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National News

Democratic Leaders Address Concerns Of African American Seniors

Today, Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chair Nita Lowey, Congressman John Conyers (MI-14), and Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (MI-15) met with seniors in the Detroit area to discuss Social Security. The Democratic leaders specifically addressed the concerns of African-American seniors.

With more than 40% of African American seniors relying solely on Social Security as their main source of income, maintaining the program is vital to the well being of the African American community. The Democratic Leaders, joined by three congressional candidates, pledged to stand against any privatization efforts that would jeopardize Social Security.

"Social Security has done more good for more Americans than just about any other federal government program. Thanks to Social Security, millions of people have avoided poverty, lived better lives and had dignity in their retirement years," said Leader Gephardt. "Protecting Social Security from risky privatization schemes, establishing a federally funded prescription drug benefit, and guaranteeing health care coverage for all Americans—these acts are at the top of the Democratic agenda and will help guarantee a healthy, prosperous African American community."

Congresswoman Lowey stressed the importance of electing people who are supportive of African American issues in congress. "Despite the fact that millions of Americans have lost their retirement funds in the stock market, Republicans and the White House still insist on placing our social security funds in the hands of big companies," said Lowey. "The balance of power in Congress could be determined by just a few votes and the voice of the African American community will be critical in determining who will lead the agenda for this country."

Kilpatrick notes that he only way to truly protect Social Security from privatization is by electing a Democratic Congress in November. "By voting for Democratic candidates on November 5th, the African American community has the ability change the balance of power in government and for the first time, place two African Americans at the head of the two most important committees in Congress—when Democrats take back control of the House of Representatives, Congressman Charlie Rangel will become Chairman of the Ways and Means."

Hundreds Pay Last Respects to Longtime Citizen & Civic Worker: Lorenzo Sedeno



LORENZO SEDENO

Several hundreds of citizens from Lubbock and areas of Texas paid their last respects for a longtime citizen, Lorenzo Munoz Sedeno, at the Saint Patrick Catholic Church last Friday, September 13, 2002, with Father Cornelio Ramirez as celebrant. Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jeremy Sedeno, Rico Sedeno, Steven Garcia, Issac Caudillo, Ryan Sedeno and John DeLeon.

Mr. Sedeno passed away here Tuesday, September 10, 2002.

He was born November 24, 1930, in San Angelo, Texas, where he attended public schools. He married Lydia Sosa on September 6, 1950, in San Angelo. He moved to Lubbock in 1961.

He was a member of Saint Patrick Catholic Church, served as president of the pastoral council for the Amarillo Diocese from 1985 to 1989 and was a Catholic Christian Doctrine teacher. He was active in government work and served on various boards and commissions. He won many awards for his business and civic achievements.

Some of the boards and commissions include: Lubbock Human Relations in 1972, Legal Aide Society, Guadalupe Neighborhood Center, Goals for Lubbock, Chatman Memorial Board, Lubbock Rape Crisis Center and many others. Sedeno contributed leadership, experience and expertise to the Democratic Party for many years. He worked on many political campaigns, and served on the Executive Committee since 1987.

He was an Administrative Aide to Congressman Kent Hance, Field Representative for the Texas Veterans Land Board under Land

Commissioner Garry Mauro, member of the Veterans Integrated Service MK Network Department of Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Sedeno was honored as a local hero for his service and commitment to the community and Democratic Party.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Estanislado and Augustina Sedeno; a sister, Bufracia Garcia; and a grandson, Pete Caudillo.

He is survived by his wife, Lydia; three sons: Lorenzo "Bubba" and Arturo, both of Lubbock and Armando Sedeno of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Yolanda Sedeno of Lubbock and Maria Theresa O'Carroll of San Antonio, Texas; his step-mother, Octavia F. Sedeno of San Angelo, Texas; seven brothers: Frank, Juan, Domingo and Marcario, all of San Angelo, Texas, George of San Antonio, Texas, David of Mexico City and Andy of Dallas, Texas; five sisters: Maria Antonio Alejandro, Victoria Ybarra, Carolina Valencia and Gloria Sedeno, all of San Angelo, Texas, and Jesusita Welker of San Antonio, Texas; 17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

LISD Pauses in Remembrance of Last Year's Events

by Angel Wolfe

Estacado High School students, faculty and members of the community witnessed the retiring of an American flag in remembrance of the tragedy that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001. The JROTC Color Guard presented the flag for retirement during an assembly on the football field behind the field house on EHS grounds.

T.J. Patterson, city councilman, and Vemita Woods-Holmes, school board member were among the honored guests at the ceremony. Special guest speaker, James Reckner, director of the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech and a former retired naval officer who served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a naval lieutenant, spoke about what the American flag is. "The flag is a symbol of unity," he said.

Reckner went on to speak about how America has remained strong after the Sept. 11 events last year. "The U.S., though slow to anger, can be aroused. We depend on the great men and women who join the armed forces to defend us

and our freedom. Make no mistake, America is at war," he said. At the conclusion, students joined in to give Reckner a standing ovation. Scattered among the crowd were some students who waved small American flags high above their heads.

Students sat silent as the soiled and tattered American flag was brought to its final resting place. The proper way to retire an American flag is to burn it, allowing the flames to purify it in its final moments. After this, the Estacado choir ensemble sang "God Bless America" as the conclusion of the assembly.

Throughout the rest of Lubbock ISD, students remembered those who lost their lives in last year's tragic events. At Cavazos Junior High, students stood in formation to spell out the letters "USA" during an assembly by the flag pole. Students paid tribute to veterans of military service who were in attendance from the community and had a moment of silence to reflect on the events.



Outstanding Parent Volunteer at Wheatley Elementary School

An outstanding citizen in our community is Mr. Robert Hastings who has been selected as an "Outstanding Parent Volunteer" at Wheatley Elementary School. During the month of August, 2002, Mr. Hastings volunteered 25 hours.

