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## Election Update

Early voters have many choices for weekend voting. There is always plenty to do in Lubbock on the weekends, and this Saturday and Sunday you can only vote as you're out and about. There are eight polling places open this weekend, and all will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. "Some voters don't have time to go to the polls during the week," Elections Administrator Dorothy Kennedy said. "But the weekend is the perfect time to swing by and vote while you're out running errands. We know there'll be more than 500,000 people at the Tech and UT game," she said, "so you should be able to get in and out in a hurry when you early vote." Early voting is available this weekend at the County Courthouse, the South Plains Mall, Albertson's on 3249 50th Street, and United Supermarkets at 1701 50th Street, 8201 Quaker Avenue, 112 North University Avenue, 2-30 Parkway Drive and 401 Slide Road. Parking at the Courthouse will be ample this weekend. Voters should enter through the east or west doors and go to the fifth floor to vote. At the end of the first five days of early voting on Friday, 17,702 ballots had been cast in the General Election and 12,974 in the City of Lubbock Special Election.

## Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm - Mae Simmons Community Center
- 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 3rd Thursday 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 Merket 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-Prin Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing. You can mail it to:  
Community Meetings  
P.O. Southwest Digest  
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or bring it by our offices:  
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## LaRouche: Bush-Cheney could cause more Americans to die of the Flu than were killed in the 9/11 attack

Oct. 18, 2004—The newspapers are featuring pictures of bewildered and despairing elder citizens, waiting in queues in supermarkets, for flu-vaccine doses that are simply not there. President Bush's gloating expression during the late Presidential debate, when the subject of flu vaccine was taken up, must be seen as that President's cruel, gloating expression flaunted in the face of the senior and other citizens waiting in those queues.

So, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. issued the warning today, that, "More people could unnecessarily die of the flu this year, than were killed in the 9/11 terrorist attack," given how the Bush Administration is threatening the health of the United States. LaRouche cited the Administration's refusal to act to mitigate the current crisis, its years-long record of negligence in vaccine procurement, and President Bush's personal display of inhumanity.

LaRouche pointed in particular to Bush's remarks during the Oct. 13 debate, when the President said, "I'm not getting a flu shot this year," as an excuse for his Administration's refusing to work with states and localities to direct scarce supplies to priority recipients, and make other contingency arrangements.

Secondly, LaRouche pointed out how Bush's follow-on remark in the debate—that his health officials would likely obtain more vaccine from Canada—was a deception. Even as late as Oct. 14, Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services, in charge of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), fell back on the standing Federal line that, due to "drug safety" issues, probably no Canadian vaccines would be procured; Thompson said the FDA has not licensed the factories in advance. In Vancouver, some 1.5 million shots are potentially available to the U.S. for high-risk persons.

In reality, the Bush/Cheney campaign does not want to risk the adverse publicity that would ensue from allowing Canadian-manufactured drugs into the United States—which they're on record as opposing! "Bush's lies are more important to him than human life," was LaRouche's comment.

An estimated 36,000 people die in the United States yearly because of influenza, with 200,000 hospitalizations, according to national health statistics for recent years. Some 5,000 to 10,000 more deaths at the least, could occur during the 2004-05 influenza season, as a consequence of Bush Administration negligence. Bush is a killer.

### Negligence in Face of Crisis

The announcement came Oct. 5, that 48 million flu vaccine shots—half the anticipated total supply of 100 million for this influenza season—would not be available, because British health authorities de-licensed the vaccine factory in Liverpool from which the U.S. shipments were to come, through its owner, the California-based Chiron Corp.

Immediately, the response of Federal authorities should have been to intervene to assay the location of the other 50 million-plus doses going out to U.S. channels from the remaining supplier, France-based Aventis Pasteur, and redirect what among those lots, could go to those most in need—elderly; targeted pediatric age-groups; chronically ill; front-line health workers, and related groups.

In fact, the Bush Administration health officials had forewarning of problems at Chiron's British plant in August 2004, when contamination was found in some lots of Chiron vaccine, and they did nothing. The British government then acted to line up back-up sources; but the Bush Administration did nothing.

The leading Bush Administration officials responsible for dealing with the crisis are sticking to "voluntary redistribution," and honoring pre-existing contracts. Since an estimated 85% of flu vaccine is ordered privately (doctors' offices, nursing homes, supermarket suppliers, etc.), and 15% is ordered publicly (county health departments, Federal agencies, the VA system), the Bush Administration's hands-off policy guarantees chaos.

On Oct. 18, the American College of Emergency Physicians, an organization of 22,000 doctors, meeting in San Francisco, issued a plea for Federal action and resources to be able to handle the



coming wave of patients. The drastically eroded U.S. hospital base—public and Veterans Affairs facilities—cannot cope with a patient surge, without Federal contingency preparation. The Bush Administration has ignored this.

### Malfaisance in Procurement - Vaccine

The Kerry/Edwards campaign ad released on Oct. 16 rightly stated, "Three years ago, medical experts warned George Bush that a dangerous shortage loomed. Instead of fixing the problem, production was sent to a factory overseas—the vaccines were contaminated." A simple timeline documents the record of malfaisance in procurement by the Bush Administration, leading up to the fact that for the 2004-05 flu season, approval was given for reliance on only two suppliers for 100 million doses of vaccine, half of which was to come from an off-shore facility, known to be risky!

This, from an Administration which says it is doing everything possible for "homeland security"!

### 2001

During the 2001 flu season, the 74 million flu shots available were inadequate. In May, the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO, now the Government Accountability Office) supplied a report, "Flu Vaccine: Supply Problems Heighten Need to Ensure Access for High-Risk People," stating that delays in flu vaccine over 2000-01 showed that "The government and the pharmaceutical industry are unprepared for a flu pandemic or vaccine

shortages" and that, in the event of shortages, "Currently, there is no system to ensure that high-risk people have priority when the supply of vaccine is short."

In November, the Council of the Institutes of Medicine called for creation of a national Vaccine Authority to coordinate action to deal with unreliable vaccine supplies, and pending crises.

