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Local News

AARP Community Meeting

The public is invited to attend the AARP Chapter #7591 monthly meeting on Thursday, August 5 at 1:00pm at Mae Simmons Senior Citizen's Center, located at East 23rd and Oak Avenue. Guest speaker: Rachel Onion, RN, BSN from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Nursing Wellness Center. Please come and receive vital information on obesity, diabetes, and hypertension. For more information, please call Mrs. Jewel Love, Chapter President - 747-9875

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August 18
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Community Meetings

- 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.
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan heights Neighborhood Association Meets Every Third Thursday 6:00 p.m. 1303 East 24th Street (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association. Pot Luck Suppers on alternating months prior to meeting; meetings held on second Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission Lubbock Affiliate Meets at T.J. Patterson Branch Library 3rd Thursday / p.m.
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Parkway Neighborhood Center
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

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

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1302 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79401

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Comptroller Strayhorn calls for federal investigation into CHIP scandal

(AUSTIN) - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today, in separate letters to United States Attorney Johnny Sutton and United States Health and Human Services Acting Principal Deputy Inspector General Dara Corrigan, asked for a federal investigation into mishandled contracts in the Texas Children's Health



Strayhorn

Insurance Program. Comptroller Strayhorn took the unusual step after the Texas State Auditor issued a scathing report highlighting \$20 million in overpayments to a contractor. "Because federal dollars, as well as state dollars, are involved in this scandal, an independent, federal inquiry is warranted," she wrote. On Thursday, the State Auditor's Office released the scathing 72-page report citing "serious deficiencies" in the management of the CHIP program.

The report said the Health and Human Services Commission's lack of oversight and lax standards for the CHIP contractor for rural Texas led to "excessive and unnecessary" payments of \$20 million. More than one-fourth of the money went to a company that "had no employees and did not provide a service" that "directly benefited CHIP," according to the auditor. "By my estimates, 17,000 children who were dropped from the children's health program could have retained their benefits were it not for the lax,

possible, internal, mismanagement on the part of the agency," Strayhorn wrote. She noted that an internal investigation would not be independent because the Governor appoints the Health and Human Services System Inspector General. Strayhorn also said it is disturbing that "so many of the players involved have connections with the Texas administration." The Governor sits at the top of the Texas Health and Human Services System. "I am disturbed by the con-

nections between Gov. Perry's top men and the companies that are supposed to be taking care of our children. Light needs to be shed upon the connections between the Governor's current Chief of Staff and the current rural CHIP provider and between the Governor's former Chief of Staff and the future rural CHIP provider," Strayhorn said. "Since last September 149,000 children have been dropped off the children's health insurance rolls because of budget cuts," Strayhorn said. "That's unconscionable."

Drive for Diversity launches NASCAR recruiting efforts

Experience will help driver candidates, while new faces also welcomed in crew training program

CHARLOTTE, N.C., July 15 /PRNewswire/ - "Drive for Diversity" is now formally accepting resumes and information from experienced minority and female drivers and interested minority and female pit crew candidates to be part of its development program for 2005. Interested candidates can submit materials to Access Marketing & Communications from now through Aug. 31, 2004.

Selected applicants will be invited to participate in a testing and evaluation combine this fall at a location to be determined. Drivers will showcase their skills in hopes of receiving an opportunity to compete for an established team in the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series next season. Meanwhile, qualified potential crew members selected at the combine will receive "over-the-wall" pit crew training and instruction from 5 OFF 5 ON Race Team Performance, with placement opportunities to various NASCAR Series teams.

Access President/CEO Greg Calhoun says that the crew member opportunity is one which should not be missed by minority and female race fans who have dreamed of going "over the wall." Calhoun: "If you have ever wanted to be a part of NASCAR, we're offering the opportunity to be a member of one of the most vital positions in racing: a race-day pit crew member. And the great part is that previous pit crew experience is not necessary. We are trying to find talent from all walks of life - athletes, mechanics, anyone."

"Drive for Diversity" is a long-term initiative aimed at developing a steady pipeline of well-trained and supported minority and female drivers and crew members. In 2004, five drivers competed in the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series, while six crew members participated in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and NASCAR Busch Series. Program partners for 2004 include Centrix Financial, Domino's Pizza,

Kodak, Husqvarna, Lowe's Home Improvement, MBNA, Miller Brewing Co., the National Guard, Nextel and Sunoco.

Interested drivers should send resumes, videotapes, on-track photos, race results, references and other supporting materials to: "Drive for Diversity"; Access Marketing & Communications; 401 N. Tryon St., 10th Floor, Charlotte, N.C. 28202. Interested crew members may also send their information to the address above. Resumes and supporting materials can also be e-mailed to driver@drivefordiversity.com or crew@drivefordiversity.com.

All resumes and supporting materials need to be post-marked no later than Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004. Please note that applicant resumes and supporting materials will not be returned. For more information on the program, please visit <http://www.drivefordiversity.com>.



Al Edwards pays brief visit to Lubbock

The Chairman of the State Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission, State Representative Al Edwards of Houston, Texas, paid a brief visit to Lubbock Friday, July 23.

He was on his way to Boston, Massachusetts. He is a Texas National Representative to the Democrat National Convention. He came to Lubbock to view the proposed Juneteenth monument and discuss its progress with its creator artist Eddie Dixon. This work is to honor the past history of the Juneteenth Celebration in Texas and will be placed on the grounds of the State Capitol. An artist's rendering shows the future location of the monument in Austin.

Representative Edwards' visit was brief, but very rewarding and inspirational. Commissioner Eddie P. Richardson who met with Edwards, said, "It was very satisfying East of I-35 respect you enough to come to West Texas, especially to Lubbock, Texas."



Harvard School of Business graduate Kwame Jackson enjoys success after appearance on the reality TV series, *The Apprentice* with Donald Trump.

Chicago - The American Health and Beauty Aids Institute (AHBAI) presents the Mid-Year Business Conference, August 24-26, 2004 at The Paris-Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nev. This event has become the gathering place for executives from all aspects of the ethnic health and beauty aids industry. Hundreds of executives, including retailers, manufacturers, distributors, beauty and barber suppliers and others allied with the industry attend this conference to learn more about growth opportunities for their businesses.

