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Community Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

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Richardson presented award for years of effort



Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher, was presented an award by members of the Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Committee for untiring effort as coordinator of this year's Juneteenth Celebration. The presentation was made in a house-filled final program at the historic Mt. Gilead Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, June 19, 2005. Rev. J. J. Johnson is host pastor.

Van Ashley, mayor pro-tem of Littlefield, Texas, gave special remarks about Mr. Richardson, who has decided to call it quits after many years of untiring work for the Lubbock Emancipation Celebration Committee. "We will miss the efforts of Mr. Richardson, and we really have to see him depart from this worthwhile event.

Also giving remarks was T. J. Patterson, a partner of Richardson for more than 30 years, who told of the hardworking efforts of Mr. Richardson.

In the top photo are: Richardson, left; Mrs. Helen Hereford, his mother, center; and Patterson. The photo was done by Billy "B. J." Morrison, III.

A Biblical Cake was also presented to Richardson by Jo Ann Dunn and Birdell Dunn. The cake and special award were made possible by "Reach One, Teach One."

Asya Harris says, "Thank You!"



City, Tokyo Japan. She was enlightened by the culture, religion, education, beautiful sights, and home-life. Asya says, "This was the experience of a life time, and it was truly rewarding." Asya was one of several young people who were blessed to take advantage of such a wonderful and educational opportunity.

A sophomore at Estacado High School this fall, she is shown above standing outside of one of the many temples in the area.

She would also like thank everyone who supported her and helped to make her journey possible. Asya is the daughter of Shelia and Shauu Harris of Lubbock.

Alumnus donates over \$1M to Austin alma mater

By Adriccne Rison-Ison
Villager Reporter

Anthony Viera said, "I was always running! As a young man I lived in Bedford Stuyvesant. It was a bad place during that time. (the early 1950's) There were gangs everywhere, I looked at my life and I saw no future, no hope for myself.

"Then an old classmate of mine Alton Rison who I attended City Automotive High with invited me to come down to Huston-

and a duffle bag and come on down here."

Viera said they didn't try to figure things out from that point on any more. They did as Rison said, bought up a few things, and a bag and got out of there. It was 1954 when Viera, and his friend Charley made it to Huston-Tillotson.

"I was happy when I came to Huston-Tillotson," Viera said he had been really suffering. "When I came down to Huston-Tillotson no one knew my health was just

his opportunity to educate himself more. Viera graduated in 1958.

Grateful for the life saving experience Viera said to himself that he would always repay the school someday for what it had done for him. Viera returned to New York, where he married, and opened up a real estate and property management company in the heart of Manhattan.

After years of hard work that he and his wife Louise put into the business together, it began to prosper. Over the years Viera

This is only the tip of the iceberg." He plans to support the college even further in the future.

Huston-Tillotson plans to name the old administrative building, which Anthony is supporting to be restored after he, and his wife Louise.

Anthony said, "I really miss my wife. She was a great support. We worked very hard together. Sometimes I dream of her at night. When I wake up I feel a lot better. His wife was a graduate of Hunter College in New York. He

that his (the student's) starting was different, and the student's ending would be much different from his. At Viera's start the country had emerged from two major world wars, which caused inert poverty.

Viera emerged into a world that was somewhat in recovery. The student's ending Viera stated will be different. When the student comes out he will have far worse obstacles to confront, such as the threat of nuclear war, down sizing, bankruptcy, and many people unemployed.

They have got to find answers. Hopefully some of these students will be the doctors and other professionals to find the answers. I will be behind them to give support over the years to come."

Viera finished in saying, "I hope my little pebble I put on the beach will help students to create mountains. I hope it will encourage other graduates to give back."



Anthony Viera is shown here, second from left, with members of the Huston-Tillotson University faculty. Photo courtesy of the Villager newspaper in Austin, Texas

Tillotson College. The experience at Tillotson literally saved my life."

Hunter-Tillotson College officially changed its name to Hunter-Tillotson University in February of 2005.

Anthony Viera went on to talk about his life in Brooklyn, New York. He was always running. Running as an athlete and running from trouble. He was devastated. Life he said was a living hell.

"Everybody was involved with gangs, Viera stated." He saw no out, but he felt like there had to be something better for himself. Viera said, "When Rison who had attended Huston-Tillotson told him, and another young man Charley Davis, who was the N.Y. city champ in the quarter mile in 1953 about Huston-Tillotson, in Texas, Anthony said he and Charley tried to figure out how they could even think of a venture to, prepare to go to such a school so far away. Rison told them, "Look, just go down on Delancey St. (in the garment district in N.Y.) buy some of this and "bat

about gone. In New York I was only able to get one meal a day. The chance to attend college saved my life physically and mentally. I was able to get three meals a day. I never met people like this before. I didn't think people like this existed.

It was through the open heartiness of people at the school, Viera stated, that he was able to recover and to make something of his life.

"People took me home for the holidays. They offered you rides. They made me feel welcomed. I didn't think people could be like this." In New York at that time Anthony Viera stated, the environment was cold. People were stiff. The environment was hostile. He said he felt so bad he even considered ending his life.

At H. T. he went through try-outs. He made the track team and got a scholarship. After the second year life became easy. He got a job working in the library on campus. He kept that job from 1955 to 58. This he said increased

says, they purchased apartment buildings, fixed up much property, hired round 35 people, and later around 50. They employed carpenters, secretaries, bookkeepers, and other personnel. As God blessed them, Viera said they blessed other people who might not have had a job. They worked very hard.

Viera has given back to his community in many ways. He started a food program. He feeds the homeless, and gives them free rent if they are destitute. He set up a scholarship program at a Church of the Intercession in New York. He supports programs such as Catholic Charities.

When Viera found out that Huston-Tillotson was restoring the administration building he saw an opportunity to fulfill a long time promise he had made to himself.

In early May, Anthony Viera took \$1,030,000 of his own hard earned money and gave it to his College, Huston-Tillotson! Anthony said, "I see this as a small contribution." He also said,

"I know she would be so happy to hear what I have done."