By the end of the year, Monarch, a significant vaccine producer, announced it was exiting the industry. This followed the 2000 exit by Pfizer, the giant drug-maker, and by 2003, both Wyeth and Merck had exited the injectable-flu-vaccine industry, leaving only two companies remaining.

The Bush Administration did nothing!

### 2002

In September, the GAO issued another report, focussing on ways the FDA could "help address the unmet need of a stable and sufficient vaccine supply." These recommendations were ignored.

### 2003

In March, the Institutes of Medicine issued its 400-page, ten-year study, Microbial Threats to Health: Emergence, Detection, and Response, stating that vaccine manufacturers could hardly meet demand in 2001 and 2002; the "public health infrastructure is inadequate," it found, and the U.S. and other countries were unprepared, in particular, for the risk of pandemic.

In June, an FDA team was deployed to Liverpool, England, to inspect a vaccine facility—at

which they found contamination problems; but nevertheless, they subsequently gave the okay to the prospective plant purchase., Chiron Corp. of California, to operate the plant to supply the United States with 46-48 million flu shots—half the intended 2004-05 supply. This approval occurred despite the fact that the plant had had a succession of owners and underinvestment; and in 2000, when owned by Celtech, had been shut down for tainted polio vaccine.

### 2004

In August, Chiron announced that as many as several million flu vaccination doses might have been contaminated. But only after the Oct. 5 shutdown of the Liverpool plant by British regulatory officials, did the FDA send investigators, and find for themselves the manufacturing problems. The FDA has not made available its June 2003 inspection report.

### Crisis Program To Deal with the Crisis; Reverse the Policies That Created It

On Oct. 6, at an international webcast in Washington, D.C., LaRouche described the need for a crisis program to deal with the crisis, and to roll back the policies that created it in the first place. On the vaccine shortages: "Treat it like a military emergency. You have all the relevant institutions tasked to come up with an approach to this and, whatever it takes, do the job."

Second, undertake a "restructuring of the implementation of our health-care policy." Restore hospitals—the frontline defense against infectious disease. "Look what we've done since 1973, since the HMO law was put in. We have destroyed essential parts of the medical defense system of the United States. And we're killing people by that!" We have taken down medical reserves of all kinds.

"To put the human race at risk in this way, was a mistake! We have to adopt a policy of correcting that mistake, by reversing the policies which led to that mistake.... Do whatever it takes."

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## Kerry the only candidate who accepted invitation in BET interview

Washington, D.C.—Presidential hopeful, Senator John Kerry (D-Massachusetts) accepted the invitation extended by BET Founder and CEO Robert Johnson to address African-American voters in a primetime interview special on the network. The Speak Now Special with Senator Kerry, named for BET's non-partisan national voter registration and political activism campaign which aired on Thursday, October 7. Long-time BET News



anchor and talk show host Ed Gordon will host the half-hour, one-on-one conversation with Senator Kerry.

Mr. Johnson invited both President George W. Bush and Senator Kerry on September 14 to each have their own prime time opportunity on BET to discuss issues of relevance to African-American viewers as the November election draws nearer.

A week away from the election, only Senator Kerry has accepted the invitation. The Bush Administration has offered only a response that they are considering BET's invitation.

## Who Killed Mary Davis?

The Southwest Digest is still asking for your help in finding out who killed Mary E. Davis, who was known as the "Candy Lady."

She was killed in her residence at 2622 Globe Avenue on Wednesday evening, January 1, 2004. A native of Bryan, Texas, she was a longtime

resident of Lubbock. She was also known for her beautiful yard she kept, with beautiful flowers.

The Gandy's Dairies, Inc. put up a \$10,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in this murder. For more information, call Crime Line at 741-1000.



## Radio personality Tom Joyner to lead "March to Vote" rally in Miami on October 29

DALLAS /PRNewswire/ - Tom Joyner, the top ranked nationally syndicated radio personality and entrepreneur, is organizing a major "March to Vote" rally in Miami on Oct. 29th, just four days before the closely watched general election on November.



Joyner

In an effort to significantly increase the number of early voters, Joyner is calling on Miami-Dade residents to join him in casting their votes immediately following his Southwest Airlines Sky Show taking place that morning at the Jackie Gleason Theater in Miami Beach.

"You know everybody has their eyes on Florida," said Joyner, who was recognized by Newsday as one of the nation's most influential political voices in the country. "And I want to make sure everybody who's registered comes out to vote... and that they come out to vote early."

Numerous local and national GOTV efforts (Unity '04 and NAACP), major celebrities, and the Northwestern High School Marching Band will march voters from the theater to the neighboring Miami Beach City Hall, where there will be voting booths and election officials' site.

The "March to Vote" Rally comes just a week after Joyner held a major five-city effort to get voters, particularly African-American voters, to vote early in Las Vegas, Nev., Little Rock, Ark., Nashville, Tenn., Orlando, Fla., and Raleigh/Durham, NC.

Throughout the year, Joyner has been an active member in voter empowerment efforts with Unity '04, a coalition of more than 160 organizations that has spent the past year registering new voters, educating the Black community on the power of one vote and motivating voters to cast their ballots on Election Day.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please remind yourself that we are all human. We publish something for everyone and we don't always get it right. Some people are always looking for mistakes instead of looking at their own lives.

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Clarissa Jay

A very impressive reception was held last Saturday evening, October 23, 2004, at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library for Presiding Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram and Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram, Episcopal Supervisor of Missions, of the Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. They were here this week for the Annual Conference of the Northwest Texas Conference. The event was sponsored by the Ma J. Cates Missionary Society of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Danny R. Poe is pastor. Also present was Presiding Elder and Mrs. Johnny Ray Mitchell.

Several local church members were present.

Nearly two hundred young people were in attendance of the Young People Department of the African Methodist Episcopal Church last Saturday morning, October 23, 2004. This was the annual meeting prior to the Annual Conference of the Northwest Texas Conference.

