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Local News

Annual Carol of Lights Festivities Planned

LUBBOCK & More than 25,000 colored lights, illuminating 13 buildings around Texas Tech University's Memorial Circle, Engineering Key and the Broadway entrance, will be lit as the highlight of the annual Carol of Lights, Friday, (Dec. 5).

The 45th annual event, with a theme of 45 Years of Our Brightest Traditions, will commence with the 6:30 p.m. Carillon Concert. At 7 p.m., the Saddle Tramps Torch Light Processional will begin at the University Seal at the Broadway entrance and will follow the luminaria-lighted route around Memorial Circle to the Science Quadrangle.

The Texas Tech Trombone Choir, under the direction of Don Lucas, will accompany the Texas Tech University combined choirs with holiday selections. William Hartwell will sing IO Holy Night, followed by comments from Carol of Lights Chair Jennifer Henderson and Residence Halls Association President Noe Elizondo. John Dickson then will lead Silent Night, prior to turning on the lights. A group singing will follow the lighting and the High Riders will ring the Victory Bells.

Festivities will continue with an 8 p.m. Carol Concert at Hemmle Recital Hall, featuring the University Singers and the University Choir.

A team from the Texas Tech physical plant has been hanging lights since early October. Preparation for the Carol of Lights also includes the placing of 3,000 luminarias around Memorial Circle by Alpha Phi Omega and Chi Rho fraternities and the hanging of a 20-foot fresh pine wreath by members of the Women's Service Organization.

The Carol of Lights is sponsored by the Texas Tech University Residence Halls Association.

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, 8:00pm, T.J. Walker Center
- Dunbar/Midway Heights Neighborhood Association Meet First, Third Thursday 6:00 pm, 1901 East 23rd Street (outreach emergency, 806) • West Texas Native American Assoc. • The Luck Support on alternate months prior to meeting. Meetings held on second Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm. Educational presentations and demonstrations • Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission Lubbock Affiliates Meet at T.J. Patterson Branch Library 3rd Thursday 7pm • West Texas Native Artists • An Association meets 2nd Saturday evening at Clover Library, 5520 19th Ave., 7:30 • West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meet on 2nd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center • The Parkway Goodwill & Cherry-Paul Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm 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:

Community Meetings C/O Southwest Digest
P.O. Box 2553
Lubbock, Texas 79408
or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at 902 East 23rd Street

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Dedication of MLK Memorial Footprints Set

If you ask Ms. Joan Y. Ervin, president of the MLK Celebration Committee, she will tell you it has been a long time coming, but it's time to celebrate this dedication.

Ms. Ervin is inviting all to

attend the Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Memorial Footprints in Time Dedication which is set for noon, Wednesday, December 3, 2003. This event will take place at Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Canyon Lakes

Drive, above the waterfall area.

For more information about this ceremony, you may call Ms. Ervin at 763-0853.

The public is invited to attend.

Minister Latrice A. Godfrey Will Speak at Lyons Chapel

Minister Latrice A. Godfrey will be guest speaker on Sunday afternoon, November 30, 2003, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Sister Lula Spence, President of Mission Ministry, announced this special Fifth Sunday program. Rev. Wendell Davis is pastor.

The theme for this pro-

gram will be: "For Such A Time As This." Esther 4:14.

Minister Godfrey is a member of the Praise Center, where her pastor is Pastor Samuel B. King. She was called to the ministry at an early age, but accepted the call February 3, 2003.

She is married to Minister Craig A. Godfrey, and they are parents of two children,

Cerey D. Godfrey and Kiarra N. Godfrey. She is also employed by Market Lubbock, Inc. as an administrative assistant/project coordinator. She enjoys reading, singing and spending quality time with her family.

Special guest singers will be the Key Sisters.

Board of Trustees of Paul Quinn College

Here is a recent photo of the Board of Trustees of Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas. Chairman of the board is Bishop McKinley Young of the Tenth Episcopal District, Texas, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.



TDH Issues Flu Advisory, Urges Shots

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) today issued a statewide health advisory reporting heavier-than-usual influenza activity in the state and urging people to get a flu shot.

"It's not unusual to have flu occur this early in the season. What's unusual is to have this much of it this early," said Texas Commissioner of Health Eduardo Sanchez.

Influenza, or flu, has been reported in Bell, Bexar, Brazos, Collin, Harris, Jefferson, Montgomery, Nolan, Smith, Travis and Williamson counties the first two weeks of October.

"Get a flu shot," Sanchez advised. "That's the first line of defense."

Authorities report that the flu vaccine is in plentiful supply this year.