AHBAI is pleased to announce that Kwame Jackson of *The Apprentice* will be the keynote speaker at the 2004 Mid-Year Business Conference as

part of the Industry Awards Luncheon, held on Wednesday, August 25 at Noon.

True to his entrepreneurial training at Harvard and the bounty of opportunities in the late 90's, Kwame was heavily involved in several "dot-com" start-ups during his time in business school. However, his Fortune 500 professional foundation includes sales and marketing roles at Procter & Gamble and, most recently, on Wall Street as an Investment Manager for Goldman Sachs.

He is most recognizable for his appearance on the first season of the popular reality series, *The Apprentice*. Kwame competed for the coveted

chief executive position of one of Donald Trump's successful companies.

He survived the boardroom firings week after week to land himself a slot in the final two Trump apprentices. Although Kwame was not hired as the apprentice, many would argue "The Donald" didn't fire him either.

Kwame was born in Washington, D.C. and raised in Charlotte, NC, which he considers home. He holds a BS in Business Administration from the

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an MBA from Harvard.

For more information on the 2004 AHBAI Mid-Year Business Conference, contact AHBAI at 312/ 644-6510, via e-mail at ahbai@smithburklin.com or visit our Web site at www.proudlady.org.

The American Health and Beauty Aids Institute (AHBAI) a trade association representing the leading companies that manufacture ethnic hair care and beauty related products.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please remind yourself that we are all human. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.



FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

Cheap, Chic Summer

Seven laws of bargain style...

1. When you find something you love at a low price, snatch it up in every color they have.
2. Don't think you have to confess that that adorable skirt was only \$12.
3. Dress up your bargains - glue baubles to your rubber flip-flops or sew sequins or ribbon to the side seams of a tee.

4. Stock up on cheap scarves - they double as both belts and head wraps.
5. Invest in a seamless bra to go under your clingy bargain tops.
6. Buy black - A \$500 black skirt and one that's \$35 can look similar.
7. Tie one on - sashes tied in bows on everything from dresses to jeans, that's how to



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 Fashion - Just for the fun of it!

The Fist: A Play that Israelis and Palestinians Need To See

By Ruth Oron, Zvia Ratz, Avi Gvili, Rose Levy

We are four Israelis who deeply love the land of our birth. Being true to our homeland we thought meant unquestioningly agreeing with and defending everything she did. Yet, like many Israelis today, we also felt ashamed of the brutal occupation in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, going on now for over thirty-seven

and the Air Force as an inseparable part of us, refuse to continue to hurt innocent civilians. These attacks are illegal and unethical, and are the direct result of an ongoing occupation that is corrupting the Israeli society as a whole. This ongoing occupation is disastrous to the security of the State of Israel and its moral fortitude."

The play takes place in an old house once belonging to an Arab family in West Jerusalem, and now owned

greatest sin that a person can have is the desire for contempt, because as soon as you have contempt, as soon as you don't want to see another person as having the fullness that you have, you can rob that person, hurt that person, kill that person."

In "The Fist", Shauli describes some of the horrific consequences of contempt: while serving in the West Bank he kills a little Palestinian girl. His emotion has a profound effect on the audience: you feel the horror of an occupation, the senseless death of an innocent human being, and also the devastating effect it has on the person who did it.

We are very grateful that in Aesthetic Realism consultations and classes the contemptuous way we once saw the Palestinian people was criticized and changed. A turning point for us was in 1982 when, at the suggestion of Class Chairman Ellen Reiss, we each wrote a 500-word soliloquy about what a Palestinian person might feel, asking for the first time: What are his hopes? What are his fears? As we wrote about people we had looked down on - a Palestinian father, a mother, a girl - we saw we are more like them than we ever thought. Each of us saw for ourselves that the fury at people different from ourselves - the consuming hatred we thought unified and strengthened us - was really detrimental and weakening to us. And in its place came new pride and a greater sense of integrity. What this play movingly points to but doesn't say is that for the land to be secure for Israelis and Palestinians, both peoples need to criticize contempt in themselves and see the feelings of each other as real. For this to happen we call on Israelis and Palestinians alike to write the 500-word soliloquy of a person from an opposing nation. Then, the following proposal stated by Ellen Reiss should be implemented immediately:

"Every day, on Israeli and Palestinian radio and television stations, these soliloquies will be read ten of them each day. People will see others as real at last, as real as oneself, and will feel others are seeing them as real. And you cannot hurt a person whom you see as having feelings like your own."

People are yearning for a way of seeing they can trust. These soliloquies are the means. For the bloodsheds and deaths to stop once and for all, and for peace to be in our dear land, we all need to see the feeling of others as real as our own.



L-R: Bob Adrian, Judith Jablonka, Anna Tsirlotakis, Misha Shulman, Mark Brill. Photo Credit: Jonathan Staff

years. Loyalty is a beautiful thing, prized for centuries by cultures all over the world. But is there an ethical criterion for loyalty? We learned through our study of Aesthetic Realism, the education founded by the great American historian and poet, Eli Siegel, that there is. Part of being loyal to a country, we have come to see, is to be accurately critical of where she betrays the best thing in herself. In The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known, Class Chairman Ellen Reiss explains:

"In order to be loyal, we have to see what the person or thing to whom we're loyal to most deeply is. And that is not the same as what he, or it, may be doing at a particular moment. The largest purpose of everyone, Aesthetic Realism explains, is to like and see rightly the world itself. That purpose in a person is the thing to which we need to be loyal.

The horrible mistake people make about loyalty - whether to a person or a nation - is to make loyalty equivalent to going along with whatever the person, or whatever those running the nation want to do."

What is true loyalty to one's country and to one's own self is at the core of the award-winning play titled "The Fist," written by Misha Shulman and directed by Mike Rutenberg. It is about an Israeli commander, Shauli, a conscientious objector sentenced to jail for refusing to serve in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and we were stirred by its performance at the Theater for the New City in New York. The play is based on actual experiences of Israeli army reservists who in 2003 signed an unprecedented letter, stating their refusal to serve in the occupied territories.