It is so important this column remind you as citizens that it is our duty to exercise our right to vote. But far too many of us don't make use of the right for which so many fought and died. That is why Delta Sigma

Theta Sorority, Inc. is encouraging everyone to vote in the upcoming election. Remember, Vote and the choice is yours. Don't Vote and the choice is theirs. Absentee Voting ends October 26th. Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2004, from 7:00 a. m. until 7:00 p. m. There is too much at stake for you not to vote. Please vote!

Churches services at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue — the "Church Where The People Really Care — were well attended last Sunday morning. Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor. If you are looking for a church home, come and visit the New Hope Baptist Church.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in in the community. Among them is the writer of this column, Clarissa Jay, who is a patient at Covenant Health System. A longtime resident, Sister Ora Jean Keys remains ill at this report. There are many in our community who are ill. Remember, God is able.

Don't forget those families who have lost loved ones.

The 15th Appreciation Service for Pastor B. R. Moton and family will be held Sunday afternoon, November 7, 2004, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

If you are unable to attend church services because of conditions beyond your control, then listen to the Word over KJAK, 92.7 FM where the New Hope Baptist Church Broadcast is presented each Sunday morning from 11:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. It is good to attend your church for the Word, but if you can't, then listen to the Broadcast.

Southwest Airlines will be sending Senior Citizens "Home for the Holidays" again this year. If you are a Senior Citizen, applications will be accepted no later than Monday, November 8, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Office by dialing 767-2704.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast will be sponsoring an "All Woman of Prayer" program Saturday morning, October 30, 2004, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Sis. Ruby Doss of the Free Will Baptist Church of Slaton, Texas. The theme is "If My People Pray," II Chronicles 7:14.

Pastor B. R. Moton's sermon last Sunday morning at New Hope Baptist Church was "You've Tried Everything Else, Now Try Jesus." His scripture text was St. Mark 5:23-34.

## In Remembrance

### Lubbock man's brother, Rev. Dr. Enoch W. Henry, Jr. succumbs October 11, 2004 in Palestine, Texas

Palestine, Texas - Funeral services for the Rev. Dr. Enoch W. Henry, Jr. were held Thursday afternoon, October 14, 2004, at Memorial Cemetery in Palestine with the Rev. Margaret Clark of Los Angeles, California officiating.



Henry, Jr.

All arrangements were under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

The Rev. Henry died Monday, October 11, 2004, at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, Texas.

He was born February 19, 1923 in Palestine to the Rev. E. W.

Henry, Sr. and Ophelia Spencer Henry.

The Rev. Henry served 58 years in the ministry, having pastored churches in Oklahoma and Los Angeles, California. He is a part of a family of ministers that received the Shield of Faith for giving over 400 years of ministry to the Christian Church Disciples of Christ.

At the time of retirement, the Rev. Dr. Henry was Director of Special Congregational Services of the Department of Evangelism and Membership with the Christian Church of Disciples of Christ, Division of Homeland Ministries which is based in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was secretary for the Piedmont Tri-State Area including Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina. The Rev. Henry was the first black

president of the Pacific Northwest for the Christian Church Disciples of Christ, including California, Nevada and Hawaii.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife LaVera Henry; son, Enoch W. Henry, III; and sister, Cera Jackson.

He is survived by his children: Laverne Allen of Dallas, Texas; Saundra Jones of Fontana, California; Felton Henry of Torrance, California and Forrest W. Henry of Hurst, Texas; siblings: Annie Fain of Palestine, Texas; Carol Boyd of Jacksonville, Texas; Ruthie Jackson of Palestine, Texas; Mattie Ester of Oakland, California; Betty J. Cannon and Kenneth Henry, both of Atlanta, Georgia; and Charles Henry of Lubbock, Texas; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### Lela Mae Dial Cooper

Funeral services for Lela Mae Dial Cooper were held last Saturday afternoon, October 23, 2004, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

Arrangements were under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors in Lubbock.



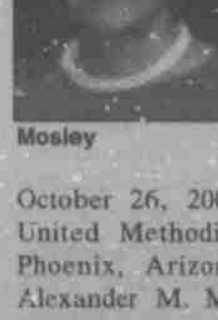
Cooper

Mrs. Cooper died Monday, October 18, 2004, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born July 4, 1949 in Lubbock to Lee and Ethel Dial.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her step-mother, Amanda Dial; her four children: Ethel Pollard, and Gloria, Larry and Prennis Dial; and a host of other family members and friends.

### Bulah Mae Mosley



Mosley

Glendale, Arizona - Funeral services for former Lubbock resident, Bulah Mae Mosley, were held Tuesday morning, October 26, 2004, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Phoenix, Arizona with Rev. Alexander M. Mason officiating.

Mrs. Mosley passed away Wednesday, October 20, 2004.

Sue was born July 26, 1946 in Lubbock to Alfred and Luvenia McKelvey. She was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church where she held many positions. She was an active member in the Sisters of the Valley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Mosley; and son, Kenneth Mosley.

She is survived by her mother, Luvenia Sampson of Texas; her father, Alfred (Viola) McKelvey, Sr.; daughter, Mintzi Mosley; grandchildren, Arianna and Jordan Mosley; brother, Alfred (Karen) McKelvey, Jr.; all of California; brother, Charles (Janet) McKelvey and sister, Barbara (George) Hudson, both of Texas; and a sister, Beatrice (William) Jackson of California.

### Christopher Phillips

Funeral services for Christopher Phillips were held last Tuesday afternoon, October 26, 2004, at Manhattan Heights Church of Christ with Tyrone Dubose officiating.

Burial was held in Reshavan Memorial Park under



Phillips

the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Mr. Phillips died Thursday, October 21, 2004, in Lubbock. He was born here December 9, 1950.

He is survived by a daughter, Tempest Nicole Phillips of Dallas, Texas; step-daughter, Crystal Phillips of Dallas, Texas; two sons, Kevin Christopher Phillips and Demetrius Jones of Albuquerque, New Mexico; his mother, Lela Phillips of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers, Jerry (Christine) Phillips of Cedar Hill, Texas and Don Neil Phillips of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Ruby (Quincy) White of Lubbock, Texas; an uncle, Freddie (Pat) Levy of Lubbock, Texas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Deadline nears for applications through Stenholm's office

Students must submit applications on or before Wednesday, December 1st

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) reminds interested high school and college students and others who may be interested



Stenholm

that the deadline for applying to the United States Service Academies for the 2005-2006 school year is just over one month away. The deadline to apply to any service academy through Congressman Stenholm's office is Wednesday, December 1st, 2004. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Stenholm's San Angelo Congressional office as soon as possible for more information.