People wanting to get a flu shot should contact their doctors, employers or local public health departments or

watch for announcements from supermarkets and other businesses offering the shot to the public.

Flu season officially begins in October and runs through May, usually reaching its peak in Texas in January and February.

This season's vaccine protects against the A/Panama, A/New Caledonia and B/Hong Kong strains of the influenza virus and against other similar strains.

Most people six months or older can receive the flu vaccine, but it is especially encouraged for children 6 months to 23 months, people 50 and older, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, diabetics, women who will be in their second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season, people with weakened immune systems and people who have asthma or other chronic respiratory, heart or

kidney conditions. It takes about two weeks for the vaccine to be effective.

Influenza is a viral respiratory illness marked by the sudden onset of fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. The illness is spread when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, sending the highly contagious virus into the air.

As a flu control measure, Sanchez stressed that people with flu symptoms should stay home to avoid infecting classmates or colleagues.

Influenza is not a reportable illness in Texas, so exact flu case numbers are not known. Instead, TDH relies on a surveillance network of reporting sites around the state to track influenza levels and identify circulating strains of the virus.

Field of Greens

Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher of the Southwest Digest, is shown attempting to pick some turnip greens at Jimmy Harden's "Field of Greens" last weekend.

Jimmy Harden's Field of Greens is located just south of Lubbock. Just drive to Highway 87 and 1585 on east access road for three-fourth of a mile south until you see a house with a red roof.

When you get there, ask Jimmy Harden if Brother Richardson really picked some turnip greens in his Field of Greens?



Black Group Critical of Sharpton's Civil Rights Flip-Flop

Reverend Al Sharpton's dramatic 24-hour reversal on federal judicial nominee Janice Rogers Brown is strongly criticized by members of the African-American leadership network Project 21.

48 hours ago, Sharpton agreed with Project 21 that Brown deserves fair treatment, including a vote. Yesterday, apparently under political pressure, Sharpton changed his mind.

Members of Project 21 question Sharpton's commitment civil rights in now seeking to deny the black judge a fair and timely confirmation process, especially as Sharpton's new position violates not only the U.S. Constitution but Sharpton's own views.

In a November 5 interview with Sinclair Broadcasting, Sharpton opposed plans by liberal senators to keep the Brown nomination from coming to a full vote in the U.S. Senate through a filibuster. He said: "I don't agree with her politics. I don't agree with some of her background. But she should get an up-or-down vote." The next day, however, Sharpton's office released a statement urging senators "to do everything within their means to prevent" Brown from being confirmed. Speaking on liberal pressure experienced by Sharpton to change his opinion, talk radio host Armstrong Williams, who was in contact with Sharpton, told The Washington Times: "He said they were putting a lot of pressure on him."

"I believe that Al Sharpton's unambiguous about-face is proof positive that liberal racists without question are able, in the face of undeniable evidence, to not just control the Jesse Jacksons and Elijah Cummings of our nation but also someone who - at face value - is believed to be as independent as Sharpton has been," said Project 21 member Mychal Massie, a Pennsylvania small businessman.

Brown has been nominated for a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. The daughter of Alabama sharecroppers, she has dedicated her 26-year legal career to public service. An associate justice on the California Supreme Court since 1996, she won 76 percent of the vote to retain her seat on the court. Her appeals court nomination enjoys bipartisan support, and she is highly regarded by her judicial colleagues in California and across the nation.

Speaking on Sharpton's apparent interest in currying political favor rather than fighting for fair treatment and the advancement of minorities, Massie adds: "Succinctly put, in the liberal world, the plantation-masters will permit no blacks to leave the plantation. Those that do will do so at their own peril. Indoctrination and mind control are the order of the day. What a remarkably free group!"

Council Poised to Implement Steps to Manage Lake Meredith's Water Shortage

One of the primary objectives of the City Council has been to focus on Lubbock's immediate and future water needs.

More than 9 months ago, the Mayor and City Council hired Water Texas, a water specialty firm, and formed the Water Commission to expressly look at Lubbock's water needs and available options. Water Texas, initial report to the Water Commission indicated that Lubbock's immediate water resources were adequate for the City provided Lake Meredith recovered from recent drought conditions.

In light of continuing drought conditions at Lake Meredith and the recovery time for the Lake to replenish, the City Council is poised to implement steps that will ensure a continued adequate water supply for Lubbock residents and business development, including the

City's drought contingency plan. The City of Lubbock is reviewing a variety of immediate, intermediate, and long range steps to implement measures and develop options such as the development of a program utilizing well water to irrigate City parks, revisiting programs that emphasize the importance of water conservation, and possibly increasing our use of well fields in Bailey County, Shallowater, and Lubbock.