The letter, which we respect and see as patriotic, states, in part "We, who see the Israeli Defense Forces

by Shauli's family, where he and his wife are visiting to celebrate the Sabbath. His parents and grandfather, who is a Holocaust survivor, are supporters of the government's policy. They are unaware that Shauli is one of the signers of the historic letter and will soon be imprisoned for the stand he has taken. That evening Shauli talks with great feeling about the cruelty of the Israeli army toward innocent Palestinians, and we also hear a vivid description of the anguish of Israelis who have endured the ongoing horror of suicide bombers, as Shauli's father tells about the recent death of his own brother. Throughout we see the debate tearing apart Israeli society: Shauli's family feels the only way to be safe is by treating the Arabs harshly because, as his father says, "That's the only language they understand." But Shauli says, and his wife agrees: "Don't you see what this occupation is doing to us? We're getting eaten from the inside by our own cruelty."

The cause of what are now daily atrocities: the demolition of Palestinian homes, leaving thousands of innocent people homeless and many dead; and the deaths of hundreds of Israelis by suicide bombers, is contempt, "the addition to self though the lessening of something else." "According to Aesthetic Realism," Eli Siegel writes, "the

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Clarissa Jay

Services were well attended at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2201 Birch Avenue, the "the Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit with the members and pastor of New Hope Baptist Church.

Services began last Sunday morning, July 25, 2004, at 10:50 a.m. with Meditation and Prayer. This was followed by an inspiring presentation by the Praise Team. After the reading of the morning scripture and the offering of the morning prayer, several selections were sung by the New Hope Choir.

Pastor Moton delivered a powerful sermon for the morning. After which, an invitation to discipleship was extended.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Marjorie Thomas. Sister Denese Jamerson welcomed all visitors.

The ANNUAL Church Family Picnic for the New Hope Baptist Church will be held Saturday evening, August 7, 2004, at the Booker T. Washington Park, beginning at 5:00 p. m. This

year, the spear-heading groups are: Protherhood/Male Chorus; Youth/Young Adult Department and the Kononia Bible Study.

The 102nd Annual Session of the West Texas Baptist District Association and Congress of Christian Education get underway at the New Hope Baptist Church on Tuesday morning, August 3, 2004, at 8:30 a.m.

Classes in the Congress will begin on Tuesday as well. There will be classes for all ages.

The Women's Auxiliary will convene on Wednesday morning, August 4, 2004, at 7:30 a. m., with a Prayer Breakfast. Other programs will begin Wednesday afternoon. Pastor Moton is Moderator.

Let us not forget the Women's Prayer Retreat set for August 20 & 21, 2004 at The Ark in Amherst, Texas. Rev. Thea McClendon of the Getsemine Baptist Church of San Angelo, Texas will be guest speaker. Sister Alma Colquitt is director of the retreat.

The ANNUAL Men and Women Day at New Hope Baptist Church will be held

Sunday, September 19, 2004. The theme is: "A TEAM - On Fire For Jesus" - Hebrews 12:28-29.

Convocation 2004 of the Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is convening this week in the Adams Mark Hotel in Dallas, Texas. This event is sponsored by the Department of Christian Education.

Young people of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church are in attendance through Friday, July 30, 2004. They are Nikendra Sylvester, Lamar Johns, Montelee Johns, Dwight Pettis, Stephanie DeVaughn, Belinda Pettis, Junior DeVaughn, Alyssa DeVaughn, King Nash, Denisha Nash, Asya Harris, Christina Grant, Tamarsha Stevens, and Johnnette Grant.

Adult sponsors attending are Rejeanne Sylvester, Linda Robinson, Dee Robinson, Ashley DeVaughn, Dwight Pettis, Jr., and Rev. Danny Poe, pastor.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. Keep in mind there are those who have lost loved ones. God is able.



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WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS

"JESUS IS THE ANSWER"

ISAIAH 55:6,7. SEEK YOU THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND, CALL UPON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR: LET THE WICKED FORSAKE HIS WAYS, AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS THOUGHTS: AND LET HIM RETURN UNTO THE LORD, AND HE WILL HAVE MERCY UPON HIM; AND TO OUR GOD, FOR HE WILL ABUNDANTLY PARDON.

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WITH WHAT IS CALLED; BIG PROBLEMS OF TODAY, THEY'RE NOW COMMITTING SUICIDE; EVEN BLACKS SAY, THAT IS THE WAY.

JOHN 14:6, JESUS SAID, I AM THE ONLY WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY ME.

PEOPLE DON'T KNOW; EVERY PROBLEM HAS AN ANSWER; AND JESUS IS NOT HARD TO FIND. THEY NEED TO TALK WITH HIM; AND HE WILL GIVE THEM PEACE OF MIND.

MATTHEW 11:28-30, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YOU THAT LABOUR(WEARY) AND ARE HEAVY LADEN(OPPRESSED), AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE(THE BIBLE) UPON YOU, AND LEAN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART; AND YOU SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT. ALL MEN NEED TO HUMBLE THEMSELVES; GET ON THEIR KNEES AND PRAY, GOD IS THE GOD FOR THIS WORLD; AND HE KNOWS EVERY WORD YOU WILL SAY.

JEREMIAH 23:23,24, THE LORD SAID, AM I A GOD 'T HAND, AND NOT A GOD AFAR OFF? CAN ANY HIDE HIMSELF IN A SECRET PLACES THAT I SHALL NOT SEE HIM? SAID THE LORD, DO I NOT I FILL HEAVEN AND EARTH?

MAN CAN SAY, YAK'AA-UYHHIG'PIJNH; SPEAKING IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUES, GOD KNOW THE HEART OF ALL MEN; HE KNOWS WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.

1 SAMUEL 16:7b, FOR THE LORD SEETH NOT AS MAN SEETH; FOR MAN LOOKETH ON THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE, PUT THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART. MANY DON'T KNOW JESUS; THE ONLY DOCTOR KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, HE IS YET SOLVING PROBLEMS; FOR MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS.