Eligible applicants must be

at least 17 but not past their 23rd birthday, and they need to have graduated from high school by June 2005. They also must be single with no dependents and be a legal resident of the current 17th Congressional District.

Competitive applicants should be in the top 15 percent of their class, they need to have SAT scores above 550 Verbal and 600 Math or ACT scores of 26 JKEnglish and 27 Math. Involvement in extra-curricular activities, including school and community organizations and sports as well as full or part-time employment, is also in the applicant's favor.

Stenholm will nominate selected individuals for appointments to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado; the Military Academy at West Point, New York; the Naval Academy at Annapolis,

Maryland; and the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

The academies offer young people an excellent education, while also developing skills in leadership and self-discipline. It is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree and a salary at the same time. An education at an academy also guarantees a career upon graduation as an officer in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Applicants who wish to serve as commissioned officers are strongly encouraged to contact Chandra Eggemeyer in Congressman Stenholm's San Angelo office by calling 325-942-8881 or writing 2121 Knickerbocker, Suite A, San Angelo, Texas 76904.

Stenholm will announce the nominees from the 17th Congressional District in late December.

## Poems sought from Lubbock area poets

LUBBOCK - A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a new poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts, free to everyone. Over \$50,000.00 in cash prizes will be awarded during the coming year!

"Even if you have never entered a competition before," says Poetry Editor Michael

Thomas, "this is your opportunity to win big. Even if you have written only one poem it deserves to be read and appreciated. Beginners are certainly welcome!"

To enter send one poem 21 lines or less; Celestial Arts, PO

Box 1140, Talent, OR 97540. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com.

Be sure your name and address is on the page with your poem. The deadline for entering is November 11, 2004. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

The Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy will offer a training session for volunteers from 9:00 a.m. to noon November 6th at Godeke Library, 6001 S. Quaker. Volunteers will be invited to help the coalition's clients to read, learn English or work toward their general education diploma. Details available by calling 747-7323.

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Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening YPWW - 6:00 pm  
Tuesday Young Adult Study - 7:00 pm  
Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00 pm  
Thursday Praise Team & Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm

Bus ministry available. For college students, a meal will be provided.

May the God of hope fill you with a joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15: 13

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# Church News



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

### Stand on top of the desk

President Bush While visiting mother in Detroit recently, I notice an ancestral characteristic in the behavior of my first niece: The breaking of the mode as in her late great aunt Rev. C. Ferguson, as the first woman Presiding Elder of the AME Church in Texas. Very visible is the direct and openness in expression as her mother, the equanimity of her father, and the sangfroid or imperturbability of her mother's sister.

The first niece is very well prepared academically to meet the challenges that life may encounter and has an open mind toward religion. She is a poet and is writing a book that will soon be published. We went to hear the young poets express themselves at the Detroit Library. We were amazed at the freethinking of these young minds and if we had to tell President Bush how they felt, we would say, "Stand on Top of the Table", Mr. President! There is much discord in America because you see only that which provides you vision while sitting at the desk. Stand at the top and be a "freethinker!"

The election for the presidency of the United States is a few days away. If Mr. Bush is re-elected, he needs to stand on top of the desk and see the real world instead of sitting behind the desk with blindfolds. Sometimes the people who

work for you agenda are not yours. If you are not a freethinker, you may be manipulated and your position used to accomplish the desires and designs of your subordinates and their people of ill repute.

Many blacks support their fellow Texan with a degree of reluctance. However, it is alleged the majority of black Americans see the leadership of President Bush as like Jefferson Davis (President of The Confederate States of America - an authoritarian Federalist.) in a conservative religious right [white only mindset] America. While they do disagree and know that they are subtly being prositituted politically by the Democratic elite, they have far more misgiving about white American conservatism and the GDP.

Among a numbers of things that black Americans have against President Bush is his "thief in the night" approach of installing Judge Charles Pickering to the Court of Appeals for the fifth Circuit, despite Pickering record on civil rights decisions. Blacks see the action of Jefferson Davis in this appointment by Bush for Pickering criticized the "one-person, one-vote" principle recognized by the Supreme Court and tried to limit remedies provided by the 1965 Voting Rights Acts.

Another is that President Bush condemned the admissions system

at the University of Michigan, which used race as one of several factors to determine qualification for admission, as "divisive, unfair and impossible to square with the Constitution." Bush bastardized the University's admission system on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's 74th birthday.

Another kick in the pants to black Americans was when President Bush refused to speak at the NAACP national convention. The play in the game of "loath and against the middle" was used when the President spoke to the National Urban League. If President Bush had thought it out instead of listening to those who want the life of the Old Confederacy and used his fitting expertise, he would have realized "that dog would not hunt."

If Mr. Bush is re-elected and does not think for himself, he may be facing a Middle East in America that could destroy the way we live presently, forever. A cowboy steel toe-point boot kicking approach of the past will not work in today's world.

I salute my moderate Republican brother, Colin Powell. Here is a man that has "stood on top of the desk" allegedly in the mist of some of the most evil and power hungry humans in his party and the universe. He should be President of the United States.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast is presenting an "All Woman of Prayer" program, an intercessory prayer gathering, on Saturday morning, October 30, 2004, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street. Rev. W. D. Davis is pastor.

With the theme, "If My People Pray," guest speaker will be Rev. Sis. Ruby Doss of the Free Will Baptist Church of Slaton, Texas. The scripture is II Chronicles

7:14.

A message has been sent out to all Saints! Let us come together and pray for our upcoming Presidential election, and all other concerns regarding our neighborhoods, cities and world matters.

A delicious breakfast will be served immediately after the program. All are invited to attend.