Mayor Marc McDougal stated, Exercising these options at this time is a prudent move in light of current conditions. Fortunately, because of the Council's proactive posture to study this issue over nine months ago, these options are available to implement.

For more information about the City of Lubbock E-News list server, see <http://e-news.ci-lubbock.tx.us/>

Fashion Fun

by Shirley Robercon

Shimmering Boots Design ... Diego Dolcini

Who doesn't like to show off a bit? Have a little lust for life. Be brave and go big, bold and flashy. Its good for the soul. This boot is flaming hot. It will add fire to a chilly night. Silver embroidery and austrian crystals completely covers the entire boot ... HOW GREAT IS THAT!!

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



Council Approval Paves Way for Fiesta Plaza Construction

Last month the City Council approved a contract with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. (PSC) that paves the way for the construction of Fiesta Plaza in the Buddy Holly Recreation Area. The contract with PSC calls for the preparation of the construction documents for the site. Parkhill, Smith & Cooper is the prime consultant and Carter Burgess is the sub-contractor.

This has been a long time coming, said Councilman Victor Hernandez. It was back in the 1970s when the Canyon Lakes Project began, and now we're finally ready to get down to realizing the project vision in the Buddy Holly Recreation Area. Construction is estimated to take all next year and be completed by December 31, 2004.

The Canyon Lakes Project is now known as the Jim Bertram Lake System, and the master plan for the system calls for a regional park with a continuous, navigable body of water spanned by bridges that allow boat, vehicular and pedestrian traffic throughout the canyon.

Fiesta Plaza is a key component in the Lake System. The festival area will include several performance areas, a picnic area, boat dock, fishing pier, cultural kiosk and landscaping. The performance areas in the Plaza will be multipurpose. A small outdoor stage, a large covered pavilion and a multi-purpose court will each have full electrical infrastructure so that they may be used for a variety of events.

The plaza will be funded in part by a \$500,000 grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife. I am encouraged by the grant money the Parks and Recreation staff has received from Texas Parks and Wildlife, said Councilman Hernandez. And I will support Parks and Recs efforts to go after even more money for future projects. Other funding for the project is \$500,000 approved by the citizens in a 1999 bond election. Of that \$1 million dollars, \$756,366 remains for construction. The other monies were spent for master planning, archeology and soil testing, plus approximately \$90,000 for the Parkhill, Smith & Cooper contract for construction documents.

This is a wonderful addition to my district and to the rest of the city, said Councilman Hernandez. The Buddy Holly Recreation Area is a beautiful spot, and the addition of the Plaza will further enhance this area of Lubbock and make it an exciting place for families to enjoy.

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CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

The Annual Women's Day was held at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon, November 16, 2003, with the theme "Women Of Faith: Staying In The Race." The sponsor was Mission One and the officers are: Sister Mamie Dewberry, president; Sister Carolyn McWilliams, first vice president; Sister Amanda Dial, second vice president; Sister May Stephens, secretary; Sister Ann Crowder, assistant secretary; Sister Christine Evans, treasurer; Sister Clarissa Burrell, assistant treasurer; Sister Christine Evens, Bible Band; Sister Ruth Curry, GA coordinator; and Sister Ann Crowder, communications.

The program consisted of following ladies of the community: Sister Linda Woods, Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, "Today's Praying Women"; Sister Shelia Harris, Bethel AME Church, "Today's Committed Women"; Sister Lillian Waters, Community Baptist Church, "Today's Faithful Women"; and Sister Mary Cato, Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, "Today's Blessed Women"; and Sister Mamie Dewberry, Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, who gave closing remarks. Rev. J.H. Ford is pastor. Rev. Sister Ella Mae

McDonald of Dallas, Texas was special guest at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday morning, November 16, 2003. She was also made an Honorary Citizen last Sunday morning. Visiting their parents and grandparents last weekend were T.J. and Ursula Patterson and children of Mansfield, Texas; Avis Patterson-Williams and Marcus Williams of Cincinnati, Ohio and Zarricus Patterson of Newport Beach, California, T.J. & Bobbie Patterson. All reported a wonderful weekend.

New location for Santa Land will be at Mackenzie Park this year, beginning December 10 thru 23, 2003. Admission is free.

Broadway Festivals will sponsor the all new Lights in the Canyon beginning November 21, 2003, through December 27, 2003. There will be one-half million lights on display.

Let us not forget the upcoming "Women In Crimson and Sliver Banquet" set for Friday evening, December 5, 2003, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the University Medical Center's McInturff Center. This event is being sponsored by the Women Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church.

