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Local News

Municipal Pools Open Friday

It's time again to cool off at Lubbock's municipal pools as they open on Friday, May 21, at 1 p.m. for the 2004 season. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. Entrance fees are \$1.50 for youth (17 and under) and \$2 for adults, and group rates are available for groups of 35 or more. Pool rentals are available for parties Thursday-Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning at \$100. For the first time, USA Pools will be operating the City's four pools, which include the following locations:

Clapp Pool, 46th & Avenue U, 767-2736: Amenities include a 90' water slide, concession stand, lifeguards, showers, diving boards, deck chairs, and a wading pool.
Mae Simmons Pool, 24th & MLK, 767-2732: Amenities include a 90' water slide, concession stand, lifeguards, showers, diving boards, and deck chairs.
Maxey Pool, 4007 30th Street, 767-3739: Amenities include a concession stand, lifeguards, showers, diving boards, deck chairs, and shade trees.
Montclong Pool, 320C Bates Street, 767-2734: Amenities include a 90' water slide, concession stand, lifeguards, showers, diving boards, and deck chairs.

Families can enjoy an evening swim during "Family Swim Night" every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for the low cost of \$2 per family of four and \$1 for each additional person. Family Swim Night is available at all four of Lubbock's municipal pools.

For those who spend a lot of time at the pool, Summer Splash Passes are available at the Parks and Recreation Office at 1010 9th Street, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at each of the pools. The cost is: 2004 Family Splash Pass - Good All Summer! Cost: \$125 for a family of four
2004 Summer Splash Pass - Good All Summer! Cost: \$50 for children and \$75 for adults

30-Day Splash Pass - Good for any 30 days during the Summer! Cost: \$30 for children and \$45 for adults
7-Day Splash Pass - Good for any 7 days during the Summer! Cost: \$8 for children and \$12 for adult

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 775-2673.

Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area Civic Council, Second Saturday, 1:00 p.m. • Mae Simmons Community Center • Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00 p.m. • 1787 Avenue G • Dunbar Alumni Association, 2nd Saturday 4pm • Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday 7:00 • Forgotten West Riders, First & Third Monday, 7:00 pm. T. J. Patterson Library • East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 10am, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St. • Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm. • T.J. Patterson Center • Duke of Montague Poets Neighborhood Association Meet Every Third Thursday 8:00 pm. 1305 East 34th Street (at each location/party home) • West Texas Native American Association • The Lack Sorority on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on second Saturday of each month at 1:00 pm. Educational presentations and demonstrations • Texas Juneteenth Club at the Historical Commission Lubbock Office, 2nd Tuesday, T.J. Patterson Branch Library 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m. • West Texas Native American Association meetings 2nd Sunday each month at 1:00 pm. • Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 • West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meet the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Community Center • The Parkway Community & Cherry-Fruit Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

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

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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Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Cards: Which One Should You Pick?

The new Medicare law that was signed into law in December 2003 makes major changes to the nation's health insurance program for people age 65+ and some persons with disabilities. The most important part of the law is a new benefit to help people in Medicare with their prescription drug costs. This assistance will go into effect in two stages. The first stage begins in May 2004 when you can sign up for a discount card to help with some drug costs. This is a temporary program that phases out when the second stage of assistance; a Medicare drug benefit, goes into effect on January 1, 2006. Once this begins, the discount cards will no longer be used.

In the meantime, starting in June 2004, discount cards with a Medicare approved seal will save you about 10-15 % on your total prescription drug costs. Medicare will contract with private companies to offer these cards. The cost for a card will be no more than \$30. This card is optional - you do not have to get a discount card if you don't want one.

However, if you decide to get a Medicare-approved discount card from a private company, you may pay less for your prescription drugs than you do now. Discounts will vary by card, and each plan will be slightly different. For example, some cards can only be used at certain pharmacies.

With many different cards available, and different discounts offered for different drugs on each card, how do you decide which card is the right one for you?

Start by making a list of the medicines you currently take, and include how much you pay each month for each prescription drug. Then, as you learn more about the different Medicare-approved discount drug cards that are available in your area, find out which cards offer the best discounts on the drugs you need.