A veteran in the U.S. Army, he was stationed in Germany for several years where he drove tanks and participated in war maneuvers and exercises designed to keep our troops always prepared and alert for national and global security. Mr. Hastings admits he enjoyed the time he served in the U.S. Army, and speaks fondly of the memories he had with his commanding officers and military buddies.

After he left the military, Mr. Hastings traveled throughout the

Southern States. At first, he liked Louisiana and decided to live there for several years. Like most Texans though, he began to miss his native Texas, but missed his mother even more. So Mr. Hastings decided to move back to Lubbock.

If you get an opportunity to visit Wheatley Elementary School, 1802 East 28th Street, you will find him checking on children in the cafeteria during breakfast. You will also find him providing guidance and encouragement to the students of Wheatley throughout the day. He is also serving as a support to the teachers, staff and PTA.

All are glad to have Mr. Robert Hastings available to help the Wheatley Tigers this year. All love seeing him in their building.



ROBERT HASTINGS



EHS Graduate Off to TSU in Houston

A May, 2002 graduate of Estacado High School, Quentin Johnson, is off to attend Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas.



Quentin was recognized as an honor student in the Class of 2002. He was also a member of the National Honor Society. He graduated with honors, and did receive the United States Achievement Award.

Quentin had been accepted by Prairie View A&M University, but chose to attend Texas Southern University.

He is the son of Valerie Gilbert who is employed by the University Medical Center Hospital.

Quentin departed to Texas Southern University on Saturday, August 7, 2002. His first day of classes was Monday, August 19th.

His family, as well as the Southwest Digest, is wishing him the very best and may God continue to bless him in everything he does while away from Lubbock.

Dedicated American Legion Auxiliary!

Pictured to the left are some of the members of the Booker T. Washington, Post 808, American Legion Auxiliary. These dedicated ladies are getting ready to assist in hosting the upcoming District meeting of the American Legion which will be held at Mae Simmons Community Center on Saturday, October 5, 2002.

Parkway Wins Best of Show in Art show

Students at Parkway Primary received a lesson in planning when they created and completed an ocean mural on the cafeteria wall. The mural was entered into the Vatican Art School contest where it received Best of Show award.

Cheryl Bredeson, art and music teacher at Parkway, said that all students in the school were able to participate in the painting. The P.E. teacher brought the kids in and they dipped their hands. Each student was able to make a hand stamp to create the sun," she said. The kindergarten class was able to sponge paint the land and the

ocean water while the first and second graders painted the seaweed and the other objects.

The project was a great lesson in planning, Bredeson said. "We have some really, really talented children." Winning the Best of Show award became more realistic when the students visited the Vatican Art Exhibit at the Texas Tech Museum last week.



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.

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Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

Cologne



Long after you exit the room, the enticing aroma of your fragrance lingers on.

It is difficult to ignore the scent of a rare, distinct and unforgettable woman, and as we enter into the fall season, you may consider experiencing a fresh new fragrance. There are several lush and liberating journeys of the senses, being introduced this fall.

Just maybe, one is right for you....BORA BORA, designer Liz Claiborne... a light flirtatious floral, the essence of pure innocence.

BRILLIANT WHITE DIAMOND, designer Elizabeth Taylor... a rich elegant scent blossoming with passion, dab-

bling with an explosion of warm woody notes,

DEEP RED, designer HUGO...precious, exotic, untamed.

JADORE, designer Christian Dior...a complex oriental blend, with bergamot, ginger and cardamon.

CHANEL 22, designer chanel... not so new, but ever so fabulous!

EMBRACE THE MOMENT LET YOUR SENSES BE YOUR GUIDE

NEXT ISSUE... GENUINE MINK "AUTHENTIC" THE REAL THING!

Tip, Always wear a smile Fashion, Just for the fun of it

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JAY'S CORNER

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care" and Rev. Billy R. Moton is — pastor. The doors of New Hope are always open, and you are always invited to attend if you are looking for a church home. Why not come and visit this Sunday morning. You will be glad you chose to do so.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m. All teachers were at their post of duty. Students received thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a.m. all teachers and students marched to the main auditorium. There was prayer and high points of the morning lesson were given.

The morning devotion period was conducted by Brother F. J. Jenkins and Sister Dorothy Jenkins, and were assisted by the Praise Team. God is able!

The New Hope Baptist Church Senior Choir marched in the professional singing out of their hearts and souls. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Aubrey Brickey. After the singing of a selection, the morning scripture was read by Brother Ulysses Beaty. The morning prayer was given by Sister Doris Dailey. Another selection was sung by the choir, and was followed by the responsive reading with the congregation standing and led by Brother Everett McCutcheon. The morning hymn was "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!" What a time!

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton who always brings a good word to the congregation.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Charles Wilson. His subject was "How Is The Church To Function Under Suffering?" His scripture text was I Peter 5:1-4. It was a wonderful message.

Pastor Moton extended an invitation to discipleship. The announcements of the morning were read by Sister Lottie F. Barrow. Brother Virgil Johnson welcomed all the visitors which included members from the New Jerusalem Holiness Church of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Annual Men and Women's Day was held last Sunday afternoon with members of the New Jerusalem Holiness Church of Pittsburgh, Pa. as special guest. The theme for annual celebration was "Making Room To Pray."

Members of New Hope Baptist Church are invited to the New Direction Community Fellowship Church Anniversary at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, October 13, 2002.

The pastor is Pastor Marshall Harris.

The Women in Red Banquet Banquet is set for Friday evening, November 15, 2002, at the McInturf Conference Center. The Brotherhood of New Hope Baptist Church will be special guest. President Ervin is asking committee ladies to meet with her Thursday at 6:00 p. m. in the fellowship hall. Prayer Retreat Ladies are invited to become a part of this group.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Among them is Sister Rosie Redd who is a patient in room 368 of University Medical Center.