JOHN 3:17, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON(JESUS) INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED. MANY PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD ARE LOST; THINKING THEY ARE ALL ALONG, THEY'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT JESUS; SETTING AT THE RIGHT OF GOD'S THRONE!!!

HEBREWS 4:16, LET US THEREFORE COME BOLDLY UNTO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY, AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.

IN THIS OLD WORLD'S HOG PEN; PEOPLE SAY: THEIR LIFE IS SO HARD, BUT THE WAY OUT OF IT IS; HUMBLE YOURSELF; AND HAVE A TALK WITH GOD.

***I'M JUST A NOBODY, TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY, ABOUT SOMEBODY, WHO DIED ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY; FOR EVERYBODY!!!!**

ISAIAH 1:18, COME NOW, AND LET US REASON TOGETHER, SAID THE LORD: THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET, THEY SHALL BE AS WHITE AS SNOW; THOUGH THEY BE RED LIKE CRIMSON, THEY SHALL BE AS WOOL.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III. YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS.

In Remembrance... Niccolio M.D. Clay



Funeral services for nine month old Niccolio M. D. Clay were held last Thursday afternoon, July 22, 2004, at Brock's Vernon Charles Chapel with Elder Charles Tanner officiating.

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors. Niccolio passed away Monday, July 19, 2004.

AME Church elects two women bishops

The African Methodist Episcopal Church made history again during its 47th Quadrennial General Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Meeting at the RCA Convention Center and Dome, the delegates elected two women bishops on July 5, 2004.

One of the women added to the Council of Bishops during the

election was the Rev. Carolyn Tyler Guidry, presiding elder of the Los Angeles-Pasadena District of the Southern California Conference. The Rev. Sarah Frances Davis of San Antonio, Texas, a pastor in the Tenth Episcopal District, was the second woman elected during the General Conference. The 46th Quadrennial Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2000, elected the first female bishop, the Rt. Rev. Verli Murphy McKenzie. This brings the total to three women serving the highest office of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Lubbock's Black 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 leaches 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-Dixie 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 inhuman?

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"A Thought For Today!"

Do you think the day will come when our worship services are not ordered and programmed and motivated by man only? But the Holy Spirit. You can't program the Holy Spirit. Jesus said he would send the Holy Spirit. It's entirely in his hands, that is Jesus Christ, our Lord. You can't cool it. You can't shake it. You can't hold it down. It's powerful. It's not limited. It's strength beyond the ordinary. It involves courage, boldness, confidence, insight ability, and authority.

If you believe in Jesus Christ, you can experience the power of the Holy Spirit in your life. You can witness with extraordinary results. We often try to reverse the order and witness by our own power. And authority. Witnessing is not showing what we can do for God, but showing and

telling what God can and has done for us. It's not showing how great God is. Remember out of all our righteousness, we come before him as filthy rags. Lift Christ up for men to see, and he will lift us up. Never try to take Glory for the good thing that's happening and not accepting no responsibility for the wrongs in this world.

He said: "I give you the keys. What you bound on earth, we have the key to present to them, the message of salvation." Think about it. Additional Thoughts: Today is happy hour for the church. Have you ever been to happy hour?

Thought: Sin has you blind. You can't see the enemy attacking you. Get smart, there's a Super body guard that never slumbers nor sleeps. He has an all seeing eye that will watch over you,

and your passions. Draw near to him and he will draw near to you.

Thought: America, God has tremendously blessed you. What are you planning to do to show your appreciation? Think about it, America!

Thought: Uncle Sam can't use us in the Navy or Air Force. We can't fly airplanes, nor run a train. But we are (A Okay) to fight in the Army of the Lord. We are ready for battle. Saints, let's roll!

For all of you who are hurting for many reasons, remember God cares for you. And we're praying for you.

No matter the color or problem, we're about prayer. If you would like us to meet in your home, call (806) 762-3347.

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

St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, July 25, 2004, Sunday School begun at 10:00 a.m. with all officers at their post of duty.

The morning lesson was taught by our pastor, Rev. Edward Canady. It was a beautiful lesson. And all in attendance was blessed.

The morning worship services begun at 11:00 a. m. Deacon Edward William was in charge of the morning devotions.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "Run And Tell It!" His scripture text was St. Mark 5:18-19. It was another wonderful message. The St. Matthew Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls during the morning services.

If you don't have a church home, then come by St. Matthew Baptist Church. You are always welcome.

It was so nice to have our Pastor and Wife back this Sunday morning. When you are doing the work of the Lord, you are missed when you are away.

Thought For The Week: "If God didn't have a purpose for us, we wouldn't be here."

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Brian K. Marks, President and Founder of Dr. Miracle's, spoke about the trend of scientific hair care; Dr. Marcy Street, dermatologist, discussed common multicultural hair care problems and three "Miracle" models revealed their remarkable transformations. Models reveal their astonishing makeover results as they pose with their larger-than-life "before" images (l to r) Brian Marks, Nadia Leiva, Anshika Jais, Danielle Moore and Dr. Marcy Street.

Over the past several months photos in the Dr. Miracle's ad campaign featuring women during their worst hair moments have been generating interest among consumers. The women in these photos "wowed" guests at Dr. Miracle's "Office Hours" luncheon when their miracle hair makeovers were revealed for the first time.

Dr. Marcy Street of Doctor's Dermatology & Laser Center in East Lansing, Michigan helped save other women from becoming a Dr. Miracle's "before" picture when she discussed common multicultural hair and scalp problems and highlighted ways to prevent such problems. Dr. Street urged women to care for their scalps in addition to their hair; she recommended keeping both

their hair and scalp clean and moisturized to promote healthy growing hair.

The event was held in celebration of the exciting new Dr. Miracle's hair care line which includes five different products featuring the "Feel It" formula.