Rehearsal for the Banquet Drama, "Gospel Train", will be held Thursday evening,

November 20th; and Monday, November 24th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Election of officers for the Women Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church will be held Monday evening, November 24, 2003, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with the Praise Team during a splendid job. The morning scripture was read by Rev. Merelle McCutcheon, and prayer was offered by Rev. Cheryl Martin.

Pastor Billy R. Moton's sermon was entitle "In Thou Presence is Fulness of Joy." His scripture was Psalms 16:11. It was another outstanding sermon.

Announcements for the morning were read by Sister Lottie Barrow. Sister Cleothia Quigley welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Among them are Brother Harry Stokley, a patient in Covenant Health System, room 871-S; Brother Virgil Johnson, Covenant Health System, room 503-W; and Brother Cedric Johnson.

Sister Margaret Moton's mother, Sister Ilec Groce is ill at this report.



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ISAIAH 6:5a, I, WOE IS ME! FOR I AM UNDONE, BECAUSE I AM A MAN OF UNCLEAN LIPS, AND I DWELL IN THE MIDST OF A PEOPLE OF UNCLEAN LIPS.

WITH THREE OF THE FIVE BOLTS BROKEN OFF, I BEGAN TO SPEAK @#%\$*! BEING A DARE DEVIL, I DROVE 12 *MILES FROM BENCHLEY MY BIRTHPLACE, TO HEARNE, TEXAS, AND IF ON OF THE TWO BOLTS HAD BROKEN OFF, I SURE WOULD BEFN STRANDED. I WAS BOOKING FOOTBALL, AND RUNNING BOARDS, AND I WAS TRYING TO GET HOME TO TAKE CARE OF MY GAMBLING BUSINESS, GAMBLING WITH GOD'S GOODS!!! (BUT THE LORD WAS WORKING ON ME.)

I MADE IT TO MY COUSIN MELVIN POTTS' HOUSE, HE PAD A GARAGE, AND I ASKED HIM TO GET OUT OF BED AND OPEN IT TO FIX MY PICKUP. AFTER OPENING UP, I DROVE IN AND WENT TO TAKE ONE OF THE BOLTS OFF, SO WE COULD GO THE PARTS HOUSE FOR THE RIGHT SIZE, THERE WAS A NAIL RIGHT ON TOP OF THE TIRE SAYING: SIZZZZZ, I THREW THE LUG WRENCH DOWN AND THE WORDS CAME AGAIN @#%\$*! MY CUZ ASKED WHAT'S WRONG? I TOLD HIM SOMETHING'S TRYING TO ME FROM MY FOOTBALL BUSINESS. HE SAID, I HAVE A TIRE CHANGER, GO AHEAD AND GET THE BOLT PUT, I'LL FIX THE FLAT, WHILE YOU PUT THE NEW BOLTS IN.

ISAIAH 55:7a,8, THE LORD SAID, LET THE WICKED FORSAKE HIS WAY, AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS THOUGHTS. FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS.

WE WENT TO THE PARTS HOUSE, AND THE MAN LAID THREE NEW BOLTS ON THE COUNTER, AND I WENT FOR MY MONEY CLIP; IT WAS NOT IN MY POCKET, @#%\$*! THE WORDS CAME AGAIN. MY CUZ ASKED WHAT'S WRONG? I SAID, MAN JKKS MUST BE ON ME, I LEFT MY MONEY CLIP AT MY DAD'S HOUSE, LYING UNDERSIDE THE BED. HE SAID, I'LL PAY FOR IT AND YOU CAN PAY ME LATER. (I SAID, THANKS WITH A SMILE. IT WILL WORK OUT.)

PROVERB 18:24, A MAN THAT HATH FRIENDS MUST SHOW HIMSELF FRIENDLY; AND THERE IS A FRIEND THAT STICKS CLOSER THAN A BROTHER.

WE WENT TO A PHONE BOOTH AND CALLED BACK TO THE FARM AND TOLD MY STEPMOTHER MISS OPELIA, THE TROUBLES I WAS HAVING; AND TO TELL MY DAD TO LOOK UNDERSIDE THE BED AND BRING MY MONEY HAT AND MY MONEY CLIP. SHE SAID OK.