At this report, Brother Harry Stokley is recuperating nicely at home. Your prayers are welcome.

Let us not forget Mid-Week Prayer Meeting and Bible Study is held each Wednesday evening, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Missionary Society and Brotherhood are in charge in charge of devotion for the month of September. Come and be blessed.

The New Hope morning service is being broadcasted each Sunday morning over Radio Station KJAK, 92.7 FM, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

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Texas Tech intends to renovate an existing 36,000 SF facility for a library/student services center in Amarillo, TX with a total project budget of \$2,900,000.00. Interested firms should submit a comprehensive Statement of Qualifications after reviewing the Request for Qualifications.

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By:

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Manager of Construction Contracting
Office of Facilities Planning & Construction
Texas Tech University System
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Lubbock, Texas 79409-2014

until September 26, 2002 at 3:00 pm (CST)
Proposals received after closing time will be returned unopened; Proposals may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the opening date.

The RFP and further information can be obtained by accessing the Texas Marketplace <http://esbd.tbpc.state.tx.us/1380/sagency.cfm> GSC Class Item No. 595.75

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REVELATION 2:2-3. JESUS SAID, I HAVE SOMEWHAT AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE THOU HAST LEFT THY FIRST LOVE.

SIX CHRISTIANS WAS TIPPED IN A MOUNTAIN CABIN; IN THE BITTER COLD, EACH HAD A LOG OF WOOD THIS IS HOW THE DREADFUL STORY IS TOLD.

THEIR FIRE WAS DYING, FOR THE NEED OF ONE'S PRECIOUS WOOD, EACH HAD WHAT IT TOOK TO STAY ALIVE; ONLY IF HE OR SHE WOULD.

MATTHEW 5:7-8, JESUS SAID, BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY. BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

THERE WAS THIS PREACHER, WHO HELD ON TO HIS LOG OF BIRCH, HE SAID, WHY SHOULD I? THESE ARE NOT MEMBERS OF MY CHURCH.

JOHN 14:12, JESUS SAID, VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, THE WORKS THAT I DO SHALL HE DO ALSO; AND GREATER WORKS THAN THESE SHALL HE DO; BECAUSE I GO UNTO THE FATHER.

THEN THERE WAS THIS BLACK MAN; HIS JAWS CLENCHED VERY, VERY, TIGHT, SAYING WITHIN HIMSELF, NOW IS THE TIME, FOR ME TO GET EVEN WITH THE WHITES!

LUKE 6:27, JESUS SAID, I SAY UNTO YOU WHICH HEAR, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THEM WHICH HATE YOU.

THERE WAS THIS POOR MAN; HE OWNED NOTHING BUT THIS HICKORY STICK, SAY WITHIN HIS HARD HEART; WHY SHOULD I WARM THE MIGHTY RICH?

JOHN 15:12-14, JESUS SAID, THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS, YE ARE MY FRIENDS, IF YE DO WHATSOEVER I COMMAND YOU.

*****WILL CHRISTIANS ROB GOD?*****

THEN THIS RICH CHRISTIAN, HIS LOG AND HIS RICHES; HE DID ADOPE, SAYING WITHIN HIMSELF; WHY SHOULD I WARM THE GOOD FOR NOTHING POOR.

1 TIMOTHY 6:10 FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL;

WHICH WHILE SOME COVETED AFTER, THEY HAVE ERRED FROM THE FAITH, AND PERCED THEMSELVES THROUGH WITH MANY SORROWS.

AND THEN THERE WAS THIS WHITE WOMAN, SHE WAS HOLDING HER LOG BACK, BECAUSE SHE SAW ONE OF THE FACES, AROUND THE FIRE; IT WAS BLACK.

1 JOHN 4:20, 21, IF A MAN SAY, I LOVE GOD, AND HATETH HIS BROTHER, HE IS A LIAR; FOR HE THAT LOVETH NOT HIS BROTHER WHOM HE HATH SEEN, HOW CAN LOVE GOD WHOM HE HATH NOT SEEN? AND THIS COMMANDMENT HAVE WE FROM HIM, THAT HE WHO LOVETH GOD LOVE HIS BROTHER ALSO.

THEN THERE WAS THIS SPANISH MAN; THIS IS HOW HE PLAYED THE GAME, THESE ARE NOT MY PEOPLE; BECAUSE OUR LANGUAGE IS NOT THE SAME.

GALATIANS 6:9, AS WE HAVE THEREFORE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD UNTO ALL MEN, ESPECIALLY UNTO THEM WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.

AND WHEN THE MORNING CAME, WAS PROOF OF CHRISTIANS SIN, FOR THEY DID NOT DIE FROM THE COLD WITHOUT, BUT THE COLD HEART WITHIN.

COLD HEARTED CHRISTIANS; HOW BLESSED WE COULD ALL BE, IF WE WOULD SAY; HIRE TAKE MY LOG, NO CHARGE, BECAUSE ITS FREE.

RED OR YELLOW, BLACK OR WHITE, ALL ARE SO PRECIOUS; IN GOD'S EYE SIGHT YOU ARE MY SISTER; YOU ARE MY BROTHER; LETS GIVE IT UP; LETS LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

GIVE THAT HUG, HANDSHAKE, GIVE THAT SMILE; THEY ARE ALL FREE, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, WILL GO ALL AROUND THE WORLD; AND BACK TO YOU AND ME.

JOHN 13:35, JESUS SAID, BY THIS SHALL ALL MEN KNOW THAT YE ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YE HAVE LOVE ONE TO ANOTHER.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON II, YOUR BROTHER IS CHRIST JESUS.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
"Putting Down the Preacher"

"I hear many whispering, 'Terror on every side! Report him! Let's report him!' All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, 'Perhaps he will deceive; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him. But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their honor forgotten.'" — Jeremiah 20:10-11, NIV

What a predicament! When Jeremiah spoke God's words; he was beaten and put in the stocks. When he did not speak, he was tormented by that intolerable burning in his bones. What could he do?