"I've created the new Dr. Miracle's line to fill a void in the multicultural hair care market with products that have medical and scientific properties to treat tough hair problems," said Brian K. Marks, Founder and President of Dr. Miracle's. "Consumers actually feel these products working on their scalp and know that they are on their way to beautiful, healthier hair."

All of Dr. Miracle's products may be used on relaxed, braided, woven or natural hair and are available at beauty and barber supply stores, and online at www.drmiracles.com.

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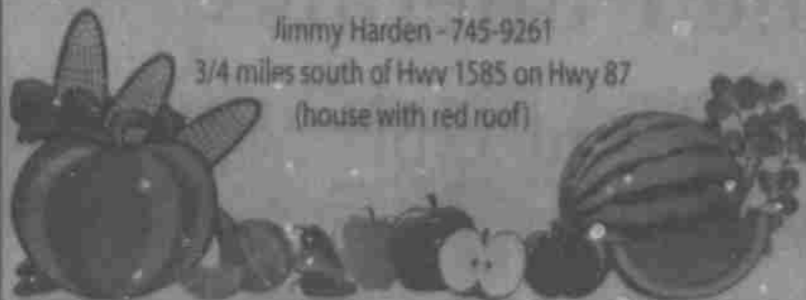
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Child support review process - a new alternative



Greg Abbott
Attorney General of Texas

Most divorced or never married parents recognize the importance of maintaining cordial relationships for the good of their children. They don't want their children to suffer because mom and dad can't get along.

The Attorney General's Office, in its efforts to collect and distribute child support to

families, strives to foster healthy relationships by treating the parent who pays and the parent who receives support as equal partners in doing what is best for their children. Services provided by the Attorney General's Division for Families and Children include:

- Locating absent parents;
- Establishing paternity;
- Establishing and enforcing child support orders;
- Establishing and enforcing medical support orders;
- Reviewing and adjusting child support payments; and
- Collecting and distributing child support payments.

In order to establish paternity and child support orders, parents typically must make at least one trip to the courthouse, where the facts of their case are presented to a judge, who must then rule on the matter. Going to court can be a stressful experience for parents, who many times do not

know what to expect from the process. The formality of legal proceedings can result in increased tension between parents who already may be at odds about the outcome of their case.

I want to provide the best possible atmosphere for mothers and fathers to resolve legal issues pertaining to their child support case. That is why my office encourages parents to use the Child Support Review Process (CSRP) as an alternative to going to court. The CSRP, for mothers and fathers who qualify, is a way to unite rather than polarize parents who, though they do not live together, must find common ground for taking care of their children.

CSRP is for divorced, separated, or never married parents who are willing to negotiate orders to:

- establish paternity;
- set current child and medical support;

- establish visitation rights;
- pay retroactive child support;
- obtain judgments for past due child support;
- modify child support amounts; or
- enforce the payment of child support.

With CSRP, both parents meet with a child support officer in the privacy of an office to establish an order. If traveling to the office creates a hardship for either parent, the meeting can be conducted by conference call.

Once an agreement is reached, the order resulting from the CSRP is filed with the court and reviewed by a judge. After the judge has signed it, a CSRP order is legally binding and will be enforced just as any order obtained through a court proceeding.

Parents should consider CSRP because it:

- Saves time. Cases that go to court often require more than

one setting and long waits at the courthouse. With CSRP, parents schedule an appointment with the child support review officer, and every effort is made to resolve the legal issues at that time.

Reduces stress. Because CSRP is less formal than a courtroom setting, parents feel more free to discuss issues related to their outcome of their individual case.

Provides privacy. Court proceedings are public hearings where sensitive issues may be presented before all present in the courtroom. During the CSRP process, negotiations are conducted in the privacy of a child support office.

If you have a case with the Attorney General's Office and need more information about CSRP, contact your local child support office. To apply for child support services, call (800) 252-8014, or visit our Website at www.oag.state.tx.us and select

Child Support" Information on this and other topics is available on the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

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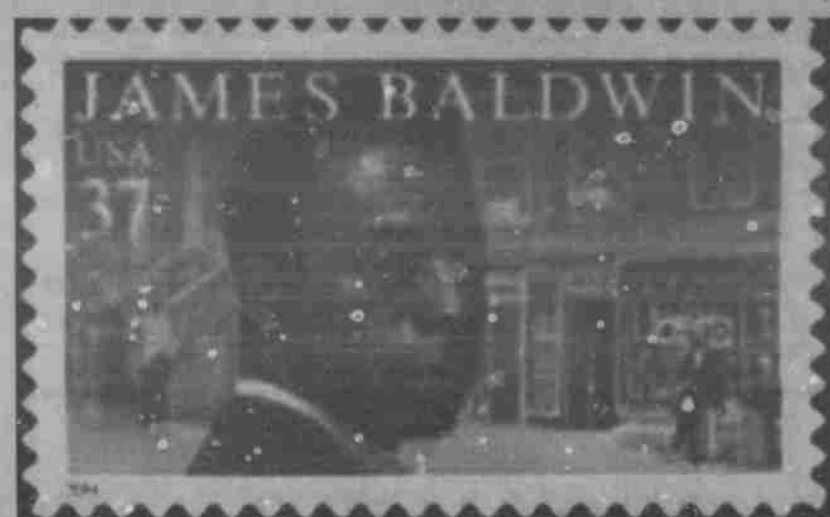
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James Baldwin Tribute: USPS Dedicates 20th Stamp in Literary Arts Series

WASHINGTON, July 23 (PRNewswire) - Well-known author James Baldwin, whose works explore race relations, as well as the arts and human relationships, was honored today when the U.S. Postal Service dedicated a new commemorative postage stamp in its Literary Arts stamp series. The ceremony was held in the Langston Hughes Auditorium of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, NY.



"His writings are a demonstration of his love for all of us. Baldwin wrote with great honesty and passion. You can almost feel his need to explore the hard truths of our society," said Henry Pankey, vice president, Emergency Preparedness, U.S. Postal Service, who dedicated the stamp. "Sometimes, it almost hurts to read his poignant poems, essays, books and plays."