THINKING EVERY THING WAS WORKING OK, WE WENT BACK TO THE SHOP. CUZ FIXED THE FLAT AND I PUT THE NEW BOLTS. AFTER ABOUT FIVE MINUTES MY DAD DROVE UP, AND I SAID, RIGHT ON TIME, SMILING I WENT OUT TO HIS VAN AND HE SAID, BJ, I DIDN'T SEE THE HAT OR THE MONEY CLIP, THINKING HE WAS KIDDING, I LOOKED INTO THE VAN, BUT THE EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE, TOLD ME HE WAS NOT KIDDING. I SAID, I'LL GO GET IT, SOME MORE OF MY FOOTBALL TIME WASTED!!! WALKING OFF I BEGIN TO SPEAK @#%\$*!*

PROVERB 15:26,27a, THE THOUGHTS OF THE WICKED ARE AN ABOMINATION TO THE LORD; BUT THE WORDS OF THE PURE ARE PLEASANT WORDS. HE THAT IS GREEDY FOR GAIN TROUBLES HIS OWN HOUSE.

I DROVE BACK TO THE FARM AND WENT IN: MISS OPELIA WAS PATTING OUT DEAR SAUSAGES, SHE SAID, BJ THAT HAT IS NOT IN THERE, ME AND BILLY LOOKED ALL OVER. I WENT INSIDE AND PICKED UP MY HAT AND CAME OUT; SHE SAID, WE DIDN'T SEE IT! AND DIDN'T SEE IT, AND I TOLD HER IT WASN'T MEANT FOR YOU'LL TO SEE. I TOLD HER GOODBYE, AND SHE ASKED ME IF I WANTED SAUSAGES, I SAID YES, AND WASHED MY HANDS AND PATTED OUT ABOUT 30 OF THEM. SHE HAD TWO RESTAURANT TUBS SIZE FULL, MY HEART WENT OUT FOR HER, HAVING TO PAT ALL OF THEM BY HERSELF. I SAID MISS OPELIA, I AM GOING TO HELP YOU WITH THESE, SHE SAID, YOU'RE GOING TO MISS YOUR FOOTBALL GAMES, I SAID, I DON'T LOOK LIKE IT WAS MEANT FOR ME TO SEE THEM, THE WAY MY LUCK'S BEEN GOING.

WE SAT AND TALKED AND PATTED OUT 1 1/2 TUBS, WHEN MY DAD CAME IN, HE SAID, BOY I THROUGH YOU WOULD BE ALMOST TO DALLAS BY NOW, HE WASHED AND B'GAN TO HELP. AFTER FINISHING UP I SAID, I CAME DOWN TO FISH AND DIDN'T, WAS TO SEE MY FOOTBALL GAMES AND DIDN'T, I'M SELF EMPLOYED; DON'T HAVE TO GO TO WORK MONDAY; LET'S GO FISHING, (AND I GOT WORSE).

HEBREW 12:6, FOR WHO THE LOVE LOVETH HE CHASTENS, AND SCOURGETH EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY BJ. MORRISON, III, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
Lubbock Area Republican Women

On, Thursday, November 6, 2003, I was privileged to be among the participants who were saying "thanks" to Senator Robert Duncan, and Representatives Delwin Jones and Carl Isett at the KoKo Cave.

This "tribute of thanks" was sponsored by the Lubbock Area Republican Women's Political Action Committee. Terri Frazier is president of Lubbock Area Republican Women.

This tasteful affair had all of the setting of a beautiful West Texas autumn evening. The physical theme in oneness with the culinarian style of provisions that excited the taste buds of one's mouth

expressed the region sense for humanity as it glowingly displayed cultural diversity.

The participants including Morris Wilkes, Gary Hughes, Brandon Lipps and Michael Kreck expressed their love, concern and gratitude for the Herculean way Senator Duncan and Representatives Jones and Isett has served their constituents over the years and most recently in the Texas Redistricting process.

Those present were entertained by Brittany Bennet, a 13-years-of-age student at Friendship Jr. High, who already has two CD'S at Hasting. Her beautiful voice echoed across the room with songs recorded by the local native, Buddy Holly, including "That's Be the Day." Sound was provided by Music

Masters for Brittany.

The audience included the president of the National Republican Women, Diana Thompson and other dignitaries including Tom Head, Patti Jones, Barbara Sucky, Sharon Gossett, former City Councilman David Nelson and the new Lubbock County Chairman, Robert Pratt.

The evening was superb and my hat is tipped to the Lubbock Area Republican Women for such a fine evening. Oh yes! The Democratic Women were challenged by the Republican Women in a humanitarian act through a "blood drive" that will be taking place in the near future.

There is a very special person dear to my heart in the leadership of the group. Her

name is "Ruth." This Ruth, like the most distinguished person of the Bible named Ruth, is worthy of the name, tier character reveals her to be a woman of rare friendship. What she does for humanity and her affectionate disposition is amiable.