Viera said while he was on campus this past weekend, a graduating student from Uganda approached him. The student asked him, "What is the big difference that you see from then, at the time when you were graduating, and now?" Viera thought on the subject. His thoughts were

Notice to home delivery customers

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The Southwest Digest

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.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Summer time is here! Many of us are having planned trips to visit other family members. There are those of us who will be hosting a Family Reunion in the "Hub City." One such will be the "Hubbard/Sanders Family Reunion" which will be held Saturday, July 2, 2005, beginning at 1:00 p. m. at the Davis Community Center, Nashville Avenue and 42nd Street. According members, there will be delicious food and fun. This year, according to sponsors, the meal will be catered. For more information, call either Bennie Jordan, (806) 762-8450; Lillie Smith, (806) 747-0792; or Marcella Anderson, (806) 744-4679.

We're told, this will be a lot of fun. Family members will be able to relax, enjoy loved ones and reflect on how God has been to our families.

There will be more Estacado

High School former students in the "Hub City" this week-end as they will be here for a "Get-Together". It will be held at the Omnimax Theatre, 2579 S. Loop 289, July 1st thru July 3rd.

For additional information, call either one of the co-chairs: Linda Woods, 747-8389; Irene C. Silvas, 687-5424; David Carrizales, 632-6390; Michael Smith, 787-4832; Joyce Lacy, 763-1568; Nathan Cage, 763-8144 or Hillary Hutchinson, 747-6591.

This event is a prelude for the upcoming 40th All Class Reunion set for 2006-2007. This should be a very historic setting as well as the one this weekend.

It is good to see one our own from the Chatman neighborhood. Sgt. 1st Class Roland B. Robinson, son of Thelma Robinson, doing well serving in the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade in South Korea. He is a

1984 graduate of Dunbar-Struggs High School. He has just completed special training.

Let us continue to pray for those on the sick and shut-in list. Among them include: Jamar Walker and Johnny Walker, both are patients at University Medical Center. Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor of Community Baptist Church, is recuperating nicely at this report. Ollie Coleman is a patient at University Medical Center. Of course, there are many others who are on the sick list as well.

At the same time, remember those who have lost loved ones.

Speaking about Birthdays in the month of June... There are three citizens who celebrate their birthday nearly the same time. They are Rev. Edwin Scott, Sr on June 25th, Barbara McGee on June 29th and T. J. Patterson, June 29th. "HAPPY BIRTHDAY!"

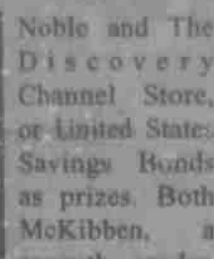
Dunbar students win state engineering competition

Dunbar Junior High School Science Academy students Justin McKibben and Jorge Urrutia were recently notified that they placed 1st and 2nd, respectively, in the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (TAME) Essay and Poster Contest. Students were asked to write an essay and create a poster on the theme "Engineering has No Boundaries." McKibben and Urrutia's winning essays and posters will soon be posted on the organization's website at www.tame.org.

Winners in the TAME competition were given a choice between gift cards to Barnes &



McKibben



Urrutia

Noble and The Discovery Channel Store, or United States Savings Bonds as prizes. Both McKibben, a seventh grader, and Urrutia, an eighth grader elected to receive the savings bonds (\$300 and \$200, respectively).

Dunbar Science Specialist Nancy Owens said, "We are so proud of Justin and Jorge. Their accomplishment is outstanding, not only for them, but for the engineering component of our science program at Dunbar."

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Firefighters Association to hold flag pole upgrade

Please join us to start the 4th of July weekend off with a patriotic Flag Pole Upgrade at Fire Station #5. Mayor Marc McDougal and City Council member Floyd Price will be in attendance at this special occasion to honor our country. The dedication will be held Friday, July 1, 2005, 12:00 p.m. at Fire Station #5, Broadway and Zenith. We encourage all to attend and join us for lunch after the dedication.

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In Remembrance

Jessie Ray Conley, Jr.

Funeral services for Jessie Ray Conley, Jr. were held last Saturday afternoon, June 25, 2005, at St. James Baptist Church. Burial was held in the Lubbock cemetery under the arrangements of Jackie Warren of Midland. The services were directed by Henderson M. Lee, Jr. of Lubbock.

Mr. Conley passed away Saturday, June 18, 2005.

Willie Beatrice Jones

Funeral services for a longtime resident, Willie Beatrice Jones, were held last Saturday afternoon, June 25, 2005, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the

direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.



Jones

She was born April 9, 1915 to William and Louise Gadison in San Gabriel, Texas. A self-employed beautician in Slaton, she was a foster grandmother for the Lubbock State School.

She is survived by two sisters, Mattie Howard of Midlothian, Texas, and Sara Jackson of Carlsbad, New Mexico; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Vicky Smith

Taylor, Texas - Funeral ser-

VICES for Vicky Smith, the mother of Rev. D. A. Smith of Lubbock, were held Monday, June 27, 2005, in Taylor. She passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2005, in Detroit, Michigan.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home of Midland, Texas.

Mary Louise West

Funeral services for Mary Louise West were held last Saturday morning, June 25, 2005, at St. John Baptist Church.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home of Midland.

Services were directed by Henderson M. Lee, Jr. of Lubbock.

Concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. with musical talent sure to please all. The spectacular conclusion to this great family event is the Gandy's Fireworks Extravaganza, a professional fireworks display coordinated to coincide with patriotic music performed by the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra.

The event is open to the public, handicap accessible, and free of charge. For more information, please call Bobbie Hullermann at (806) 749-2929.

4th on Broadway information

Broadway Festivals, Inc. is proud to present to the Lubbock community the 15th annual "4th on Broadway Celebration" to be held on Monday, July 4, 2005. This popular community wide celebration has been heralded as the "Largest Free Festival in Texas" by the International Festival and Events Association, and features a series of exciting events for children and adults of all ages.