World-renowned author and actor Dr. Maya Angelou, and poet and author Amiri Baraka, delivered tributes to Baldwin. Actor Avery Brooks served as master of ceremonies for the event, which included actor Ossie Davis, Research in Black Culture, and the Reverend Doctor Samuel Joubert, Sr., Pastor Emeritus, Community Baptist Church, Bayside, NY.

The incomparable Boys Choir of Harlem; Odetta, folk music's grand-dame, and actor, and singer Jerry Dixon provided musical selections.

Stamp artist Thomas Blackshear II based his portrait of Baldwin on a black-and-white photograph taken around 1960, probably in New York. The stamp background is evocative of Baldwin's novel "Go Tell It on the Mountain," set in Harlem, and is based on a photograph by Berenice Abbot taken in Harlem in 1938.

To see the James Baldwin stamp and other images from the 2004 Commemorative Stamp Program, visit the Postal Store at <http://www.usps.com/shop> and

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SOUTHWEST DIGEST over the years. Among them are ... THE OUTREACH PRAY'ER BREAKFAST ... which has been in this publication ... and we are thankful. Then, there is ... REV. D.A. SMITH ... pastor of Smith Temple Church ... who has contributed some dynamic columns for nearly ... 20 YEARS. Of course there is ... THANK GOD FOR JESUS by BROTHER B.J. MORRISON ... no matter what, you may think about his comments ... he has remained with us. THIS N THAT is most appreciative of IN CINQUE ... by a former Lubbock resident who resides in Gulf Port, Mississippi ... SISTER RENETTA HOWARD. Over the years ... we've lost

some good friends who have gone on. They included ... MAUNITA TERRELL & RUBY JAY ... who were sisters and reported weekly news of interest in the community. At this time ... we have a niece and daughter ... CLARISSA JAY ... who is filling in on what these ladies had begun. THIS N THAT ... is happy this newspaper has ... "FASHION CORNER" ... and ... LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEARS ... No matter ... who has made a contribution ... THIS N THAT ... is happy to see these many efforts ... THANK ALL OF YOU for what you have contributed. As we approach our 27TH YEAR in looking back ... it has been a mighty long journey ... beginning with ... PRAYER ... AN OLD IBM TYPEWRITER ... A

TABLE ... ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE LATE REV. A.W. WILSON ... who was pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church ... and ... ONLY FIVE DOLLARS. Rev. Wilson ... would visit the Lubbock Digest ... frequently and remind us that ... WE COULD MAKE IT! CELEBRATING 63 YEARS IN LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT ... wants the pastor and members of the ... BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ... that we are saluting you on the ... 83RD CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. Just think ... less than ten Black citizens met in one of their homes in East Lubbock ... in the year ... 1921 WITH A VISION TO START A CHURCH ... and here on ... SUN-

DAY AFTERNOON ... August 15, 2004 ... this great celebration will take place. If you get an opportunity ... go by this church in the afternoon hour ... beginning at 3:00 p. m ... and hear one of their former members bring the message. Should be an outstanding afternoon. If you really think about it ... LUBBOCK, TEXAS ... is just 12 years older than the ... Bethel AME Church. PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "No matter ... how you may look at it ... YOU CANNOT ... shake hands ... with a ... CLENCHED FIST." HOPE YOU ARE A REGISTERED VOTER! THIS N THAT ... reminds that the ... GENERAL ELECTION ... is just around the corner ... that date is ... NOVEM-

BER 2, 2004 ... when we elect the next ... PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. This week the DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION ... is being held in ... Boston, Massachusetts. The REPUBLICAN CONVENTION ... will be held next month in New York, N.Y. THIS YEAR'S RACE APPEARS TO BE ... A CLOSE ONE ... and this should excite you to vote come this November. Hope you are a ... REGISTERED VOTER ... and you are going to ... VOTE! JUST THINK SCHOOL BEGINS SOON! THIS N THAT ... was looking at the calendar the other day ... and realized that the ... SCHOOL DOORS ... will open in the next THREE WEEKS. Boy ... how time flies!



Time Out!

by Eddie P. Richardson

City Manager, trained more potential City Council City Managers than any other City Manager in the state. It's always easy to complain, find fault, or criticize anyone. But the question is: "Can you help straighten out or improve the situation?" Lubbock has had, in this writer's opinion, one of the best managers, best run cities, best councils in the country. All of a sudden, it had a problem with exorbitant, vacant positions, etc., which caused some problems, but not a disaster. During his short tenure, QUINCY WHITE held the pieces together. We do not need a City Council that looks for and finds faults of past City Councils, but one that finds ways of improving and moving ahead with what we have. Anyone can groan and moan and complain, but that is

not what we elected our City Council to do. We elected them to do, improve, and move ahead, not complain about what did or did not happen. The past is gone. The future is not here ... be in love with today! We now have a relatively new City Council. I hope they don't come in with the negative attitude of "see how small I am". I can find fault of past City Councils and administrations or Administrators, but what can I do to improve or make things better. Any idiot can complain, but it takes a smart person to step forward to improve and set the record straight without fanfare, but for the good of all citizens of Lubbock. Simple Thought: You can't lead where you don't go. You can't teach what you don't know.

Last Sunday's *Avalanche Journal* (July 25, 2004) carried an article about the city's past financial dealings. Former Mayors Windy Silton and David Langston defended their administrations. Lubbock has always had a high bond rating since I can remember. Lubbock has had the highest city manager and administrator placement relative to other cities in Texas. Lubbock was once called the "City Manager Training Capitol of Texas." Larry Cunningham, former