For those of you in the community who feel there is no way you will be able to attend, just read St. Mark 11:22-26 and go by

these rules and believe. Come prepared to go down on your knees in prayer. No matter what the problem, come as our God has the answer.

Prayer: "Holy Spirit of God bless as they read this report. Strengthen weak bodies. We come against all problems that are in the bodies of your people. AMEN."

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

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, October 24, 2004, church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were very inspiring. It all began with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

Superintendent, Sister Lueña Harris, was presiding. The morning lesson was "Looking For Hope." It was taught and reviewed by Pastor Edward Canady.

The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a.m. The morning

devotions were led by Brother J. Johnson and Deacon J. Williams.

The Senior Choir again sung out of their hearts and souls. What a time we had singing God's praises.

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "From The Pig Pen To The Palace." His scripture text was St. Luke 15:20-24. The message was well received by all in attendance.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Missionary Society will present their Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday morning, October 30, 2004, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The theme will be: "Christian Service - The Beatitudes." Everyone is invited to attend. Come and be blessed.

Thought For The Week: "The seeds of wrong doing may be sown in secret, but the crop cannot be concealed."

## Concerned Citizens donate benches

The Concerned Citizens donated two benches to Wheatley Elementary School. One bench was donated by Joan and Arthur Jones, as individual members, of the Concerned Citizens and the other bench was donated by the Concerned Citizens.

Principal Margaret Randle and members of the sixth grade were present to receive the donation and made a presentation to the Concerned Citizens. District Two School Board Representative Vemita Woods-Holmes also attended the presentation. Concerned Citizens attending the presentation were William Burrell, Clarence Denson, Dwight Pierce and Bennie Sims.

Clarence Denson, President of



the Concerned Citizens stated that "the Concerned Citizens have adopted Wheatley Elementary and will continue to assist this

school anyway we can". "That many things can be accomplished with the involvement of others, be it individuals or groups."



## We Thank God for Jesus The works of the Devil

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

**GALATIANS 3:10, WHO HAVE BENEFITED YOU THAT YOU SHOULD NOT OBEY THE TRUTH WHEN JESUS SAID, GO AND PREACH THE GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS) TO A DYING WORLD. IT WAS TO SAVE SOULS; AND NOT GIVE OUT RIGHTS TO MEN, WOMAN, BOYS AND GIRLS.**

**ISAIAH 2:4, A SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVILDORES, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTED; THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD.**

**NOW THE CHRISTIANS WANT TO TELL MAN, ON WHO THEY ARE TO VOTE ON. THEIR MISSION IS WRONG ONCE AGAIN; LIKE HARD HEADED GOATS, THEY ARE WRONG!!!**

**MALACHI 1:6, A SON HONORETH HIS FATHER, AND A SERVENT HIS MASTER; IF THOU WILT BE A FATHER, WHERE IS MINE HONOUR? AND IF I BE A MASTER, WHERE IS MY FEAR? SAID THE LORD O HOSTS UNTO YOU, O PRIESTS, THAT DESPISE MY NAME, AND YOU SAY, WHEREIN HAVE WE DESEISED YOUR NAME.**

**\*\*\*YES THE PREACHERS DO ROB GOD!\*\*\***

**EVEN WHEN THEY GO MARCH ON THE ABORTION CLINICS, SAYING, KILLING IS WRONG BUT THE KILLING THAT IS GOING ON OVERSEAS THAT THEY HAVE NOT SPO-**

**KEN ON!!!**

**MARK 7:6, JESUS SAID, WELL HAVE E-SAFAS PROPHESIED OF YOU HYPOCRITES, AS IT IS WRITTEN, THIS PEOPLE HONORETH ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. HOW BE IT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING THE DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.**

**THE DEVIL TELLS THE CHRISTIAN, THE BIBLE SAID, THOU SHALT NOT KILL, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THOU MEANS! THOU MEANS YOU; IT MEANS YOU SHALL NOT KILL, PERSONALLY.**

**THE DEVIL TRICKED THEM, AS HE DID EVE IN THE GARDEN, NOT TRUSTING IN THE GOD, SOULS ARE GOING TO HELL DAILY, WHILE THE THE CHURCH THINK THEIR SO SMART!!!**

**PROVERB 3:5,6, TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND LEAN NOT UNTO YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM (GOD), AND HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR PATH.**

**\*\*\*IF YOUR WAYS AND GOD'S ARE NOT THE SAME, YOU ARE OFF TRACK\*\*\***

**IF GOD IS YOUR MASTER, IN WHO YOU SHOULD OBEY, ARE YOU HEARING WHAT GOD SAY? THEN WHY IS THE DEVIL IN SO MANY CHURCHES, PLAYING HOLY THIS VERY DAY?**

**ISAIAH 55:8,9, FOR MY**

**THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAID THE LORD, FOR AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH, SO ARE MY WAYS HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS, AND MY THOUGHTS THAN YOUR THOUGHTS.**

**CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE PREACHING JESUS, AND NOT MARCHES ON AGAINST DRUG DEALERS, THEY WON'T MARCH ON THEIR FAVORITE LIQUOR STORE, HE TOO IS A DRUG DEALER!!!**

**\*\*\*IF YOUR WAYS AND GOD'S, ARE NOT THE SAME, YOU ARE OFF TRACK\*\*\***

**ISAIAH 56:10-12, THE LORD SAID, HIS WATCHMEN ARE BLIND: THEY ARE ALL IGNORANT, THEY ARE ALL DUMB DOGS, THEY CANNOT BARK; SLEEPING LYING DOWN, LOVING TO SLUMBER, YEA, THEY ARE GREEDY DOGS WHICH CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, AND THEY ARE SHEPHERDS THAT CANNOT UNDERSTND; THEY ALL LOOK TO THEIR OWN WAY, EVERYONE FOR HIS GAIN, FROM HIS QUARTER (ANNIVERSARY—\$\$\$).**

**\*\*\*I'M JUST A NOBODY, TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY, ABOUT JESUS' BODY, WHO DIED FOR THE SINS OF EVERYBODY!\*\*\***

## LPD mobile office to deploy at St. Joseph's Church

The Lubbock Police Department Neighborhood Services Unit will set up a mobile office Thursday and Friday, October 28 and 29, in Council member Linda DeLeon's district. The mobile office is housed inside a recreational vehicle and the RV will be parked on the south side of the church at 102 North Avenue P.