The festival kicks off at 9:00 a.m. on historical Broadway Street in downtown Lubbock with the PlainsCapital Bank Parade. Following the parade is an all day Street Fair, sponsored by McDougal Companies. The Street Fair showcases more than

700 musicians on 9 different stages, featuring everything from Country to Tejano to Gospel to Rock. The block wide J. Keith's Jewelry and Texas Tech's Kid's Area will have activities for children such as train rides, bowling, miniature golf, hoppers, face painting and an arts and crafts area. Vendors selling their wares will also line the mile long venue throughout the day. The festivities continue at Mackenzie Park, on the east edge of Lubbock, with the Wells Fargo Bank Evening

Birthday Poem For A Christian

Another year older, a year of living in the light of the Lord
A time of changing, a time of growing
A time of learning to use His Sword
Maturing more as the days go on
Telling others what Christ has taught you
Touching hearts as you travel along
Living love - we can see Him in you

A miracle is working there in your heart
A new beginning, He changed you right from the start
And now you know that there is no turning back
The grace of God you will never lack

You're a picture of what our great Redeemer can do
When you walk in His love, you make an excellent view
You are changing on the inside, it's really plain to see
Like a stranger to this world - living for eternity
Committed to our Saviour, you are resting in His hands
He planned your future long ago, before your life began

Oh, delight yourself forever in the living Lord
Wait on His gracious love and receive His Word
Taste and see how good our God is
He is awe-inspiring and His name is Jesus
He is your refuge when your times get tough
His provision will always be enough
Your steps are directed by the Father of lights
Trust fully in Him, your future is bright

Shine out, my friend, and show them the way
Light up the darkness, hold the shadows at bay
Free the captives, as Christ has freed you
Tell others the wonders of what our God can do

Praise God and live a life pleasing to Him
Lift up your voice and let your heart sing
Seek the Lord's guidance and live in His will
Come before Jesus and learn to be still

Though this life seems so hard and you may fail sometimes
Get on Hind's feet - there are still mountains to climb
When you reach the highest peak, there will be joy without end
God will say, "Well done, My servant and friend."

Happy Birthday, TJ!

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by Shirley Roberson

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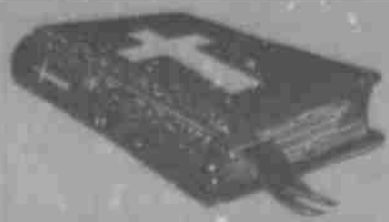
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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Black Lubbock's Dirty Laundry

Numerous black Americans work hard each day of their lives striving for the American dream. They purchase property, invest in the financial market, and do what is necessary for the betterment of them and family. Their accomplishments are tremendous when comparing many economic disadvantages. We salute those black Americans and especially those in Lubbock who are working and striving for the best America has to offer.

There is another side of black America that is shameful and disgraceful. Like Bill Cosby I want to air some dirty laundry beginning with my neighborhood. These leeches and misfits reside in the whole of American and have even invaded my multicultural neighborhood and far as I can see, the whole of District 2.

These culprits of evil in my neighbor belong to the so-called "hip hop" generation. These creatures of evil have no respect for God, senior citizens, men wives and small children that ride their toys on the sidewalks. These black American are continuing to challenge the rights of other individuals. They amplify profanity (the F- B- and M- words are use profusely) with such force while in their lair that it echoes throughout the

neighborhood. The neighbors worry about the dogs inside of the house for they produce sounds common to an inflicted pain. They disobey the rules pertaining to property and keep up to five or more junk cars in front and back of their lair. These humans more or less, thumb their nose and pat their backside at the police and code enforcement officers of the City of Lubbock.

Believe it or not, these misfits in a wholesome neighborhood cost former Councilman Patterson most of the White vote in the neighborhood. They did not believe Mr. Patterson had the parts available to put enough pressure through the law enforcement resources at his disposal.

We all fear that our property value will plummet, even though they have artificially risen. Because of the negative behaviors of these black Americans, we would have problems selling our houses.

As property owners, some of us have personally walked into City Hall and spoken with the code enforcement employees. Believe it or not, we were shown dated pictures of what enforcement officers had taken. We were told by the employees that these characters with negative behaviors always stayed one step ahead of the law. And with what

enforcement documents they had collected, they would have to wait 90 days. One hundred and eighty days have passed and nothing still has been done by the code enforcement department.

Is it true if you live east of Lubbock's Mason-Dixon Line (Avenue Q) whether you are black, white, or brown you are treated with disdain by the whole of the City of Lubbock including LP&L which has been alleged to make the people last when there is an electrical power outage? I am having a serious problem with how the people of District 2 or treated and just maybe a "class action" lawsuit will get these people with negative behaviors back part into gear. Thank God for lawyers! They can correct attitude, swell chests and overloaded hip pocket problems. Yes, I had to even flag down a street-sweeper who had been in the neighborhood for maybe one time in a year to come and sweep our end of the street.

Yes something can and will be done about those black American who inflict human misery on my family and my neighbors families. Are you going to let things go along to get along in your neighborhood? Are you a man, woman or a mouse? Why pay people who live in other districts to treat you inhumanely?

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

This past Sunday morning, June 26, church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were very inspiring. It all began with Sunday school, at 10:00 am. Assistant Superintendent, Sister Oretta Moore, presided over the services.

The morning lesson for Sunday school was "Hope In The Midst of Despair," and it was taught and reviewed by

Rev. Edward Canady, pastor.

The morning worship hour began at 11:15 am. Deacon Edward Williams led the joyous morning devotion.

The St. Matthew Senior Choir again sang with the spirit of the Lord, from their hearts and souls. Thank God for our Senior Choir. May God continue to bless them and bring them to worship with us each week.

The morning message was

delivered by Rev. Edward Canady. His subject was "Have Mercy on Me." His scripture text was Psalms 51:1.

During the invitation to discipleship, St. Matthew had a young man and a young woman to unite with the Church. What a glorious time it was.

Thought For The Week: "The Gospel is bad news to those who reject it. And Good news to those who receive it."

South Plains College summer registration starting

Registration for the second summer term at South Plains College will be Tuesday (July 5th).

Sign-up time is 1-5 p.m. at SPC's Levelland campus Technology Center and the SPC Reese Center campus, Building 8 in Lubbock.

Registration permits are required.

Students planning to take

summer classes at Reese or the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center in Lubbock can register at the Reese Center.

Classes at all locations begin Wednesday, July 6th.

Late registration is Wednesday and Thursday, July 6-7.

On-line late registration will be available July 6-7 through CampusConnect for new and

returning students who have been accepted for admission. Tuition and fees must be paid on the day of registration to prevent cancellation of the student's class schedule.

To obtain a registration permit, contact the SPC Admissions Office at 894-9611, ext. 2578 or 2572 (Levelland) or 885-3048; ext. 4660 or 2902 (Reese).

Estacado alumni sponsor "Get-Together" this weekend

Former students of Estacado High School have made plans for a "get-together" which is scheduled for July 1 through 3, 2005. Coordinators have been working hard to find ex-students and organizing a host of activities for the three day event.