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

Just when I thought that I was savvy about identity theft, I have found myself a victim anyway. Upon return from a trip out of town, I received by United Parcel an express package containing a new credit card with information regarding the fact that my card had been intercepted by persons unknown and to destroy the one which I had and activate the one which they had sent because any future transactions on the old card would not be honored. I recalled making a purchase where the card was out of my possession and wondered if this had been the instance when I was exploited. To my surprise, I received a newspaper in which I found an article, this same week entitled "Protect yourself from credit card fraud." This article was in the Southwest Digest on Thursday, July 15, 2004. It was written by Greg Abbott, Attorney General of Texas. He said, "When using a credit card in person, never let it out of your possession. It is possible for a dishonest clerk to swipe your credit card with a hand recorder and download your financial information at a later date. Reputable businesses will have their credit card machines near the cash register, in full view of the customer. You should also shield your credit card and PIN number from others

so that they aren't copied or captured on a cellular telephone camera." I believe my card was captured on a cellular telephone camera because the clerk showed me my bill on her cellular telephone, as she was working an exhibit for which she had to contact the store to complete the sale. I have no idea how much damage has been or will be done to my financial credit status, but I have learned a valuable lesson, perhaps one where I need to pay cash for future purchases, as check writing is also on the endangered list. AARP The Magazine, also has an article in the July & August 2004 issue entitled, "Rip-off Alert: Beat the Cheats" in which they tell you about 17 common scams. The scam which I was not aware of is the one where your outgoing mail to pay your bills is swiped by

crooks who use acetone to wash the ink from your check after they put cellophane tape over your signature, front and back to leave it intact. The acetone will lift anything that is not printer's ink except your tape-protected signature. They blow dry the check, flatten it in a book and once the tape is removed, they have a blank check with your signature. It is suggested that you purchase a gel pen, the only kind that is counterfeit-proof to acetone and other "check washing" chemicals. It seems worthwhile now to pay for a "stop payment" when someone says they did not get the one you mailed to them. We must get "in cinque" and realize that this is a new age, with new terms of theft that we must be on guard to counteract. We cannot be too careful with our credit cards or checks.



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Local soldier 'fuels' Iraqi Freedom with 809th

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Combatant commanders know that war grinds to a deadening halt without fuel - fuel for tanks, trucks, jets, helicopters, generators. They understand that Soldiers' survival rates and mission success

and surveillance oversight, storing the fuel at the sites we had laid out to store the fuel, and then, ultimately, pushing that fuel forward into the country in support of their operation."

Cruz knew how vital a role his teams played in the overall

"Our biggest thing was making sure the civilian drivers got to where they needed to and to help resolve any of their issues," Gaston said, "like being roughed up on the roads, landlords, or warlords, if you will, wanting people setting up check points where

certain level," Pyle-Vandersys continued. "Fuel would come in as Jet-A1 fuel, which is pure, straight fuel. We had to inject it with the FSII. We tested the level of it and the levels were within limits of what the Army Petroleum Center had set forth for OIF and OEF. We also did

though," Pyle-Vandersys added.

Dominguez said unit cohesion made the deployment a success and more enjoyable. "Our unit is a real tight group," he said. "Everybody is real professional and knows their job, so that made it easier. The teamwork made it all worthwhile. Besides being away from my family, that was the only negative aspect of it. It was a good learning experience. Everything went real smooth."

"The little down time we had, I spent most of my time in the gym," said Dominguez, who has a wife and three children, the youngest of whom was 3 months old when he left. "We had long days out there. Besides that, I worked out. The time went real fast. I spoke with my family often. The family support program in New Mexico is real good. I know I'm looking forward to being a husband again."

Gaston, who was greeted by her sister-in-law and niece at Fort Hood, said that upon quick reflection, all things considered, it wasn't that bad.

"The good thing about the trip was learning more about my job and getting the chance to use the skills I have in petroleum," Gaston said. "Living conditions weren't too bad, but a little rough. You had to walk to the latrine about 200 yards away each time, so that was a little rough. Getting used to live on a cot after sleeping in your bed for years took some adjustment. The food was actually pretty good; we had civilian contracted cooks. The days were long, typically 12-14 hour days, and you worked every day, there were no days off. There wasn't much downtime so, if there was, you hit the movies or you had videos in your room. We had pretty good contact with families and that

hardest part of it, because Soldiers want to do a good job - they volunteered, they're all ready to go - but there are times that some of them, maybe their spouse misses them more on one particular day than another one, so they have second thoughts about whether they will re-enlist or get out or what they're going to do when they get back. But, by and large, I think just about everyone in the unit will stay in."

"We did have access to the Internet," he said. "We were very fortunate that most of my guys live in Albuquerque, so they were able to call off a CSN line from where we were to back in the states and ask to be connected to Kirtland (AFB), so they got free phone calls daily to their families, so that was a big plus and it took a lot of pressure and relief off that component."

"It will be just a matter of getting back to our lives," Cruz said about readjusting. "I think everyone is anxious to do that, and the families have been supportive of us. I think everything should work out."

Cruz admires the job his teams did while deployed and pointed to some lessons learned.

"The team did fantastic. The individual teams and the unit as a whole just did a super job of essentially fulfilling a role of a liaison detachment."

"We really have not had much experience doing some of these things," he said.

"That's something we'll have to look at now in peacetime, maybe some of the specialized training we might be able to do, with Defense Energy Support Center, trying to get our guys quality assurance representative qualified. Some of the interaction we had was direct with the refineries, with host nation, so that's kind of difficult to do from the Reserve center. So we will have to get creative and find out how we can better incorporate some of that into our training."

The 809th was the only unit of its kind in theater until they got relieved and Cruz believes the Army is beginning to recognize how important fuel specialists will be in future operations.

The role of the quartermaster liaison detachment has changed," Cruz said. "I don't know if a lot of thought has been given to how we can use these specialized teams. Now that this (war) has occurred, you have a strong demand for them, because you have a group of experienced senior officers and NCOs, so you can put them in places where you need some kind of operational impact that you need to have almost immediately. You need to be able to put people on the ground who you know are capable of doing what needs to be done. I think they are looking at our kind of units more now; I think we kind of made the spotlight."

Editor's Note: Major Patricia Gaston has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel since this article was written. The Southwest Digest would like to congratulate her on her promotion!



Photo by Master Sgt. Warren Byrd

Members of the 809th Quartermaster Detachment (Petroleum) walk across the tarmac at Fort Hood Texas after arriving on a 'Freedom Flight' following duty in Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Pictured are, from left: Maj. Patricia Gaston, Sgt. 1st Class Brian Hinkley, Staff Sgt. Jodi Pyle-Vandersys, Master Sgt. James Quintana and Lt. Col. Larry Cruz.

often hinge on the fuel supply.