Hours will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days. LPD Neighborhood Services Unit will staff the RV each day to visit with residents about crime prevention and other safety issues.

The Mounted Patrol will be in the neighborhood both days from 11 am to 4 pm and children are welcome to visit with the officers and their horses. The Health Department will be on hand from 8 until 11:30 a.m. both days to give free blood pressure checks. The LPD will notify residents

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## Author offers sentimental look at South through humorous tales

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"House, porch and yard were awash with those brought together this fall day of 1970. They were there not only because of the death of the sheriff of Rex Parish, but they were there because of his life as well," Blaylock writes.

*The Night They Waked Uncle Bob* is set in a fictionalized town with a colorful cast of characters and, according to Blaylock, relates some true stories from the bayou. The book opens at the Cajun wake for Uncle Bob who had been the local sheriff for 50 years. As people arrive, the narrator, Bob's nephew, introduces each person and reveals a rich assortment of humorous and entertaining stories involving the sheriff.

Although the characters are fictional, they have a friendly quality that may remind readers of people from their own lives. Dee Dee, a prostitute who

arrests, becomes a recipient of the man's compassion when he decides to hire her as a housekeeper. At first, this does not sit well with his wife, Mary, a loving yet manipulative woman with a penchant for expensive furniture. There are also crazy people like Abby and his wife, Mrs. Abby, who steal one of Bob's ancient Cyprus trees to build their home, and Annie, the town gossip and resident doom-sayer. Of course no town is complete without eccentric characters such as Louis the town drunk and accordion player, Delbert, who is so accident-prone he has mishaps named for

him, and Lost, Uncle Bob's alcoholic dog.

From an early 1900s Fourth of July celebration to the mysterious case of the ice man shoving, *The Night They Waked Uncle Bob* is a collection of tales that vibrantly illustrates life's peculiarity.

Blaylock is a Southerner by birth who began his life in the mountains of Tennessee before moving to the flat wetlands of south Alabama. He says his first words, according to his mother, were, "What is that?" Since then, he has never stopped asking questions. His inquisitive nature took him through college

at Florida State University, then the New Orleans Theological Seminary. There he fell in love with the Cajun people, and many of the stories contained in *The Night They Waked Uncle Bob*, his first book, were garnered from his encounters with them.

Readers can go to [thenighttheywakedunclebob.com](http://thenighttheywakedunclebob.com) for more information. AuthorHouse is the world leader in publishing and print-on-demand services. Founded in 1997, AuthorHouse has helped more than 20,000 people worldwide become published authors. For more information, visit [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com).



## City's Vector Control spraying nightly for mosquitoes

The Vector Control Department is working as quickly as possible to get all areas of the city sprayed for mosquitoes. Since the current mosquito population explosion last week, the entire city and county have been sprayed once, and spraying will continue nightly as weather permits.

The majority of the mosquito species identified last week are considered "nuisance biters," meaning they are not medically important and are not known to transmit diseases such as West Nile Virus. Laboratory testing of mosquitoes for specific viruses has also not shown any disease-causing virus activity this past week.

However, citizens should continue to exercise personal precau-

tions when outdoors by observing the four Ds listed below. Surveillance activities will continue to monitor mosquito populations for medical importance, and spraying will be directed to areas in Lubbock at greatest risk of any disease transmission.

The City of Lubbock appreciates the patience of its citizens. There are only six Vector Control workers and a limited supply of equipment and chemical.

In the meantime, please observe the four Ds: Avoid going outside from Dusk until Dawn; Dress in pants and long sleeves; Use an insect repellent containing DEET; Drain any standing water on your property.

If you must call the mosquito hotline at 775-3110, please call only once. The current volume of calls is overwhelming available staff. Be assured that your area will be sprayed for mosquitoes.

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# Poll shows 19th Congressional race becoming closer

LUBBOCK - Continuing polling by a Texas Tech University political science class shows the 19th Congressional race is tightening up.

Democrat Charlie Stenholm is a 13-term House member who previously represented District 17 in and around Abilene. Republican Randy Neugebauer was elected in 2003 to fill out the term of Cong. Larry Combest who resigned his District 19 seat. The men are facing each other in a newly created District 15 by a redistricting plan approved by the Texas Legislature in 2003.

Polling regarding this race began Oct. 4, and has continued nightly. Results from data collected between Oct. 1 and Oct. 17 show an increase in support for Stenholm from 23.3 percent in the previous week to 31.7 percent. Support for Neugebauer has fallen from 53.5 percent to 44.1, the number of undecided voters has increased slightly from 12.3 percent to 13.4 percent. Of those who say they would vote for another candidate, the numbers are up to 10.2 percent from 9.7 percent the previous week, said Susan

Banducci, Ph.D., faculty director of the Earl Survey Research Laboratory and assistant professor of political science at Texas Tech University.

Among those who are registered and intending to vote, support for Stenholm is at 34.1 percent and Neugebauer at 46.5. While the congressional race appears to be tightening, support for President Bush remains unchanged at 70 percent while support for Democrat John Kerry increased by 3 percent to 21.5.

Interest in the congressional campaign remains high with 43 percent reporting that they are paying a lot of attention to the

congressional campaign. About 30 percent reported seeing either of the two debates held last week, said Banducci.

The sample size for these estimates is 372. The margin of error is plus or minus 5.1 percent. Respondents are randomly selected from the new 19th Congressional District using random digit dialing procedures. Polling is conducted nightly at the Earl Survey Research Laboratory in the Department of Political Science.

Reflecting the competitiveness of the race, over the two-week period, 35 percent recalled seeing a significant number of

Neugebauer advertisements while 30 percent recalled seeing a significant number of Stenholm advertisements. In the second week of polling, respondents were more likely to recall seeing either a Neugebauer or Stenholm advertisement than during the first week of polling.