According to coordinators of this event, they have a positive outlook. They're hoping this event will be a great beginning for the 2006-2007 All Class Reunion and 40 years of school history.

As this up coming event is about here, they have had booths in the Cinco de Mayo and Juneteenth projects this year. They have had fund-raising events to off-set this event.

The co-chairs of this event are: Linda Woods, 747-8389; Irene C. Silvas, 687-5424; David

Carrizales, 632-6390; Michael Smith, 787-4832; Joyce Lacy, 763-1568; Nathan Cage, 763-8144 and Hillary Hutchinson, 747-6591.

If you know of any Estacado Alumni and they have not been apprised of the "get-together", please advise them to contact one of the co-chairpersons.

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

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***** Will The Leaders Rob God? *****

It can take a Preacher's sermon. He will forget what he was to say. It can take a seasoned Deacon

and make him forget what to pray!

Matthew 23:37 - Jesus said, woe (cursed) unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like unto white sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's ones, and all are unclean.

(Alcohol is a poison. It is all about money, money, money!!! It is not milk of meat. It is a chemical that is marketed for thirst. It enters the stomach wall's, and into the liver, spinal cord, the reproductive organs, and all the most sensitive nerve center of the human body and will kill them!)

***** The Brains Are Not In Control *****

The children watch the adults and say: They are having fun. But it is blind leading the blind, and their day will soon come.

Luke 6:39 - Jesus said, can he blind lead the blind? Shall they both fall into the ditch?

(I have a single hot wire on some fence post around a field to keep my horses in. It only takes

one time for them to touch it, and they will not do it again! Because it's a hot shock for them. They are smart, but we call them dumb animals. I remember the first time I took a drink. It burned my mouth, sent shock waves through out my body. Chills came all over me and I screamed. That was my shock. But I was too dumb to learn that alcohol was not for me. But man is dumb to alcohol, and he will return again and again!!

Proverbs 6:6 - Go to the ant, you slugger lazy minded, consider her ways and be wise.

(The liquor bottles have cost America more damage. Money wise that every poor person could have a new home, with the money that it cost behind that drug.)

young children starting out drinking, as young as 10 years of age, but mother and father are the main suppliers. This is ever so cold!!

Proverbs 20:1 - Wine is a mocker. Strong drinks are raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are asking its many readers the following question: **What Is Prayer?** We're doing this because we believe prayer is the most powerful weapon we have on earth. To us, prayer is the soul's sincere desire uttered or unexpressed. The object of a hidden fire deep within our heart. Out of the depths of our hearts, we cry Jesus, draw me. In the past, men have prayed in closets, in the air, crowded the subways, in the streets, in sickness, on the job. Prayer is truly the soul's sincere desire. Some say God feeds the sparrow. Yes, He does, but He doesn't throw the feed in their nest. Faith and works go together. You have something to do in order for your prayers to be answered.

Prayer has power when it is connected to God's power. Prayer is a developer. It develops to the fullest. We cannot grow in grace until we grow in the knowledge of prayer. Develop a prayer line. Some are sitting on the Devil's chilly benches in bathing suits, necked in sin. As God's people, we should be fully dressed at all times, having on the whole armor of God, breast plate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace.

You see, we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Therefore, we have to continue praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit. Jesus prayed in public and private. Why shouldn't we work on it? Let's go to the point where if we walk out of your door, you will hear the name of Jesus lifted up in prayer all over the city. Remember, you don't have to make a sound in some cases, but be sure your heart and soul is in order. Please don't

forget your drive by prayers and walk through prayers, for your home, neighbor's house, your church, Pastor and family. **Just Pray, Saints!** We know you will. Let's pray. Now bow your head:

Father, we thank you for the precious Holy Spirit and all He has and will do in our lives and the lives of our Readers! Open our Spiritual understanding to Him. AMEN.

Take a little time to write if you feel that Prayer is working things out for you. If you work it, it will work. II Chronicles 7:14; Mark 11:22-26.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday morning, July 2, 2005, in the home of Sister Christene Burleson, 2407 East 9th Street, beginning at 9:00 a. m. See you there, Saints!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosianna Henderson, secretary.

Ybarra named new District 1 school board member



Ybarra

Mario Ybarra was named the District 1 representative on the Lubbock Independent School District Board of Trustees at a call meeting of the board Wednesday morning, June 22.

Board president Mark Griffin commented, "We had three quality candidates for this position. After a full discussion, there was consensus among the Board that Mario was our first choice. Because of his service on our 2005 Bond Steering Committee, Mario had recent experience and exposure to District issues that made his appointment especially attractive to us. He will be able to hit the ground running in

serving District 1."

Ybarra will be sworn in at the next meeting of the Board which is currently scheduled for July 28. As required by law, he will serve until May 2006, when there will be an election to fill the unexpired term which is complete in May of 2008.

A graduate of Lorenzo High School and South Plains College, he will be sworn in at the next Board meeting which is scheduled for July 28, 2005.

An employee of Northrop Grumman Vinnell Corporation, he is married to Norma Linda Ybarra. They are parents of two children, Brice, 19 and Marisa, 15.

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Annual Youth & Family Fishing Day, June 4

Here are photos from this fun event. This project was done in collaboration with the 100 Black Men of American - West Texas Chapter & Parks and Wildlife Department. For additional information or to get involved, contact Calvin Davis at 239-8229.



Upcoming Events at the Lubbock Public Libraries

Lubbock Public Libraries
Closed on July 4
 All four Lubbock Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, July 4.

Kids' Programs at Lubbock Public Libraries
 The Lubbock Public Library is pleased to present the following programs for children:

Yankee Doodle
 Godeke Branch Library
 6601 Quaker
 Tuesday, July 5, 2:00 p.m.

Honor our servicemen and women wounded in the Middle East, who have sacrificed so much for the U.S.! Space is limited for the program. We have representatives from the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force reading stories. Afterwards, we will write thank-you notes to servicemen and women. These notes will be laminated on a scroll and sent to Bethesda National Naval Medical Center in Maryland to be shared with our servicemen and women. If

you are unable to attend the program, there will be a table outside of the Godeke Branch Library Community Room for you to write notes to be included on the scroll. Help us honor our troops. For ages 3 and up.

Owls!
 Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street
 Thursday, July 7, 2:00 p.m.
 Debbie Tennyson of the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will talk about owls and bring a live owl for us to meet. Seating is limited.