Like Jeremiah, this writer and others leaders of this community have been beaten by their peers and put in the stocks by their own kind for acting and speaking in a positive way that would help and not bring harm to the community. Yet their lying lips are constant saying to this

day, we have sold out the Eastside Negro community. Jeremiah could hear many people talking about him, and they were defaming him. It makes fear on every side a part of what Jeremiah heard others saying. They were accusing Jeremiah of being an alarmist, saying foreigners would invade Judah and bring fear to the people. Jeremiah had said something like that in warning that Jerusalem was to come under siege. If the people had taken it seriously and had stopped doing wrong, they could have averted the invasion and been at peace as he had said (Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. Jeremiah 6:16, NIV). However, instead of listening to the preaching and changing their ways, they wanted to silence the preacher. People around Jeremiah were saying to him, Report! Go ahead and talk all you want to about how we are going to be defeated by some invader, and we

will report it. We will tell the authorities and you will be in trouble for your subversive talk. We will tell everybody that you are preaching against our country. When we report you, you will be arrested and jailed.

Jeremiah so called illegitimate friends who had once played that they were concerned about his peace and welfare turned against him. Now they were waiting for him to stumble. To make some incautious statement that could be called subversive. They were saying, "Jeremiah is so enthusiastic about trying to reform us, so eager to tell what sinners we are, so quick to say foreigners will defeat us that he can be enticed to say something that can be used to convict him of treason. Who does he think he is, anyway? With such an attitude all around, even among his former friends, it is no wonder Jeremiah wanted to stop his preaching. However, he could not stop.

One can truly understand the

plight and mindset of Jeremiah if they have ever been in a leadership position in this community. A community in some ways that has an "all balls and no hat attitude" so to speak.

Jeremiah perhaps wanted to say and tell his people where to go. However, inside of him was an intolerable burning in his bones. He knew the Lord was with him. He knew the Lord is terrible, awesome. He is one to be feared. Since they did not fear Him, Jeremiah's opponents lacked the very beginnings of wisdom.

Let this lesson from Jeremiah be a help to all of us. The lesson to be learned in today's world is that putting down a leading community preacher in front of one or more males of the majority group by do little minded preachers is an abomination to the Lord and a cause for legal actions. In today's world, assassination of one's character can be financially costly.

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Man Our Brother"
Pastor: Danny R. Poe

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

This writer is thinking about these scriptures. They are St. Luke 15:1-2. Here is the subject: "What A Waste"

"And the pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, this man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them."

St. Luke 15:11-13: "And he said, a certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all his goods and took a journey into a far country. And there wasted his substance with riotous living. "What a waste!"

We often say or think when we hear a news story about an athlete who is suspended for drug use. A good student who drops out of school, or a teen who runs away from home and gets caught up in the dangers of life on the streets, and how easy it is for us to write off such people and assume that they will never amount to much anyway.

But the good news of ya God's Grace and Mercy. There is always room for repentance, for forgiveness of the past, and for a new beginning. Even those those believed to be too far gone can be reclaimed. If they can be led to humble themselves and repent before God. Jesus' classic story of the Prodigal Son serves to remind us of this

important Biblical truth.

Key Verse; "This my son was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found. Luke 15:24.

Let us continue to pray for our kids behind bars. Remind them they may be locked up, but their minds are free. Ask God to come into their hearts. If you have a chance, visit those places. Also, for those who are shut-in, it will be a brighter day.

We are inessors. Call 762-3347 if you have a prayer need. Call us at anytime or write: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, 2132 East 30th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79404.

The Food Drive is still on. PLease call Vice President Christine Burleson if you would like to donate in anyway. Thank you and may God bless you richly, is our prayer. Drop your donations by 2407 East 9th Street, or you may call 762-8033.

We love you! KEEP PRAYING FOR US. Don't forget to read your Bible today. Begin with II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26.

Don't forget your drive by prayers as you go to and from the various areas in our community. Do it when you drive by schools and churches. Pray for our leaders and pastors.

Sister Dorothy Hood; president; Sister Christene Burleson; vice president; and Sister Joyce Ross; secretary.

water wisely

Q. How do I know how much water to apply on my particular kind of grass?
A. This applies during the growing season. See chart below.

Types of Grass	Watering Frequency
Buffalo Grass	Every 2 weeks
Tex-turf-10	Every 7 to 10 days
Bermuda	Every 4 to 6 days
Fescue	Every 4 days

With the exception of Fescue, which needs to be watered approximately every 2 weeks during the winter months, the above grasses go dormant in the winter and do not need to be watered.

Q. What is water run-off?
A. Water run-off is typically caused by over-watering, aiming sprinklers in the wrong direction, or watering on a windy day. Your lawn is like a paper towel. It can only absorb so much water in a given period of time. If you apply too much water too quickly, the water that your lawn is unable to absorb will become water run-off. It is critical that you visually observe your lawn to verify your sprinklers are watering the grass and not the sidewalk or street and to observe that you are applying the proper amount of water to your lawn. Also, shut off your sprinkler system on windy and rainy days. By following these simple tips, you will help us prevent water run-off.

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WTOS Minister's Forum and Lubbock Ministerium

The West Texas Organization Strategy (WTOS) Ministers' Forum along with Lubbock Ministerium (Pastors, Ministers, Evangelists of Lubbock and vicinity) will meet on Thursday, September 26 from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, 2304 Cedar Avenue in Lubbock. A catered luncheon will be provided following the seminars and workshops. There is no charge for the seminars and luncheon. All area ministers are invited to participate. Ramon Duran is the seminar coordinator along with other area pastors.