The total sample size over the two-week period is 740 with a margin of error of plus or minus

3.6 percent.

Over the two-week period of interviewing, younger respondents tended to favor Neugebauer while older voters are more likely to favor Stenholm. Of those who are younger than 35 years of age, 46 percent intend to vote for Neugebauer compared to 20 percent for Stenholm. In contrast, Neugebauer is trailing Stenholm among those who are 55 or older,

41 percent to 45 percent.

Neugebauer appears to have slightly more support among men, 49 percent, than women at 45 percent, whereas Stenholm polls equally from men and women.

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In 1855, the "puck" was introduced to the game when soldiers stationed in Canada played a hockey game behind their barracks. Not long after, J.G.A. Creighton, a student from Montreal organized the first rule structured hockey game by dividing his classmates into teams. The sport spread quickly and colleges in Canada inherited the game.

Hockey soon made its way into the U.S. when a group of tennis players picked up the game after playing tournaments in Quebec. The first hockey league was formed in 1896 and the sport has exploded in popularity across the globe. Street hockey and roller hockey bring the game to fans in every climate.

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—Gary Falwell, *The New York Times*, July 16, 2004

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—Pat Robertson, *AP/Fox News*, January 2, 2004

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**We believe that war-and our call to be peacemakers-is a religious issue.** Do the candidates' policies: "war or choose" or respect international law and cooperation in responding to real global threats? (Matthew 5:9)

**We believe that truth-telling is a religious issue.** Do the candidates tell the truth in justifying war and in other foreign and domestic policies? (Isaiah 6:3-5)

**We believe that human rights-respecting the image of God in every person-is a religious issue.** How do the candidates propose to change the attitudes and policies that led to the abuse and torture of Iraqi prisoners? (Genesis 1:27)

**We believe that our response to terrorism is a religious issue.** Do the candidates adopt the dangerous language of righteous anger in the war on terrorism and clothe the robes of God, church, or nation? Do the candidates see evil only in our enemies but never in our own policies? (Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 8:12-13)

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## Think About It! Oh no! Not Texas!

by Eddie P. Richardson

We look around and we see disaster around the United States of America as far as politics are concerned. At one time this writer took one thing for granted, and that was pride in the way politics were done in Texas. Our elected officials really take pride in all they did.

Not only in Texas, but the United States of America was represented by people who wanted the best for the USA by people who voted for them as they were concerned about the better interest of the American people.

Texas was the leader in representing Texans, and then came a joker from a town called Sugarland, Texas and really screwed up Texas and West Texas. We've lost a Congressman

and turned a candidate into evil politics which is not Texas, but that came from that joker from Sugarland named Tom Delay, better known as the "hammer" in the Beltway in Washington, D. C.

The "hammer" came to Austin and took over Texas as his and his redistricting became the big issue in West Texas as a Congressman was lost. No matter what happens, if Randy wins West Texas is still a loser. If Charlie wins West Texas loses not only a Congressman, but a seniority position which is lost. It will be bad to lose this.

Congressman position and seniority in Congress. In this writer's opinion, West Texas has been the loser all around.

Not only did Texas divide and

become partisan with the election of Newt Gingrich as Speaker of the House with his contract with America. This writer still calls it: "The Contract On America."

Newt was the only Speaker that was not a Chairman of some House Committee, but real issue is Newt helped get rid of Congressman Jim Wright of Fort Worth, the former Speaker of the House. Then guess what happened to Newt? He went down on the same thing he took Jim Wright down with. Believe it or not, it was a book deal.

Thought of the Week: "Success does not consist in never making blunders, but in never making the same one the second one, the second time."

Nuf Sed! Why Not?

## THIS N THAT

THERE ARE ONLY SIX DAYS BEFORE ELECTION! THIS N THAT reminds all of us who are... REGISTERED VOTERS, that the deadline has come for the Absentee Voting... which was October 26th, but the most important day is TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. If you are a registered voter, you would make a wise decision by voting. Regardless of who you vote for, just go to the polls and cast your PRECIOUS VOTE. It is often said that PEOPLE OF COLOR in Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas don't exercise their right to vote. Now we can change that perception if we go to the polls and vote on Tuesday. Because of that posture those running for office - from the state to the national office - apparently don't frequent where people of color gather. THIS N THAT believes this can be changed, that is, if we go to the polls and vote. Let's quit being the laughing political joke. It is time... all of us of color... exercise this precious posture by voting. In other words, it's time for us to STAND UP AND GO TO THE POLLS AND VOTE! ... Now as it goes if you VOTE, it is your choice, but if you do not VOTE, the choice is theirs. What will you do? THIS N THAT hopes it's the right decision. Will you join THIS N THAT and go to the polls on Tuesday. There are only SIX MORE DAYS before

one of most interesting elections will be held... as Americans elect the... NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!  
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Questions can be asked about master plan. This n That is hoping as many of you who can will attend the NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN which will be held THURSDAY NIGHT October 28, 2004 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Cavaos Junior High School... 210 North University Avenue. This is an outcome of the meeting held on February 26, 2004. If you have any questions before the meeting, contact JOHN E. HALL at 775-3260. No matter what your question may be, ask it... and attend this IMPORTANT MEETING. Your input is valuable.  
GOOD TO SEE PLANS BEING MADE FOR EHS ALL CLASS REUNION! THIS N THAT is glad to see the efforts being made by former students and graduates to sponsor their FIRST ANNUAL ALL SCHOOL REUNION 2005, which will involve those students who were students from 1967 TO 2000. Since plans are being made in the

near future about the reconfiguration of Estacado High School, prestigious educational facilities are responsible for the development of neighborhoods. THIS N THAT hopes these former students and graduates will take care of business and deal with the future of Estacado High School. It's good to see this movement and we hope many positive things will be made from the All Class Reunion, which will be held JULY 1 THRU JULY 4, 2005. Planning meetings are being held the THIRD SUNDAY of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library... Be there at the meetings... if you want to help.  
PARENTS, LET'S GET IT TOGETHER! THIS N THAT is hoping we as parents will do what we can to help our kids and find a way to MAKE SURE those young people who live in East Lubbock will attend these schools. If we want to grow our neighborhoods, ALL OF US need to do something which will help our schools. At the same time, why not VISIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL and see what you can do to HELP OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Your help is needed, and do what you can to make things happen. Your help is needed, so let us all do what we can.  
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE TUESDAY! THIS N THAT hopes you will come this TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004! YOUR VOTE IS PRECIOUS!