Here are some important facts for you to consider:

- You can only get one Medicare discount drug card at a time.
- If you already have a different discount card; you can keep that card. You can also get a Medicare discount card. Use whichever one gives you the best deal.
- If you are in a Medicare+Choice plan, your plan may decide to offer a Medicare discount drug card. If it does, you can only choose that card. If your Medicare+Choice plan does not offer a discount drug card, you can choose any available Medicare discount drug card.
- If you are in a state Medicaid program with drug coverage, you will not be able to get the discount card.
- If you have drug coverage through an employer or former employer, you may not need the discount card.
- If you have a Medigap plan with drug coverage, you may get lower prices using the card. The card should not affect your drug coverage.

If you have a low income, you can get additional help. If your income is less than about \$12,000 a year for one person, or \$16,000 a year for a married couple, you may get up to \$630 to help pay for pre-

scription drugs in 2004 and again in 2005. Also, you will not have to pay a fee for your discount card. While you have money on your card, you will have to pay a low copay (5%-10%) each time you use it. If you use up the \$600, the card can still be used for discounts.

If your drugs are already covered by Medicaid, you can not get the discount card. If you have drug coverage from an employer or the federal government, you cannot get the special low income features of the discount card.

Medicare-approved discount drug cards may be able to save you money on the medicines you need. Each card, is different, and will provide different discounts on different drugs. It's important to figure out which discount card will provide the most savings for you. Before choosing your Medicare-approved discount drug card, shop around to see which card best meets your needs.

Need more information?

Medicare will give you more information as the benefits start. Medicare has a web site (www.medicare.gov) and a toll-free telephone number (800-MEDICARE or 800-633-4227 or TTY 877-486-2408). For those who prefer to get help in person, there are counseling programs that can provide direct assistance.

AARP also has a web site (www.aarp.org) and a phone number (888-OUR-AARP or 888-687-2277) to give you information to help you understand your Medicare and prescription drug choices.

BBB Warns of Gypsy Roofers

Lubbock, Texas, May 3, 2004 - The gypsy roofers are back, according to Nan Campbell, president of the Better Business Bureau of the South Plains (BBB). These are some of the same travelers that we warn the South Plains about from time to time.

It has been reported to our office on more than one occasion within the last few days that itinerant roofers are going door to door, catching the homeowners off guard by telling them that their "roofs" need to be repaired. The roofers ask for payment, up front, to paint or seal the roofs. Part of the scam is to use a name of a

local company making them look legitimate

"The BBB advises extreme caution in dealing with itinerants that come to your door to sell you a roofing job or any kind of product unless or until you check them out first," stated Campbell.

This is a typical scam of the gypsy itinerant roofers who drive brand new, unmarked trucks, don't wear any uniform or carry any identification with them as would be typical of a local company. They also are able to catch senior citizens at home during the day and we especially want to warn our seniors to be on the lookout.

These schemers are all part of the gypsies that go all over the country scamming people out of their hard-earned money. Best advice is to JUST SAY NO and heed the following tips!

- DO NOT pay up front - always pay after the work is completed and never pay with cash - make a check out to the company;
- ask for local references;
- verify the legitimacy of the company with the BBB;
- get at least three bids from local companies that do the same or similar work, and
- if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.

Estacado High School Graduate Receives Law Degree

On May 7, 2004, the University of Colorado School of Law bestowed on Rodney Lewis Jr, the degree of Juris Doctor. At Colorado he was co-president of the Black Law Students Association as well as serving as the Colorado delegate to the National Black Law Students Association. Lewis was born on August 24, 1977, in Lubbock. He is the son of Rodney Lewis Sr. and Cecelia J. Robinson. He spent half of his life in the household of Mary L. McCormick and Glenda G. Mooney. Lewis is a 1996 graduate of Estacado High School where he participated in the Medical Professions Magnet

Program. He was a member of Estacado's Academic Decathlon and mock trial teams, as well as a member of the marching and concert bands. Lewis went on to the University of Texas at Austin where he graduated in the spring of 2000 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. At Texas he was a liberal arts student with concentrations in both Anthropology and African American Studies.