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Catholic Family Service's Youth Program offers free short-term skills based counseling to youth ages 7-17 and their families. The counseling is designed to assist families and youth in identifying their personal strengths and to focus those personal strengths on decreasing the negative effects of family conflict. Contributing factors such as divorce, school problems, behavior issues, truancy, reading, alcohol drug use and others are commonly addressed. A personal growth manual will encourage participants to develop and increase skills associated with, but not limited to, self-esteem, anger management, parenting, and problem solving. For more information 24 hours a day call (806) 767-8629. Funded by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

In Remembrance...



Vivian Fennell

Plainview, Texas —Funeral services were held for Mrs. Vivian Fennell last Saturday afternoon, September 14, 2002, at the United Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Horn officiating.

Burial was held in Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Bartley-Silva Funeral Home of Plainview.

She died Sunday, September 8, 2002.

Mrs. Fennell was born June 25, 1910, in Nacogdoches, Texas. She was a member of the United Baptist Church and active in ten Parent Teacher Association.

Her husband, two sons, two daughters and three grandchildren preceded her in death.

Mrs. Fennell is survived by four daughters: Virginia Woods, Carolyn Thompson and Birdie Owens, all of Plainview, Texas and Quallar Westmoreland of Carson, California; a son, Billy D. of Austin, Texas; 14 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

“Create Your Business Plan” Seminar

LUBBOCK -In conjunction with The Coalition of 100 Black Women of West Texas, Inc. and the Lubbock Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs. The U.S. Small Business Administration in cooperation with The 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc., will be presenting “Create Your Business Plan Seminar”.

The program will be held on September 19, 2002 from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. at the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, 1301 Broadway, South Entrance, Lubbock, TX.

Topics to be covered in the seminar will include the following:

- Business plan preparation
- Ideas for financing your business
- Business Types i.e. sole proprietorship, partnerships, corporations, etc.

There will be no charge for this Seminar, however seating is limited. For more information, or to reserve your space, call Sally Parvin @: 506-472-7462, ext. 236.

South Plains Fair Begins Friday, September 20th

LUBBOCK (Special) - With the world's largest rag dog and a 9' intergalactic robotic ambassador of good will scheduled to make several appearances each day at the Panhandle-South Plains Fair, Herb Higgs, Manager, reports there will be lots to see that's free throughout the nine-day fair. Located at 4th Street and Avenue A in Lubbock, Texas, the annual event is slated for Sept. 20 - 28.

Free activities for children and the young-at-heart will be grouped around the south and east ends of the fairgrounds and include several shows daily by



Erma Hays

Funeral services were held for Erma Jean Hays last Monday afternoon, September 16, 2002, at Full Armor Ministries in Lubbock with the Rev. Alfred James Washington officiating.

Burial was held in Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She died Tuesday, September 10, 2002.

She was born April 18, 1960, in Slaton, Texas. She attended public schools in Slaton and Estacado High School in Lubbock. She was a member of One Way Church of Christ. She was a cook at Bender Terrace Nursing Home.

She is survived by three sons: Phillip Hudson, Isaac Hudson, Jr. and Shamar T. Barnes, all of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, Jo Atta Y. Barnes of Lubbock, Texas; four brothers: Leroy Washington of North Carolina and Ac. C. Barnes, Jr., Marzellia Barnes and Leonard Barnes, all of Lubbock, Texas; four sisters: Dorothy Wilson of Fort Worth, Texas, Elaine Barnes of Albuquerque, N. M., and Ruby Jewel Barnes and Alberta Barnes, both of Lubbock, Texas; and one grandchild.



Esther Hunter

Funeral services were held for Esther Lee Hunter last Thursday afternoon, September 12, 2002, at Hope Deliverance Church in Lubbock with Elder Charles Tanner officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Hunter died Friday, September 6, 2002.

She was born April 11, 1933, in Fairfield, Texas. She married Freddie Lee Hunter in July, 1950, in Fairfield. She attended public schools in Fairfield.

She moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1950. She became a member of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, and later became a member of Hope Deliverance Church.

Survivors include two sons, Freddie, Jr. of Anchorage, Alaska; and Sam of Lubbock, Texas; two daughters, Beverly Lewis of Kent, Washington and Phyllis Hunter of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Henry Mae McGee of Portland, Oregon; a brother, Charlie Canady of Dallas, Texas; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Hedrick's Racing Pigs, running for Oreo cookies, Steeples' Wild West Bears and the spectacular Flying Fools high dive show with an 80' dive finale.

Anchoring entertainment on the Outdoor Stage is Bob Faith, America's hottest hypnotist. Faith will be appearing at 7 and 9 p.m. Sunday through Friday. The 4-H Fashion Follies is set for Saturday, Sept. 21, at 2 p.m. and 4-H members will model clothing they either constructed or purchased as part of a 4-H consumer education unit.

More Outdoor Stage entertainment will be provided by the



Nelle Watson

Funeral services were held for Nelle Watson on Tuesday afternoon, September 17, 2002, at the Full Armor Ministries in Lubbock with the Rev. Charles Hankson officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Leonard Chatham.

Burial was held in West Side Cemetery in Lorenzo, Texas under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Lorenzo.

She died Thursday, September 12, 2002.

Ms. Watson was born September 4, 1938, and married Rainey Watson on January 17, 1957, in Lubbock, Texas. He died June 6, 1987. She attended high school in Clay, Texas, graduating in 1955. A longtime resident of Lorenzo, she lived in Texas City and Levelland before moving to DeSoto in 1996.

In 1978, Ms. Watson earned a bachelors degree in child development from Texas Tech University and was working toward her masters degree. An educator for 37 years, she directed SHAPES Head Start for 15 years.

She was a member of NAEYC, Texas Head Start Association, Booker T. Washington of Texas City and president of Women's Auxiliary of Greater Macedonia Baptist Church. For 22 years, she directed the youth program at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons; Randy and Russell, both of Glen Heights, Texas; two daughters, Sharon Sternes of DeSoto, Texas and Cynthia Banks of Glen Heights, Texas; a step-father, Charles Battle of Lorenzo, Texas; a sister, Lenora Long of Houston, Texas; 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Strength for Today
By Gerald Jackson
hope for Tomorrow

Question: What about September 11, 2001?