Visit the library's website at www.lubbocklibrary.com to see a complete list of summer activities. Don't forget to sign up for the summer reading program at any of our four locations and receive prizes for reading!

Thank Our Troops at the Godeke Branch Library
 The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, will host an evening to honor wounded servicemen and

women on Tuesday, July 5, at 7 p.m. We will write thank-you notes, which will be laminated and sent to the Bethesda National Naval Medical Center in Maryland. For more information, call 792-6566.

Children's Reading Club at the Godeke Branch Library
 The "Rocking Horse Reading Club" will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, at the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker. This is a reading club for children aged 4 and up. This month we will read the award-winning book "Joseph Had a Little Overcoat" by Simms Taback, watch a movie, and do a craft. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. For more information, call 792-6566.

Book Discussion at Groves Library
 The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the book *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 7.

Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book are available for checkout. This program is made possible by the Friends of the Library. For more information, please call 767-3733.



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 Jesus Christ died for our sins - Cor. 5:21, Acts 2:36
 We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21, Heb. 5:9
 How do we obey him?
 Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17
 Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
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Sheffield

Mrs. Sheffield was born in Abilene, Tx, and graduated from high school there. She attended Butler Junior College and Texas College in Tyler, Tx, where she

received a degree in English and History.

Her teaching career of 42 years has been at Aspermont and Swenson (5 years), Seminole Independent School District (8 years), and Lubbock Independent School District (29 years). Ms. Sheffield taught at Dunbar High School for 10 years before coming to Estacado High School in 1967. She will end her teaching career of 42 years on May 31, 1986, with her last 19 years being spent at Estacado High School.

Ms. Sheffield has taught English, Texas History, World History, American History, Government, Black Studies, Economics, and Drivers Education. Sorden Life Time Member Of Delta Sigma Beta Sorority Inc and a Life Time

Member of AAUW.

She furthered her education by obtaining a Masters Degree from Eastern New Mexico, and has a Counseling Certificate from Prairie View A&M University. She also attended Spelman College in Atlanta, GA.

She has done extensive work in Black Studies. She has studied at North Carolina University at Chapel Hill, North Carolina; UCLA at Los Angeles, California; Trinity State University at San Antonio, TX; North Texas State University at Denton, TX and at Texas Tech University.

Ms. Sheffield looks forward to her retirement because she wants to spend more time with her mother, travel and do several things that she has always wanted to do.

Estacado High School ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BANQUET & DANCE

Saturday, July 2
 Omni Theatre
 2579 South Loop 289
 7:00 P.M. Till 11:30 P.M.

The Estacado High Alumni would like to invite you to come help decorate and participate in the festivities at the Omni Theatre Exhibit Hall, which will be open all day, Saturday, July 2, 2005. RSVP to get your tickets in advance. Advanced tickets are \$10.00 and are available from any of our Alumni Association Members listed below. Tickets also available here. Tickets will be \$15.00 at the door. The purpose of the banquet and dance is to get as many ex students registered for the 40th School Anniversary. For more information, please contact any of the Alumni Members.

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Kango Golf Association



The Kango Golf Association is proud to announce they are in their third year as a part of the "Texas State Amateur Golf Association."

Membership Saturday, June 25, 2005, at Creek Course. If there are any questions about the organization, call either Charles R. Bolden at 441-7550 or 763-6830 or Ossie Curry at 765-6711 or 765-5902. www.tsaga.org.

The Texas State Amateur Golf Association will host the 62nd Annual State Championship July 6 through 9, 2005 at the Cypresswood Golf Course in Spring, Texas. It will be hosted by Lone Star Golf Association, Houston, Texas.

Summer Lunch Program available for Lubbock youth

Children and youth ages 1 to 18 years old are eligible for free lunches this summer through the Summer Food Program for Children, sponsored by the Texas Department of Human Services and provided to area youth through the City Of Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department.

The Summer Food Program provides a free, nutritious noon-day meal Monday through Friday at nine locations around the city.

Regrettably, the program cannot serve to any adults, including parents. Parents interested in their children participating in this program should contact Alicia Gray, Parks and Recreation, at 775-2688, for reservations and which

location is attend. The time for serving lunch varies at each location. The dates, times and locations for the Summer Food Program are listed below:
Maeble Trejo Supercenter
 3200 Ambient St. 31-May 5-Aug
 Contact: Olivia Solis 767-2705
 Time - 12:00
Copper Rawlins Comm. Ctr.
 213 40th St. 31-May 6-Aug
 Contact: Herminia Martinez
 767-2704 • Service Time - 11:30
Mae Simmons Comm. Center
 2004 Oak St. 31-May 5-Aug
 Contact: Olivia Solis 767-2700
 Service Time - 12:00
Parkway Center
 405 N. MLK 6-Jun 22-Jul

Contact: Larry Wilson 763-3963
 Service Time - 12:00
Ramirez Elementary
 702 Ave. T 3-Jun 30-Jun, Time - 11:30
Harwell Elementary
 4101 Ave. D 3-Jun 30-Jun Time - 11:30
 *(Fats with Rawlings at Cafeteria)
Bean Elementary
 3001 Ave. N 3-Jun 30-Jun
 Service Time - 11:30
Boys & Girls Club Tea Branch
 1801 E. 24th St. 31-May 6-Aug
 Contact: Reggie Essex 763-0204
 Service Time - 12:15
Guadalupe Center
 6-Jun 22-Jul • Contact: 763-3963
 Guadalupe Elementary Gym
 Service Time - 12:00

Upward Bound students learning to "pay it forward"

By Adrienna Adame

In the Upward Bound program not only do students attend regular classes in the morning, but later on in the afternoon attend a community service class. One of the classes, Pay It Forward, is unique in its own way.

Their objective is to make a CD and a DVD that will be used in History curriculums in history classrooms. Each day is spent writing, editing, producing, making music beats and recording, which is all part of the process of constructing the CD and the DVD.

On a weekly basis, the group as

a whole is required to have 12 songs at the end of the week, an average each day of three to five songs are written. The difficult task that the students came to agree upon was that it was hard to combine rap with history. At first, the students however, did think that was not possible. They believed that the two "contradicted one another."

Later, after the material is approved they make a beat to go with the lyrics. The students feel that the CD and the DVD will be an advantage to all present and future juniors when they are taking the exit level exams.