While this writer has been very critical of the leadership of the Texas Republican Party in their role in treating the people of West Texas as illegitimate children in the redistricting process and has advocated a gender change in its leadership, join with these strong mothers and grandmothers who said "thanks" to our present honored leadership.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"Tithing"

The members of the Outreach Prayer breakfast want to invite each of you to come closer with the text Malachi 3:8-10. My friends, this is a startling expression. It is a remarkable expression. God says prove me. These words mean this: place the almighty on trial. Prove me now herewith, with the tithe. In other words, our text tells us to put God to the proof. In other words, test him out and see what he will do. We are bidden to give him one tenth of our income, and then to see whether he will let us be the loser or not.

Prove me now herewith. This writer tells you, my friends. My soul is overwhelmed by the amazing words of the most high to place himself in such a posi-

tion. God allows himself to be placed on trial by us, and tithing is a process of proof. If you have any shadow of doubt in your mind and heart as to whether or not God exists, or as to whether or not he controls all temporal affairs, you can have that doubt removed by an absolute demonstration of the actuality of God's existence and of his control over temporal affairs. How? By regularly, faithfully, systematically giving him one tenth of your gross income, and then seeing whether he will let you be a loser or not.

Saints, don't be fearful. Never mind if your income is only \$100 a day, and you have scratched and strain to make ends meet, take one tenth away and devote it to the Lord, and then see if he will remain your debtor. He will

not disappoint your faith. Trusting God in temporal things is one of the hardest things that the average Christian finds to do. If you faithfully tithe to your place of worship, he will open to you the windows of heaven. What does he mean by that? And see if I will not open the windows of heaven, signifies abundant outpouring. God has promised we shall reap what we have sown. In the sense that he has promised to honor those who honor him. He promised a bountiful return to a bountiful giver.

Where the Lord's people faithfully pay their tithes, there is never a shortage. Where tithing is ignored, there is almost always a deficit and then the ungodly are asked to help. Worldly methods are employed to raise money. If we sow to the

wind, we must not be surprised if we reap the whirlwind. Be sure you pay your tithes where you worship, and you will have more than enough.

Thought for the Week: "There was a man. Some called him mad. The more he gave, the more he had."

Thanks for reading, Saints. Those who are hurting, let's pray together. Give us a call at (806) 762-3347.

God is the answer. Read II Chronicles 7:14 and St. Mark 11:22-26.

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

St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, November 16, 2003, services began with Sunday School at St. Matthew Baptist Church. It all begun at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Sister Nina Davis taught the Sunday School lesson. The review of the lesson was given by Pastor Edward Canady. What a wonderful presentation.

Praise God!

Rev. Monty Smith delivered the morning message. The subject was: "There Is A Hole In The Wall!" The scripture text was Psalms 80:15-19 and Job 1:8-12. What a wonderful message it was!

The St. Matthew Baptist Church's Women Missionary Society invites all to be a part of their Annual Women's Day Celebration on Saturday, November 29, 2003, beginning at 11:00 a. m. All are invited and are welcome.

Sister Annie Stanley is president.

Thought For The Week: "What shouldn't be heard by little ears, shouldn't be said by big mouths!"

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Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Question: What is the difference between grace and mercy?

Answer: Before I answer the question, let me say a great big AMEN to God for both grace and mercy. Without these two wonderful blessings we all would be hell bound and hell deserving.

This question will be answered from the view-point of salvation. Obviously grace and mercy have other applications in the human experience. But, in order for me to answer the question within the length of this column I will restrict the answer to the salvation perspective. Surely, if anyone were to attempt to write a treatise on grace alone it would require every newspaper in this country to contain it.

Let me begin first by giving the definition of each word. Grace is receiving the favor of another. It is a free gift given to someone motivated solely by the love and or generosity of the giver. Mercy is the benevolent action or inaction that does not give a person a punishment that they rightly deserve. It is withholding the righteous vengeance that

should be given to those who do not do God's will. In effect, grace and mercy are the opposite ends of a loving and benevolent relationship. There is the free gift of grace that saves us from our sins. Followed up by mercy that

does not send us to hell for sins we have committed against our Lord. Both grace and mercy only apply to those who are saved (see discussion about those who are saved in two previous issues). But, when

one has been saved, that person has received grace and mercy. Paul tells us that faith introduces us to grace. "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand and we exult in hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:1,2). To make sure that we understand the depth of His love for us God gives us his mercy "But God, being rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heav-

erly places, in Christ Jesus, in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:4-7).