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



It is becoming clearer every day, that there are too many young people, young adults, who feel obligated to sponge off their parents and grandparents. The unemployment rate is up true enough, but in all instances, it appears that those young people who want to work, do find work!

that person are in such a condition that they need financial help, then there are alternatives to this situation within the boundaries of the law on every level of society. There are workable alternatives for disabled persons. Organizations such as the Council for the Blind, The Goodwill Industries, and many United Way subsidiaries offer employment to the disabled. Many disabled persons work and a large number work in government and private industries, competing with the able bodied adults, earning equal pay.

Naturally, they would contribute to the financial security of the children. Other writers have suggested sterilizing parents who are not responsible for their children.

It appears that young adults, who continue to have children and depend on their own parents to take care of them and their children, should be put into a special category; yes, a form of segregation, to WORK. Grandparents raise a lot of grandchildren, but they certainly should not have to raise great-grandchildren! Most grandparents raise, care and support grandchildren because the parents are deceased, disabled or going through some rough times, brought on not due to their negligence. But when young adults, scheme, avoid gainful employment, lie, steal and cheat their parents and grandparents, many who are on fixed income due to retirement or their own disabilities, need to be put on the government work roll, regardless to the name it bears. It is time for us to get 'in cinque,' face the truth and put our shiftless off springs where they belong.

The young people who find work and are willing to work, will take any honest job which they are capable of doing, for whatever pay they can get until such time as they get themselves qualified, through formal education or apprenticeship to secure a better, more suitable job with a desirable pay. It has to be driven home, that every able bodied individual in society, who is not sponsored by another responsible individual, such as a spouse, or 'legal whatever,' should have some viable, visible income.  
If an adult, legally disabled, and those legally responsible for

Because there are disabled persons gainfully employed, there is no legitimate reason why able bodied adults cannot work. The more I see of this, the more I am inclined to agree with Newt Gingrich about what should be done with the young adults, especially those who have children, continue to have children and depend on society to take care of them. Mr. Gingrich suggested that the government take custody of the children and raise them in group situations while putting the adults to work under the supervision of the government in some fashion.

## Quail hunting permits on sale for Lake Alan Henry from Parks & Recreation Office

With the start of quail season approaching, the City of Lubbock is now selling quail permits for the Wildlife Mitigation Area at Lake Alan Henry, Hunt dates for November and December are: Nov. 5-7, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 10-12, Dec. 17-19, Dec. 24-26, Dec. 31-Jan. 2. Thirty quail permits per day are available and can be purchased on a first-come, first-serve basis.  
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## Letters to the Editor

### East Side Zoo

There are very serious plans being taken to put a Zoo in the Mackenzie Park area, across from the Wind Mill Center. I have no problems with a zoo in Lubbock, however, not in the location being planned. Revitalization of the east side is well and good, but a zoo does not offer the desired benefits. When the "cons" out weigh the "pros", in depth consideration must be given.

There have been no meeting on this proposal held on the east side. The meetings that were held took place across town and the information publicized did not list the east side as a possible location until just recently. The east side on occasions has the odor from the feed lots located on Southeast Drive, now we are being asked to deal with the odor of a zoo. Animals emit odors, whether they are going for slaughter or being admired.

A zoo brings people, people travel by automobiles, who and when will the streets around the proposed location be upgraded to accommodate additional traffic. As it is now, between Avenue A and MLK on 19th, left turns require skill and luck, especially when the vehicle making the left does not completely clear

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How much increase in revenue will businesses in that area realize. Going or leaving the zoo, will they stop by Kings or the Sonic, few will require additional gas, none will get hair cuts nor will the funeral parlors receive their business. Maybe two or three from the community will get minimum wage jobs. Show me some benefits?

The residents of Cheyenne Hills only recently received the blessing of not having the amphitheater noise, but the train noise is still there. Now instead of the occasional concert noise, there will be the continuous animal noise for them to deal with, and animals will make noise. And with the banging and horn blowing of the trains, well, animals will be animals.

Councilman Price has already publicly stated his support for the zoo. If you fell as I feel, let our Councilman know that we expect him to respond to the wishes and desires of those that he represent. Write, call, visit, stop him on the street, wherever, however you can, get your two cents worth to the right person, that being our City Councilman, Floyd Price.

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**TIME: 7PM TO 9PM**  
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at the Maggie Trejo Supercenter, located at 3200 Amherst.

Admission for the carnival is two cans of food or \$1 per child. All canned items will benefit the South Plains Food Bank. The event is made possible thanks to the support of the following sponsors: Texas Tech Society of Hispanic Engineers,

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• Small children younger than age 10 should not be carving pumpkins. Doctors suggest they paint on the pumpkin instead. Children older than 10 should be supervised by an adult during such activities.

• Votive candles are the safest for pumpkins. Make sure the lighted pumpkins are placed on a sturdy table or on the floor away from curtains or objects that can catch on fire. Never leave them unattended.

• Masks are not recommended because they can obstruct a child's vision. If your child is wearing makeup, make sure it comes from non-toxic and hypoallergenic kits. Some chil-

dren can have severe reactions to other makeup.

• Costumes should be flame retardant and fit properly. Avoid oversized shoes, high heels or long baggy costumes that could cause a child to fall.

• Remember to have reflective tape on your children's costumes so that they can be seen more easily, and carry a flashlight.

• Pediatricians suggest feed-

ing your children a full meal before they begin trick-or-treating so they are less tempted to begin eating their candy. All candy should be inspected by an adult before children begin eating it.

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