Zachary, a student in the class, said he works hard in the class.

"Yeah! Everybody does," he said. "We work diligently and do what needs to be done."

With all the work and effort that needs to be put into creating a song you think the class would sound like a complete turn off, though some students would disagree.

"At times it can make you truly tense but other than that it's really fun."

Adrienna Adame is a student in the Texas Tech Upward Bound Program. She will be a junior at Lubbock High School during the 2005-2006 school year.

Governor Perry signs bill that allows more local business deals, keeping money in Lubbock

The bill, which takes effect September 1, 2005, will allow a city with a population of 250,000 or less, or school district within that municipality, to extend contracts to local companies as long as the local company's bid meets bid specifications and is within 5% of the lowest bid.

The City Council first initiated the legislation in 2003 during the 78th session at the urging of City Councilman Gary Boren. When the bill did not pass last session, Councilman Boren asked the Lubbock City Council to initiate the idea again for the 2005, 79th Legislative Session.

"The Council takes 'Buy Local' seriously. Whenever possible we want to invest city dol-

lars with city businesses," stated Mayor Marc McDougal. "We asked Representative Isett to introduce the house bill, then he and Representative Jones and Senator Duncan, on the Senate side, worked the bill through the legislative process. The Governor did the right thing by signing it."

Addressing the bill's impact, Councilman Gary Boren commented, "I am committed to helping small, medium, and large Lubbock businesses expand their opportunities with city contracts. If we can keep money locally, we hire more people locally, and we buy more goods and services locally. Those local companies and employees pay taxes here

instead of in another city or another state. There is a multiplying effect of those initial dollars that benefits all Lubbock citizens." During the first 8 months of the current fiscal year (beginning October 1, 2004), the City of Lubbock has spent \$11.2 million with businesses located within the city limits. McDougal added, "Obviously, that number is going to go up and we should all be pleased about that."

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Martin noted, "Local businesses will have to submit good bids, bids that meet the City's criteria. But if they meet our bid specifications and they are within 5% of the low bid, we are going to try our best to do business locally."

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THIS 'N' THAT

NEW ORGANIZATION BEING FORMED TO ASSIST PERSONS IN PRISON! THIS N THAT recently learned of a new organization to assist families of inmates who are in the Texas Prison System.... This organization is called **TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION (TIFA)** and will be the only chapter in Lubbock. The executive director **JOAN BARNHAM** will be in Lubbock for the organizational meeting set for Tuesday evening July 19, 2005, at the Central Lubbock Church, 1409 23rd Street. This organization will benefit both family and those family members who are incarcerated in the Texas Prison System. This organization has been known to **PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION ALONG WITH ROOM AND BOARD** for family members to visit their love one in prison. This organization will address the following: **RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES, LEGISLATION/POLICY UPDATES, PAROLE/INMATE INFORMATION & MUCH MORE TO HELP THE FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN.** If you have any questions please contact **SHIRLEY JOHNSON** at (806) 744-8633.

OPRAH WINFREY DISSED! THIS N THAT as well as many other American citizens heard about what happened to **OPRAH WINFREY** when she went to drop some dough at the **HERMES STORE** in Paris, France last week. When she showed up she was turned away

because the high-end shop had been **"HAVING A PROBLEM WITH NORTH AFRICANS LATELY."** (After the fact, this statement was revealed to be false by both the Hermes employees and Oprah's camp. A tabloid magazine made up the story to inflame readers.) Not only in the United States of America but it appears we of the same color are having problems all over the globe. The excuse, according to some spies, was that she (Oprah) didn't look quite like she does on TV and **"DIDN'T HAVE HER HAIR DONE."** The question to ponder is, **"WHO DOESN'T KNOW OPRAH WINFREY?"** What's next? Those of us who are **BLACK** had better wake up, and don't forget from where you have come from.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER REMINDS US: "GOD doesn't like **UGLY** and He is not crazy about **PRETTY**." It may not be scripture, but let's at least think about it.

FORMER ESTACADO STUDENTS IN THE CITY! **THIS N THAT** is glad to see we have so many **FORMER ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** in the city as they are here, along with those who live here, to have a party. The **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL GET-TOGETHER**, according to the co-chairpersons, is only a prelude for the upcoming **2006-2007 ALL CLASS REUNION AND FORTY YEARS** of school history. Has it been that long? Guess so! Have a great **"GET-TOGETHER"**, **MATADORS!**

BRYAN SCOTT, WE'RE PROUD OF YOU! THIS N THAT wants one of our neighbors and standout track stars at Estacado High School, **BRYAN SCOTT** to know we are proud of you. Bryan represented his Texas Tech University at the **USA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP** held in Carson City, California. It was remarkable **BRYAN**, no matter what position you finished, **YOU'RE STILL OUR CHAMPION!** **THIS N THAT** reminds you that you are only a sophomore and you have so much more you will give to the track program around this country. So continue to **HOLD YOUR HEAD UP HIGH! CONTINUE BEING THE EAGLE YOU ARE!** As we firmly believe **THE WORLD WILL SEE MORE OF BRYAN SCOTT!** He is the son of Dora and Edwin Scott of Lubbock and grandson of Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Scott, Sr. **OUR PRAYERS TO SISTER VICCY SMITH FAMILY!** **THIS N THAT** learned of the death of **SISTER VICCY SMITH**, who passed away in Detroit, Michigan. She was the mother one of our pastors, **REV. D. A. SMITH** of Smith Temple Community Church. His column **"FROM THE DESK OF PARSON SMITH"** has been published in the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** for many years. **SISTER VICCY SMITH** was buried Monday, June 27, in Taylor, Texas. **THIS N THAT** had an opportunity to visit with her during a visit to Lubbock. She was **91 YEAR YOUNG!**



Think About It!

We are going backwards in a hurry!

by Eddie P. Richardson

One only has to look around, watch or listen to television or even hear the radio to see where the moral decline is coming from. The sad part about it, it has more of an impact on our low socio-economic, non or little educated young people. That non talk talk, murdering the English language; capped with some of the most vulgar of vulgarity in the English language. And the names they call our young ladies with most used one is the **b******, and the second is **w****** word if they spoke English would be a **w****** word.