God saved us by grace. It is the free gift of God (Romans 3:24). He withheld the punishment of eternal torment in hell for those who love Him and obey Him. He wants us to be with Him in glory forever. Thank God for grace and mercy. May His grace and mercy give you strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

Grace and peace,
Gerald P. Jackson



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Santa Land is FREE to the public. Exhibits include, lit trees, illuminated sculptures and animated displays.

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Enjoy this season and spoil your family with a great-tasting caramel-apple dessert that takes advantage of some of the convenience products so readily available. While apples are plentiful during the fall time to peel and slice them isn't always available. Caramel-Apple Pecan Tart uses cinnamon-apple pie filling and caramel-apple dip (usually found in the produce department of your grocery store). For extra convenience, the simple-to-make crust uses biscuit and baking mix as the main ingredient. "Simply stir the pastry dough together roll it out and place it on a baking sheet, says Marrgi Walstrom, culinary professional for Pioneer Brand. "Spoon the apple filling, caramel dip and nuts over the top, then fold the dough toward the center to create a free-form crust. This home-style tart is casual in appearance, but very rich and "gourmet" in taste. Don't be surprised when you're asked for the recipe.

Caramel-Apple Pecan Tart

3 1/2 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1 cup heavy (whipping) cream*
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted
1 can (21 oz.) cinnamon-apple pie filling
2/3 cup caramel-apple dip (usually found in the produce section)
1/2 cup pecan halves or pieces

In mixing bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, cream and butter until pastry dough forms a ball. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix. Knead 7 to 10 times. Roll out to a 15-inch round. Fold into quarters and transfer to a 13-inch round pizza pan or baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Unfold on the pan. Spoon apple filling over pastry. Place teaspoonfuls of caramel dip over apple filling. Sprinkle pecans over top. Fold pastry dough toward center over filling (about 2 inches).

Bake at 400° for 20 to 22 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 12 servings.

*Substitute 1 cup milk, if desired.

Any time, any day, everyone loves cookies—so make these Chewy Caramel-Apple Pecan Cookies to serve your family. This oatmeal cookie uses dried apples and caramel candies to create the popular autumn taste combination.

Chewy Caramel-Apple Pecan Cookies

The perfect cookie to celebrate the harvest season!

1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup packed dark brown sugar
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine, softened
2 large eggs
2 tablespoons milk
2 teaspoons vanilla
3 1/2 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
2 1/2 cups old-fashioned oats
1 package (5 oz.) chopped dried apples (1 1/2 cups)
1 cup chopped pecans, toasted
20 caramels (1/2 of a 14-oz. package), unwrapped, each cut into 8 pieces

In large mixer bowl, beat granulated sugar, brown sugar, butter and margarine until light and fluffy. Add eggs, milk and vanilla; beat well to combine. Slowly add baking mix and oats, beating on low speed to combine. Stir in apples, pecans and caramel pieces. Cover, chill dough for at least 1 hour. Place tablespoonfuls of dough on baking sheet well coated with cooking spray. Bake at 375° for 12 to 14 minutes or until golden brown, but still slightly soft in center. Cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes; Remove to wire rack to cool completely. Makes 6 dozen cookies.

Helpful Tip: When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cup/s; Using a metal spatula or straight-edged knife, level off the top.

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If you would like to submit a recipe of your own, please mail it to the Southwest Digest, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408 or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at 902 East 23rd Street. If you would like, you may also send a picture of yourself or a picture of the prepared dish.

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What Are You Contributing to the Cause?

by Eddie P. Richardson

We sit around, at least some of us, and complain, criticize, and put down about everyone who puts themselves in the line of fire, stand out, and even stand for the good of all of us.

Let's take a look around and see people who put themselves in the line of fire and even get shot at in the big time. Let's look at our friend, Rose Wilson.

Everyone appears to be complaining, mumbling, grumbling, criticizing, and says what is not being done, and what should be done. But none of them has a means of raising funds to do what they can and want to do. But they have all the ideas, but nothing to back them. They are without any resources. Now Rose Wilson has been out there a mighty long time. Sometimes she has been alone. Now if you want the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP to grow, you need to get behind it and make it happen.

Rose Wilson on the other hand, is like the Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Committee. It's just works the

same way, with both new ideas and working in new venues. But will the new ideas work. Somewhere along the way, one will need financial resources to make sure all the programs will have the necessary muscle. Some with the "fat" of experience will ask: "Where does the money come from?" And, "How much money can they raise?" We all need to realize that talk is cheap. You need a lot of help from many to raise necessary funds. So as our old time Sister Joan Y. Ervin would ask the question: "Have you paid any dues, Brothers and Sisters?" Our deceased friend, Harold M. Chatman, lived by this code.