Answer: This day has been permanently burned into our minds. Even as we see the replays of the World Trade Center towers collapsing on television it is difficult to believe that a tragedy this devastating could happen to the United States of America. As the towers fell thousands of souls were issued into eternity to meet their Creator.

Whatever it takes for us to tell of our Savior and to save a soul it would be worth it.

Do you remember the brave firefighters and police who entered while the buildings were still burning, attempting to rescue as many as they could? Most of them marched into the buildings never to return, but they died trying to save others.

Jesus says, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friend" (John 15:13). These brave men and women knew their lives were on the line, but saving someone else was more important. Also lets not forget the armed forces who are fighting the war against terrorism at this very moment.

To me, the real question is not about 9-11, the real question is about the souls that were lost in the World Trade Center and the other souls that are lost every day. What if you knew the World Trade Center towers were going to be the object of a terrorist attack? What if you knew about the thousands of people who would loose their lives because of the cowardly actions of the terrorist? Would you go in and warn the innocent people? This is the real question. I am sure that most of us would do all that is possible to warn the occupants in the doomed buildings to get out. Not only would we do all we could to get the people out of the buildings, but we would also do all that we could to prevent others from entering the buildings.

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What about 9-11? It should serve to remind us of how blessed we are. It should remind us of the sacrifice of brave men and women who died trying to save others. It should call us to prayer for the families who lost loved ones. It should serve to unite us as one nation under God. May it cause us to be vigilant against the cowardly acts of terrorist all around the world, but most of all may it inspire us to reach lost souls that they may receive the salvation paid for by the Savior's blood.

Grace and peace
Gerald P. Jackson



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popular mariachi band, Mariachi Amistad, singers Dustin Garret and Christine Harding, the Silver Wings band and other area performers, Higgs reports. The ever popular square dance demonstration is set for closing Saturday, Sept. 28, at 2 p.m. on the Outdoor Stage.

Strolling acts include rag dog, Bruiser, and Rock-it, the Robot. Rag dogs are known for intelligence and gentleness and Bruiser, a fine example of the breed, will greet fairgoers daily at 4, 6 and 8 p.m. around the grounds. Rock-it, the Robot, a 9' singing and dancing animatronic wonder, will be found strolling the grounds daily at 5, 7 and 9 p.m. throughout the nine day fair in search of a crowd to entertain.

Lubbock 4-H members will man a children's petting zoo in the Ped Barn Building where children are encouraged to try their hand at feeding and petting the animals. 25 cent bags of animal feed will be available for purchase each day at the petting zoo and proceeds benefit the Lubbock County 4-H scholarship fund. The zoo is sponsored by the Lubbock County Extension Service.

Other activities grouped around the south end of the fair grounds include the Science Spectrum Maze, a rock climbing wall sponsored by the US Army, a "Titanic" slide and camel rides for children. For more information concerning the Panhandle-South Plains Fair contact the fair office at 806/763-2633 or visit their web site at www.southplainsfair.com.

Ask the Attorney General



Filing a Consumer Complaint

Q: I bought a product that had a money-back guarantee. I ended up not liking it and returned it, well within their refund deadline. Now the company won't give me my money back. So I don't have the product or my money. Can you help?

A: I know how frustrating it can be to spend your hard-earned money on a product or service and have it not meet your expectations. Even worse is when the company doesn't want to make things right by refunding your money. There are steps you can take to fix the situation.

The Consumer Protection Division of my office provides a dispute resolution service that works to resolve complaints between consumers and businesses. My office receives more than 30,000 complaints each year, and a majority of them are resolved through this process.

If you have tried working with the owner or the manager of the business in question without results, you can file a complaint with my office. An online complaint form is available through our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us. If you don't have Internet access, you can request a form by calling (800) 621-0508 or your nearest Consumer Protection field office.

Whether you fill out the form online or mail it to us, you will need to submit supporting documents. Please do not send originals. You need to keep those for your records.

Masked Rider Horse Given New Name

LUBBOCK - One of Texas Tech University's most familiar icons has a new name. A Famous Boon, the three-year old black gelding Quarter Horse purchased by Wells Fargo Bank and donated to the university in May, will be called "Midnight Matador."

The Masked Rider Committee and the Center for Campus Life sponsored a naming contest to choose a suitable mascot name for the horse. The committee pared the list from more than 500 names submitted, to a final five. The contest winner is Mike Meixner of San Antonio, who was presented with a bronze statue of the horse prior to kickoff at Texas Tech's first home football game today (Sept. 14).

"My mom had sent me a few e-mails about the contest earlier in the summer, so I decided to put a few names together and send them in," Meixner said. "My inspiration for the horse's name came from the school song, (The Matador Song) and 'Midnight' just seemed to flow nicely with it."

Meixner graduated from Texas Tech in May of 1999 with a major in advertising

Please keep in mind that we can only accept complaints against private businesses. We do not have oversight of governmental agencies or local government offices. After you submit your complaint, staff members will review it and determine whether or not it is appropriate for our dispute resolution process. If it isn't, we will send you a letter stating this along with referrals to other possible sources of assistance. Often, there is another state or federal agency that has jurisdiction and that is better suited to address your complaint.

If your complaint is appropriate for the dispute resolution process, we will forward a copy to the business in question and request a response. It is important to understand that we do not represent you or the business. Our function is to serve as a neutral party. We rely on the voluntary cooperation of both you and the business to reach a solution that is acceptable to all involved.

If we are not able to reach a solution that is acceptable to you, you may have to pursue other options, such as a private attorney or small claims court.

Q: I have been scammed by a company, and I know a bunch of other people have been, too. Can you sue the company for us so we can get our money back?