It's a shame young men are walking around with those big baggy pants that some racist white boy designed with their dirty drawers showing while their pants are down around almost around their knees. Not only with this kind of dress, they are heard bragging about how many babies they have produced. Now in many instances these so called dads don't even care about the children. We hope these young fellows know that does not make them a

man, because you have a sperm count. What really makes you a man is when you take care of what you have produced. You know, young fellows, even skunks, crocodiles, rats, bears, and other living creatures can produce. Now if you really want to be a man, you must upgrade your stature by caring for the human being. Now, that's the right thing to do.

Bill Cosby's recent remarks are true even though they may appear to be harsh, **BUT HOW TRUE THEY WERE.** He even made some similar remarks earlier. This writer hopes Bill Cosby's words will make our young people — the ones whom the shoe fits — become so mad that they prove him (Bill Cosby) to be wrong. Now, he had one very strong point. You listen to the young person, and then see or hear the parent and then you see why we have such a problem. We have two and three generations lost. It doesn't make sense. They have no morals, no character, and no respect for themselves and others. Then it is easy to

see why we have such problems. My people, it apparently doesn't begin at home anymore where there is home training, manners, and plain old right and wrong postures. It's so easy to see how we have modernized ourselves into one mess!

We as a people to be or do what we should and want to be or do... **MUST ... NOT ... GIVE UP.** Our printer was most unfortunate enough to have his note pulled at the last minute and given a day and a half to vacate the premises. The easy thing for us, The Southwest Digest, was to give up after all these years. No way! No way! We just went to work; got off our knees, and began to work with resources and every available avenue. Thanks by the goodness and help of the Almighty we will not miss a single issue. Thank God!

Closing Thought: "Winners .. don't quit. Quitters don't win. It can and will happen if you want it to happen, it will happen!"

Nuf Sed! Why Not?

Letters to the Editor

Sandlot Player sculpture

You have read about it, saw the picture, and now you can see it. The statue, "Bronze Sandlot Player", was unveiled on June 19, 2005. It's located on Martin Luther King, Blvd., on the north side of Dunbar Historical Lake. It took a lot of faith and hard work for four (4) years plus to see this project completed. There are not sufficient words in the dictionary to describe the works of Catherine Oler and the board of members of the Louise Underwood Art Center for the work they put into this project, and many, many THANKS go to all the people who supported us with your donations. Grey, don't think for one minute we will ever forget you. Vivian Cooke, who could ever forget you and your hard works - THANKS!! Thanks to the critics and doubters also.

Emma Jackson, Lubbock

print that, that is granted to every American — the freedom to speak or write our opinions. My first question if I may — who are God's go to men and women in a sector of Lubbock where there appears that there is a generation of youth large in numbers who hear and see some of our "glorified Sunday pimps," and city fathers of color with deep roots in East Lubbock displaying little concerns or efforts in being major players in solving that are clearly visible on the various street corners and car washes in our sector? At Mr. Jones' talk and book signing, he library inner and outer edges **should have** been filled with youth seeking, listening, and sharing for an inversion in their life. As an older adult who lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma, I can elate to Mr. Jones' life of how being involved in gangs and drugs being sold by our youth, because I worked closely with Tulsa's Gang Task Force. To the 100 Black Men, ex and present teachers, principals, and school board members and ministers — **shame, shame, shame!** The truth and sadness of this is, we all should have been vocal and encouraging to our youth in their attendance of an event that **should have** been a soul winning affair for youth who are lost in this world by the smoking and selling of drugs, teen pregnancy and gang related activities. The theme that embarked Juneteenth was "Looking Into Our Past ... Moving Toward Our Future." Our total involvement to the fullest here, now, and in the future will tell whether we as a whole have impacted or incoherently babbled about our roles

as major players in lives of the lost.

My second question and statement is were are our concerns about those youth who are of no kin? Yes, "Pookie", your son or daughter might be traveling on the straight and narrow path, but are you bold enough to extend time to "Junior" who isn't on the straight and narrow path. The event that occurred on the 11th of June had no residual effect on "Pookie" or "Junior" who were not present, because some of us were there for self-gratification.

In closing, futuristically if Lubbock is endowed with an event of or beyond this magnitude, 100 Black Men, ministers, city fathers of color, fraternities, sororities, mission sisters, brotherhoods, deacons and concerned citizens, give up your selfish ways, and let's lead our youth through the doors toward something that will be prominent in all of our lives that can be a win-win situation. Be one of God's go to man or woman. Wake up and let go of your "me first" attitude, and not allow us to perish from a lack of knowledge.

Let my opinion be told if you are bold.

Maurice Alexander Williams

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

The old South has changed. This is what we hear now, that an 80 year old 'former' klansman has been convicted of manslaughter for the gruesome murder of three civil rights workers forty years ago in Mississippi. It took a jury only two days to decide that he was guilty of manslaughter, not murder. The other conspirators involved in the murders, as well as key witnesses are reported to already be dead.

Convicting an 80 year old man of manslaughter or murder, at this late date, does perhaps make some people feel that justice has been served. Has it? According to the life expectancy of man, as recorded in the Bible, and 80 year old man is already living on borrowed time. And in the case of this man, he is in a wheelchair with broken legs and uses portable oxygen for breathing and has a nurse nearby because of his blood pressure. Some would view this situation as 'one foot in the grave.' With his strong will, however, he may live 20 more years. Chances are, if he goes to prison, the hospital or nursing home will be where he will spend his time. He will not be physically able to perform any useful service in a prison. Has justice been served?

There have been more than

many unlawful acts which have been committed in Mississippi and the other Southern States; lynching, arson, theft of real estate and services, burning churches and crosses, to name a few, are acts which are not as common as they used to be, but never the less, still occurring in the United States of America, not just in the Southern States.

The outward evidences of racial segregation in these United States have definitely shrunk, but if it were really gone, there would be no need for organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, The Urban League, The Push/Rainbow Coalition, or Operation Breadbasket. There also would not be any evidence of the existence of the Ku Klux Klan, the Young Nazis, Anti-Semitic or any

other group whose main purpose for existence is to prevent certain ethnic groups from celebrating life in this country with all of the inalienable rights afforded citizens of this country.

There are citizens in the Southern States who believe in equal rights for all citizens, but are afraid of being ostracized by the powers that be which do not see things their way. Every individual of voting age has a voice in the government and if they are afraid to speak out verbally, they can have their say at the polls and in the courthouse. We need to get "in cinque" and realize the power of being a voting citizen and let those people whom we elect to office, know how we feel. We need to make sure that Mississippi is not still burning!