It also puzzles this writer when all the Johnny Come Later Leaders, who have not paid any dues, shows up with all the answers and none of the questions. There is no doubt about it, the field is open for community leaders, but you must pay some dues. Upcoming leaders must understand you can't lead where you don't go, and you can't teach what you don't know.

This writer had an opportunity to attend the retirement ceremony

for Bobbie Gean Bailey-Patterson last Saturday evening, November 15, 2003, at the University Medical Center McInturf Center. All of her family was there (including her children and grandchildren). All had a wonderful time!

Congratulations, Bobbie Gean Bailey-Patterson all you have done for the Lubbock Community!

Thoughts of the Week: "You can't succeed if you don't start. It is a must you make the first move!"

"Don't criticize, do! It's not what Rose Wilson will do; but what will you do?"

We apologize to "Photography by Gerald" for leaving his name off the front page story about the Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Scholarship Banquet, featuring Mayor Anthony A. Williams of Washington D. C. We will amend this error.

Nuf Sed! Why Not?

THIS N THAT

CONGRATS TO KEMBERLY MCDANIEL! THIS N THAT ... wants to take this opportunity and say ... CONGRATS ... to high school senior at Estacado High School ... KEMBERLY MCDANIEL who was recently inducted into the ... NATIONAL SOCIETY OF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS ... an honors organization which recognizes ... SUPERIOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT NATIONWIDE ... In order to participate in this effort a person must be invited ... THANKS, KKME KEMBERLY MCDANIEL ... for making things happen for all of us ...

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THANKS, COACH DAVID MOODY! THIS N THAT ... wants to say ... CONGRATS ... to the retiring coach of the ... Estacado High School Matadors ... DAVID MOODY ... who retired last Thursday ... November 13, 2003 ... Maybe ... he didn't have the most winning games ... but he won a great deal by working with young men ... who will not forget what he has done ... So when you see ... COACH DAVID MOODY ... let him know we appreciate what he has done ... And let's not forget his campaign to ... MAKE SURE ALL STUDENTS WHO LIVE IN THE ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA ... really stay in their zone ... THIS N THAT ... knows this is ffoTe what Coach Moody ... was trying to do ... If we don't take heed ... Mom and Dad ... the next coach will face the same situation ... young people leaving their area ... when it is not necessary ... THIS N THAT ... would suggest for those who are interest to let the ... LISD Board of Trustees ... know you would like to see a committee ... with citizen input from the Estacado High School area ... Another words ... advise them you want to get involved in this process ...

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In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

The Thanksgiving holiday season is quickly approaching and in light of recent elections in some states, counties and localities, many Americans are getting set to make some gross adjustments in the economic aspects of their lives.

Economically speaking, our country has spent more money in two years than the previous administration saved in eight years. Three years ago, this country was out of excessive debt and boosted a surplus after meeting national obligations. Much of the surplus was Medicare and Social Security funds which were and are still being used by other departments of the government. Today, we are in the 'red' and the flow is like a crimson tide as it continues to go deeper into the billions of dollars for homeland security and foreign military purposes. At the same

time, Medicare and Medicaid benefits have been cut effectively September 1, 2003. The maximum cost for outpatient benefits have been drastically cut, especially in therapy, which is so needed by many senior citizens. These cuts have been made in services which are mostly provided to patients in their homes by home care agencies which provide physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy. Most Medicare Summary Notices carry this information as an ALERT on the back of the form.

The Thanksgiving season is also the time of the year when the Social Security Administration begins to make adjustments for a cost of living increase in benefits and an increase in the cost of Medicare benefits which will be effective in the new year. For so many seniors, the increase in the cost of Medicare benefits are more than the raise for the cost of living, causing some seniors to receive less benefits in the coming year. The government 'giveth' and the government

'taketh away.' Keep in mind that our Congressmen who make these laws will not be affected by them when they retire. For the rest of their lives, they will be well cared for financially and medically. They need to know how their actions affect those of us who have worked many years to try to reap the benefits of hard labor in a society which is supposed to care. It appears that each time the Congressmen give themselves a raise, there is some kind of cut in benefits to the working poor and retired.

The working poor and retired have the same right to a bountiful Thanksgiving as does the rich and famous. We all need to be thankful that we are yet still alive in these times of global turmoil, but at the same time, we need to keep our lawmakers aware of the little things that affect us so greatly. Let us get 'in cinque' in 2003 and make sure that our Congressmen know the pros and cons of their actions as they affect us.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

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