A: Consumer complaints filed with our office do sometimes form the basis for legal action. Whether or not we file suit depends on a number of factors, including the availability of resources, priorities of this office, the number of consumers affected, the consistency and extent of harm, and the practicality of legal action. However, any legal action taken by our office is on behalf of the State of Texas, not private consumers or groups of consumers.

When we do take legal action, we try to obtain restitution for consumers if at all possible. But sometimes we aren't able to. The company may have filed for bankruptcy or spent all of its assets, leaving nothing with which to pay consumers back.

Our primary goal when we file suit in such instances is to halt a company's deceptive trade practices and prevent more consumers from being harmed. For more information on the dispute resolution process and to read consumer education brochures that address a wide range of topics, please visit the Consumer Protection section of our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

and a minor in marketing. He was a member of the Texas Tech Advertising Federation, Texas Tech Marketing Association and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

The committee also voted to legally change the horse's registration to "Midnight Matador, from A Famous Boon. This will be the first Masked Rider horse to have its name legally changed. The horse was previously owned by Hoggett Ranches of Bluff Dale, Texas.

The Masked Rider Committee is comprised of representatives from many areas of the university and other supporters, including the animal science department, student government, Saddle Tramps, High Riders, athletics, Wells Fargo Bank and others. The committee oversees many of the issues pertinent to the Masked Rider program.

Midnight Matador, the 13th horse to carry the Masked Rider, replaces Black Phantom Raider, who was fatally injured in a traffic accident in August 2001. Texas Tech officials looked at and auditioned more than 25 horses during an eight-month search.

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One Year Later: Lessons and Prayers

By Marian Wright Edelman

On the very beautiful morning of September 11, 2001, I was in Atlanta at an interfaith prayer breakfast. Everyone in the room, including former United Nations Ambassador and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, was moved to tears as Christian, Jewish, and Muslim children, and those of other faiths, of the Harmony Choir—who looked like the reality of our current and future nation and world—sang “We Shall Overcome” more sweetly than I have ever heard in my life. I was touched deeply as a Catholic priest, a rabbi, an imam, a Protestant minister, and a Baha’i faith leader each spoke of the urgency of building a movement to protect all of our children. I was inspired as I shared a meal with hundreds of people of goodwill—people of all races, faiths, backgrounds, and ages, business, civic, and religious leaders, public officials, and child advocates—committed to reweaving the fabric of family, community, and justice for children and their families.

As the gathering ended, we learned of the horrors that had just taken place at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. In one jarring moment—a 9-1-1 emergency call to our nation and world—we found humanity’s amazing and unconquerable capacity for good juxtaposed against unimaginable evil. Shocked and appalled at the death and destruction the terrorists wrought, we grieved for those who perished. Our hearts broke for their loved ones. And I prayed that our leaders would show true vision and wise balance in responding to our immense human challenge to ensure safety, justice, and healing in our nation and world.

Surely, this tragedy can serve to remind us of what is important in life and disabuse

us of the notion that any person, any community, or any nation can live alone.

Surely, we now know how vital it is to answer the question Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. asked years ago—“Where do we go from here: chaos or community?”—with a new commitment to building community through just treatment, service, and advocacy and to raising our children and grandchildren with compassion and tolerance. Charity is not a substitute for justice. They must go hand in hand. Charity is a gift. Justice is a right.

And surely, as a result of the fear and uncertainty that gripped our own lives so suddenly that day, we can have a better understanding of the violence-saturated lives of children in our inner cities here at home and in war zones around the world who hear the sound of gunfire day and night, who are scarred daily by the violent deaths of loved ones, and who feel completely and utterly helpless when they witness or suffer abuse in their own homes. Surely, we will renew our commitment to give every child everywhere a safe and moral start in life. In a time of uncertainty, we can be certain about two things—we can make each day count and we can make each child count. We can make each day a day in which we treat others with kindness and compassion and respect. We can make each day a day in which we determine by word and deed to provide our own children—and other people’s children—the love and support they need. And we can make each day a day in which we work together to truly Leave No Child Behind.®

The children of many races and faiths of the Harmony Choir in Atlanta singing “We

Shall Overcome” pierced the darkness of the terrorists and reminded us of the world they need; the one we as adults must build for and with them. Let us carry their song of hope and faith as we move forward to build an American and a global community in which every child—and everyone—is respected and protected and able to live the lives God intends. Let me end with a 21st Century Prayer for Children:

God, help us not to raise a new generation of children With high intellectual quotients and low caring and compassion quotients. With sharp competitive edges but dull cooperative instincts. With highly developed computer skills but poorly developed consciences. With a gigantic commitment to the big “I” but little sense of responsibility to the bigger “we”. With mounds of disconnected information without a moral context to determine its worth. With more and more knowledge and less and less imagination and appreciation for the magic of life that cannot be quantified or computerized. With more and more worldliness and less and less wonder and awe for the sacred and everyday miracles of life. God, help us to raise children who care.

This vision will become reality only if we adults show our children we care for them and all our brothers and all our sisters across our Earth.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children’s Defence Fund (CDF) whose mission is to Leave No Child Behind® and to ensure every child, a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

There is an ongoing push for tort reform in many states and this has a very high correlation to medical practices and malpractices, medical insurance, corporate bankruptcy and slavery reparations. In my last missive, ‘tort reform’ as it relates to medical insurance for the patient was discussed, with regards to the underpaid and overworked people of this country.

The underpaid and overworked people of this country are those who work all of their lives barely keeping body and soul together because they have not had an equal opportunity to secure the kind of education which would make possible the ability to obtain skills of the caliber which would lead to a life of happiness and all of its frills. Most of these people are the descendants of slaves and former slaves. To them, freedom has not meant securing ‘the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.’ It has not even meant securing the ‘forty acres and a mule’ which was promised to freed slaves by the Freedman’s Bureau in 1865, when it was created to see after the welfare of the freedmen.