Our Young Blacks Need Our Help

One day last week, I phoned your office to get your pulse on the lack of youth not being visible at Mr. Antonne M. Jones who is the author of "The Family: A Philadelphia Mob Story" at the Patterson Library. In essence, I was cut short on this conversation to the familiar tune of, "I've got someone on the line, call me back." Rather than call you back, I chose to finish this by writing a public letter to you and the rest of Lubbock's civic leaders, city fathers, and other major players in the lives of young black and Hispanic youth of Lubbock. I hope that you are bold enough to

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Strayhorn ready to challenge Perry's failing legislation

Carole Keeton Strayhorn, the fast-talking state comptroller who makes sport of chastising Republican Gov. Rick Perry, said recently that she would challenge the governor in next year's GOP primary.



Strayhorn

speech and sharp tongue, Strayhorn has spent the past year attacking Perry's leadership and policies.

"A leader does not hold our children's education hostage and certainly would never even allow a discussion about school not opening on time because he cannot fix what is broken," she said. Perry spokesman Luis Saenz said Strayhorn's announcement that she is running for governor should not come as a surprise since "she has been doing that for the last two years as she neglected her duties as comptroller."

"This primary will offer clear differences between the strong, principled conservative leadership we have today, and the big spending, Democrat agenda the comptroller has pushed on behalf of her special interest backers," Saenz said.

Strayhorn enters the race with one less strong opponent, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. The senator late Friday issued a surprising statement saying she was running for re-election to the Senate.

"Now is time to replace this do-nothin' drugstore cowboy with one tough grandma," Strayhorn, 65, told hundreds of cheering supporters at a block party near the state Capitol.

Strayhorn's announcement came shortly after Perry vetoed education funding from the state budget bill, and called lawmakers back to Austin for a special session on school finance.

She took the opportunity to launch another verbal torpedo at Perry. Known for her rapid-fire

still known by the last name Rylander, the name of her second husband. In January 2003 she married her high school sweetheart Ed Strayhorn.

She became the first woman elected Texas comptroller after serving on the three-person Texas Railroad Commission, a statewide-elected post. Before that, the former Democrat served nonpartisan posts on the Austin school board and three terms as Austin mayor before switching parties.

Strayhorn said her late father, Page Keeton, the longtime dean of the University of Texas law school, instilled in her the importance of public service, and she passed that on to her children.

Two of her four sons serve in President George W. Bush's administration. Scott McClellan is White House press secretary, and Dr. Mark McClellan is administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services. One of her sons, Brad, will serve as her campaign manager. The other son, Dudley, is assistant general counsel for the State Bar of Texas.

Strayhorn also has five granddaughters.

"I want my legacy to be that with every breath of air in Carole Keeton Strayhorn's lungs, she fought passionately for education, she fought passionately for paychecks and jobs and she fought passionately for protecting our most precious resource, our chil-

dren," Strayhorn said, with the Capitol dome in the background.

As she spoke, the crowd broke out in repeated applause. One woman brought her horse to the event to show her appreciation for Strayhorn's support on agricultural and horse issues. Another woman held a sign "Texas needs one tough grandma."

"She's great and I think she'll do a great job for all Texans," said Beki Halpin, 56, of Austin.

Throughout much of her speech, Strayhorn denounced Perry. Among her chief criticisms of Perry have been over his policies regarding state health care cuts and education.

The catalyst for their clash, she has said, came when Perry, in the final days of the 2003 legislative session, cut funding for her plan to provide free community college education to high school graduates. Perry's office has disputed her account, saying the governor worked to pass a version of the program. The Legislature rejected Strayhorn's proposal.

After that, Strayhorn refused to certify the state budget until Perry vetoed certain items.

Lawmakers then stripped Strayhorn's agency of two prominent duties: government efficiency recommendations and school performance reviews. She claims the governor's office prompted the lawmakers to make the changes, an allegation the governor denies.

Perry, who typically avoids

returning Strayhorn's political volleys, seeks his second full term. He became governor in 2000, after Bush resigned to become president. He was elected to a full four-year term in 2002 in one of Texas' most expensive elections. Perry, 55, defeated Democrat millionaire Tony Sanchez, who spent close to \$70 million, while Perry's campaign spent \$26 million.

While no Democrat has formally announced intentions to run, former U.S. Rep. Chris Bell of Houston has said he is considering a bid. Musician and author Kinky Friedman is running as an independent.

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Strayhorn's announcement brings Texas one step closer to electing a Democratic governor.

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Bobby & Whitney get real on new reality show called "Being Bobby Brown"

Blacknews.com - TV viewers have peeked into the lives of Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey, and Britney Spears and Kevin Federline. Now another celebrity couple is about to take the reality show plunge. "Being Bobby Brown," which features Brown and his wife, pop songstress Whitney Houston, premieres on Bravo Thursday (10 p.m. ET).

In an interview on "Dateline NBC," Brown said he decided to allow cameras to follow him for six months because "it's easy for people to just have the freedom to be able to say things about me, and me not say anything. That's the easy part."

"But the hard part is to show them me, because I'm scared of



Bobby Brown

being myself, sometimes."

Brown, a former member of New Edition, married Houston in 1992. He took off with singles such as "Don't Be Cruel," but progressively became known more for his drug and alcohol arrests.

On Dec. 7, 2003, Houston called police, alleging that Brown had struck her in the face at their home near Alpharetta, a suburb north of Atlanta.

"Me and my wife play a lot. It was just a misunderstanding," he told Matt Lauer in the NBC interview that aired Sunday. "I mean, we slap box, and she hits hard, hard."

When asked if he hit hard back, Brown responded: "No, I don't. No, come on man, you see how big my hands are? I could hurt her. Huh-uh,

no. Me and her are like this. She hits me more than I hit her."

How did the 41-year-old Houston, who recently completed a drug rehabilitation program, feel about doing the reality show?

"When she saw how much fun I was having with the cameras, I mean, because it's like, I didn't change when the cameras got around, it just - it - I think it brought us close together, because it showed us that we're just normal."

Brown, 36, said the couple are "two addictive personalities."

"Heh, it's a daily struggle, and it's just as hard as it is for anybody else, just like somebody that wants to stop smoking, you know, cigarettes. It's hard. It's going to be hard for us also, you know?"



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