They don't want to find themselves surveying a field of carnage after a battle in which tanks and vehicles sputtered to a premature stop after running out of gas, forcing Soldiers to engage in hand-to-hand combat in a battle for life.

It's a no-brainer. Units need fuel to win battles. That is all the motivation members of the 809th Quartermaster Detachment (Petroleum) needed on their recent deployment to Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait and Uzbekistan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 809th returned to Fort Hood in November following a seven-month stay in the Middle East. Lt. Col. Larry Cruz, commander, said his troops worked exhaustively in several countries, handling fuel logistical operations (how many trucks were needed to haul fuel, etc.) and making sure fuel not only passed quality specifications, but reached its destination. They inspected fuel, removed fuel from the pipeline and pushed it north to Iraq on either military or civilian trucks.

The "bag farms," or fuel storage facilities, were equipped with what they needed to take the fuel off the trucks and put them into the bag farms. Fuel was dispensed from those locations across the theater of operations.

"We had a team up in Afghanistan in Camp Stronghold, Uzbekistan," Cruz began. "We also had a team in Qatar that was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. They were doing a reroute to a pipeline distribution system from where most of the fighter aircraft were flying missions into Iraq. We had a team in Kuwait that was inspecting commercial tanker fuel systems that were contracted to support Warfighter into Iraq. So that's what we did for the first seven weeks working with Defense Energy Support Center-Middle East out of Bahrain. I had a group working operations there, overseeing all of their fuel operations for the Middle East, also in support of Iraqi Freedom."

"We went to Kuwait after about seven weeks and fell underneath the 49th Quartermaster Petroleum Group, an active component unit," he said. We essentially ran their operations. We had the responsibility of receiving fuel from the refineries, putting in the additives, making sure that we had the quality assur-

success of the American forces' missions.

"It was critically important, as far as the mission goes," said Cruz, who rotated to each country to check on his teams and provide assistance. "There are several storage sites throughout Iraq but, essentially, if we didn't make the daily pushes that we made forward, everything would come to a standstill eventually. Within a number of days, there wouldn't be fuel on the ground, wouldn't be fuel for those infantry Soldiers to go out and do their raids, do their patrols, there wouldn't be fuel for flights. So, the OPTEMPO would pretty much come to a screeching halt if those pushes that they were relying on us to make weren't made. We were the primary theater petroleum manager, so it was our responsibility to ensure that the fuel was there on time, on grade, on spec."

Sgt. Michael Dominguez agreed. "We're way up there in the food chain as far as how important a role we play," he noted. "We played a real big role. Everybody out there who I worked with was important. Without that truck driver the fuel couldn't get pushed, without that mechanic the maintenance on those trucks wouldn't get done and the trucks couldn't push the fuel. Everybody that we used all played a big part in it. It won't work right if one piece is messed up."

The 809th had three teams - one in Uzbekistan, one in Kuwait and one in Qatar. After those missions, they all consolidated and went to Kuwait and became part of the 49th Quartermaster Group and worked an operation cell in petroleum, pushing fuel to Iraq.

The team in Qatar worked pipeline issues, the one in Bahrain handled operations issues, and the group in Kuwait inspected all the trucks that were being used to push fuel north. They inspected hundreds of trucks to make sure they were fuel worthy, clean enough to carry it and that the safety specs were right. The 809th also had to consider environmental concerns, like making sure the trucks had no leaks and weren't going down the road leaking fuel.

Maj. Patricia Gaston served as petroleum liaison officer, basically providing expertise to the command in any fueling operations, such as in Uzbekistan. Fuel arrived there from Pakistan, delivered every day by civilian drivers.

they wanted to get paid, or they wouldn't let trucks get through. So we deal with those issues, plus things like drivers going on strike, so we had to resolve that to keep the bird flying."

The fuel was for use by all branches of the U.S. military - Gaston worked with officials from Uzbekistan and Pakistan, particularly with the refinery plants. The U.S. contracted fuel for its military to use.

"We made sure we inspected the fuel we got to make sure it was on spec," Gaston said. "If there was an issue with that, we dealt with the supplier or the interface country. I bounced around. My main role started out as being a petroleum liaison officer with the Defense Energy Supply Center out of Bahrain, then I went to Uzbekistan as a liaison officer for them. I basically did that with the Joint Logistic Command in petroleum."

Staff Sgt. Jodi Pyle-Vandersys tested fuel that was being stored in the bag farms, and did quality assurance checks on the fuel trucks.

"I would do what they call the slosh test, and draw samples from the fuel in the trucks and determine if it was good to go," she said. "If it had too much sediment in the fuel we would drain it out and test it again. If it failed on the third time, they had to go back and get steam cleaned again and refueled. We tested the purity of the fuel, water reaction tests, conducted short FSII tests."

FSII is a freezing inhibitor, a chemical that water attaches itself to to prevent icing of lines," Pyle-Vandersys explained. It is used for helicopters and planes so when they get to certain altitudes and the water freezes, it prohibits the fuel from freezing "so the planes don't drop out of the sky."

"I tested to make sure that the FSII levels maintained at a

flashpoint (make sure there wasn't an explosion or prohibit it from starting) and distillation tests."

Unit members said they learned a lot, enjoyed most of the deployment and were lucky in that they could communicate with family members frequently.

"I enjoyed the whole experience," Pyle-Vandersys said. "Granted, there are things you don't like about anything. It was a great experience being there, driving into Baghdad,



Photo by Master Sgt. Warren Byrd

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Hinkley (left) greets Sgt. Michael Dominguez on the tarmac at Fort Hood's airfield after he gets off the Freedom Flight from Iraq.

seeing Saddam's Palace and going to Camp Victory. I think I would have regretted it if I hadn't gone."

"I did get bitten up pretty good by the sand flies,

was a real big positive for us."

Cruz said it was easy to pinpoint the toughest part of the deployment.

"I think sometimes the personal side of it is probably the

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