Freedmen had twelve years, 1865-1877 to become citizens and use their rights to vote, though they had no education with which to utilize these new rights which were recorded on paper. The actual utilization of these rights, remained on paper

for most freedmen. They continue to remain on paper for most descendants of slaves and former slaves. A limited opportunity, under duress in many instances, to learn to read, write and arithmetic was what the fortunate freedmen were able to secure. The opportunity to secure employment at a decent wage was withheld from the freedmen and only a limited opportunity exists today. The ratio of poor blacks to wealthy whites has remained steady for the past three hundred years in America. So, why not millions in tort awards to Blacks? And for that matter, why not slavery reparations?

Unlike the American natives that we call Indians, Freedmen had no treaties with the government, got no pay and for all practical purposes have ‘wandered in the wilderness’ for not forty, but well over hundreds of years instead of being isolated on a reservation or given an isolated territory in which to live. Some reparations are due the descendants of slaves who built this country. They are due from those who have profited. That would be big business and big government.

The Slavery Reparations Movement is in high gear, but there are those who feel that it will fizzle just as the ‘forty acres and the mule’ did, because the reparations cases are being thrown out of court as fast as they go in, but on the other hand, greedy lawyers are be- coming

mega-rich on representing blacks and anyone else who they can reel in, to get in on the tort award cases. It is time that we get ‘in cinque’ and realize which way the wind is blowing with regards to tort cases and tort reform. Let your legislators know how you feel about the legality of tort reform and slave reparations. They are realities.

Reparations is another word for tort award. It is just a special kind of tort award. The end result is the same, an award to compensate for a wrong. Where does the money for the award come from? It is usually in the form of insurance carried by the business or the doctor. Premiums paid, the insurance company should pay up in case of a tort settlement. Yes, the insurance company made big bucks, too. They have a lawyer also. Who is underrepresented here? The little ole sufferer! He gets the short end of the buck! So, why has corporate America been using creative bookkeeping and hiding its real value from the government and its stockholders and going bankrupt when found out? It is simple. Can we get water from a rock? If business has no money, where’s the award? If government is juggling funds, where is the money? You cannot award what you cannot find. It is time that we get ‘in cinque’ and realize that business and government have not capped fees that poor people pay, but their ability to secure funds with which to pay the fees.

THIS N THAT

LORENZO MUNOS SEDENO WILL BE MISSED! THIS N THAT . . . and many others in the . . . CITY OF LUBBOCK . . . will miss a gentleman . . . who made many outstanding contributions for all of us . . . and he did them because he wanted to do so. . . He is . . . LORENZO MUNOZ SEDENO . . . who passed away here Tuesday . . . September 10, 2002 . . . and was funeralized here last Friday . . . September 13, 2002 . . . at Saint Patrick Catholic Church . . . where more than three hundred were in attendance. . . No doubt . . . our friend . . . LORENZO MUNOZ SEDENO . . . will be missed . . . He always had something good to say . . . and was always seen with a smile on his face . . . but always had the determination to make some things happen. . . LORENZO MUNOZ SEDENO . . . believed in Lubbock, Texas . . . and he believed one day . . . ALL OF US . . . would come together more on issues which will affect the lives of many. . . An untiring worker . . . HE NEVER GAVE UP . . . but utilized his energy to make our community a much better place for all of us. . . It didn’t matter what it was about . . . VETERANS AFFAIRS . . . or a . . . CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER . . . Lorenzo wanted to do what he could to make things better for all of us. . . He will be missed . . . but . . . you know what . . . LUBBOCK . . . is a much better place . . . because he came this way for a little while. . . MAY GOD BLESS LORENZO MUNOZ SEDENO!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: “LET US NOT FORGET . . . the beginning . . . DOESN’T MEAN A THING . . . it always the . . . END REALLY COUNTS!”

ESTACADO STUDENT BODY DID WELL! THIS N THAT . . . was in attendance of the . . . 911 REMEMBRANCE . . . last Wednesday morning . . . September 11th . . . when the Estacado High School Band . . . Estacado High School Choral Choir . . . and other outstanding students . . . did a splendid job. . . JEREMY CORTEZ . . . Student Body President of Estacado . . . did a splendid job in addressing the students . . . faculty . . . and guest of the day as they all attended a ceremony on a . . . FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY . . . in which an old flag was burned in a cauldron. . . CONGRATS, ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL . . . for a job a well done. . . THIS N THAT . . . is wishing the principal . . . MS. CAROLYN THOMPSON-CONWRIGHT . . . the very best for this new school year. . . From what we say . . . last week . . . ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL . . . should do well this year!

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HAVE YOU DONE WHAT SISTER ANNIE DAY HAS DONE! THIS N THAT . . . is asking if any of you have done what . . . SISTER ANNIE DAY . . . has done. . . That is . . . have you visited a . . . PUBLIC SCHOOL IN EAST LUBBOCK THIS SCHOOL YEAR? Hope you have done so. . . Let us hear from you. . .

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER! THIS N THAT . . . is hoping you are all . . . REGISTERED VOTERS . . . as we are approaching the . . . EARLY VOTING TIME . . . for the upcoming General Election . . . set for November 5th. . . You don’t have much time to do so . . .

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If you are interested in purchasing any of these photos, you may do so by calling John Cervantez at (806) 744-1654 or you may write: John P. Cervantez Photographer, 1904 East Auburn Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79403.

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By inordinately integrating the communities and social and other institutions developed by (and for) other ethnic groups, AOIP has a redemptive mission of completing the "unfinished work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." The information listed below about your organization should, as best possible, be focused on what your group is doing to help completed that "unfinished work."

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Lubbock Area Client Council Second Saturday • 1:00 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center • Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G • Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4pm • Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday - 7:30 • Forgotten West Riders, First & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St.

We would like to publish your monthly meetings. If you would like for an announcement to appear in this column, please get it to us in writing by mailing it to:

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