alleged management problems, despite internal conflicts with the Board of Regents, despite the drop in enrollment, despite attempts to put his school under another system. Additionally, Edwards points to the fact that Texas

Southern has been, under funded since the Representative took office in 1979. Edwards says despite all those things, he is still dedicated and determined to not only save TSU but to do everything he can to make it a strong viable institution of higher learning.

The Representative suggests that members of the community, students and ex-students, the Board of Rights ministers, and others communicate closely with the legislators they have elected because the final decision regarding Texas Southern University's continuing existence as an independent institution rests solely with the Texas Legislature.

City seeks public input to name parks

Lubbock and West Texas area residents have a new opportunity to help the Lubbock City Council identify potential names for several park properties.

Suggestions for names are being requested for the four existing man-made Yellowhouse Canyon Lakes, a new Yellowhouse Canyon lake, a future softball athletic complex, one existing park property and six new parks.

The Parks and Recreation Board will be accepting suggestions for the names through May 31, 2000. Proposed names must include biographical background information about the individual and explain how the person relates to the West Texas area.

Other criteria contained in the city's current naming policy includes:

- Can be deceased or living
- Made a significant contribution to the community (land, time, services, money, programs, etc.)
- Regional or cultural significance
- Important to the community
- Parkland within a subdivision could be named for that subdivision; or a lake within an existing area such as the Buddy Holly Recreation Area, etc. could be named for that area.

The park properties under consideration for naming include; the current Canyon Lakes 1, 2, 3 and 6; a new lake in the Canyon Lakes system; a developed piece of park property at 83rd and Grover Av e.; a proposed softball complex on land now called Bill McAllister Park in west Lubbock; and seven new parks that will be built around the city.

The final list of recommended names will be submitted to the Lubbock City Council in late summer. Anyone wishing to submit a name and biography can send them to: Parks and Recreation Board City of Lubbock P.O. Box 2000 Lubbock, Tx 79457

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