Attee Marshall



Recent contestant in the Lubbock Area Baby Pageant is Attee Marshall. Attee is 5 years old, and the beautiful daughter of Annetha Hawkins. She was a recent Overall Photo Girl Winner of the World Baby Pageant. The pageant was sponsored by Teen Publications/World Baby Pageant.

Estacado High School Student Excels

Phylicia Stevens, daughter of Mary and George Stevens, was recently recognized as the top Advanced Placement (AP) English III student at Estacado High School. Phylicia is a Junior Honor Student. She has excelled in all academic areas since she was an elementary student.

Phylicia attended Phyllis Wheatley Elementary and Dunbar Science Academy before moving on to high school.

Phylicia credits her success and her recent honor to her faith, her family support, and her dedication to success.

We wish her well in her future studies at Estacado and College.



Thomas Receives Masters from Texas A&M

Texas A&M University System Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health held its Spring Commencement on May 22, 2004 at the Presidential Conference Center in College Station, Texas. Dana L. Thomas was a recipient of a Masters of Public Health (Health Policy and Management). Dana completed her undergraduate work at Howard University in Washington, D.C., where she received her Bachelor of Science in Biology in May, 2002.

Dana has a Fellowship with the Health Resources Administration in the Department of the National Practitioners Data Banks. Dana was one of only eight (8) Fellows chosen nationwide. She will travel to Rockville, Maryland for this opportunity on June 16, 2004.

Dana is the 23 year old grand daughter of Eugene, and the late Bernice Lawson of Lubbock, Texas. She is the daughter of Billy and Anneice Thomas of Wiesbaden, Germany.



Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

Feel Like a Lady

Pretty shades of pink displays your feminine side, think pink. . . . pink oval watch, wire bracelet, with pink checho stones, multi strand necklace with pink flower medallion, pearl and chain necklace, with pink pearl accents, roughed bow sling back mule, with 2 inch pink clay heels, pink floral scarfs, crocheted pink swirl

sweaters, pink champagne lettuce edge tanks, pink lace pull overs, pink floral ruffled skirts, slinky tight fitting pink shirt dresses, pink patent leather chain belts.

PINK PINK PINK A LITTLE PINK WILL GO A LONG WAY IN GET THE MESSAGE ??



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

Susan Combs Receives American Cancer Society True Grit Award

Austin - On Friday, May 7, the American Cancer Society presented Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Commissioner Susan Combs with their True Grit Award in honor of the Commissioners leadership role in the fight against childhood obesity.

"The True Grit Award is the highest advocacy recognition bestowed by our organization," said Jon Hornaday, Chair of the American Cancer Society Texas Division Board. "We are proud of the Commissioner's work to reduce obesity among Texas children," he said. The award presentation was made during the organization's Texas Division board of directors meeting.

Commissioner Combs has been a powerful advocate for improved child health. After shifting the management

of the Child Nutrition Program from the Texas Education Agency to the TDA, Combs made sweeping policy changes to restrict and even prohibit the sale of soft drinks and "Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value" on middle and elementary school campuses.

About one-third of all cancer deaths in the US each year are due to nutrition and physical activity factors, including obesity. American Cancer Society guidelines recommend maintaining a healthful weight throughout life by balancing caloric intake with physical activity and losing weight if you are currently overweight or obese. Obesity among children has more than doubled since 1970 and is now one of the most pressing public health issues in Texas.

The True Grit Award is presented each year to an elected official for

"remarkable courage, perseverance and true grit" on a public policy issue of significance to the mission of the American Cancer Society.

Previous winners have included State Senator Judith Zaffirini, Congressman Lloyd Doggett of Austin, and El Paso Mayor Pro Tem Larry Medina and most recently the Dallas City Council for their support of a strong clean air ordinance.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

This column is anxiously awaiting news and announcements from families and churches that is important to the community. If your church, family, or organization has any announcement please send them to Southwest Digest, C/O The Chatman Hill Corner, P.O. 2553, Lubbock, TX 79408. Remember, "News is only news if it can be a resource for others."

New Hope Baptist Church is "The Church where The People Really Care." Last Sunday serves were a blessing to all that attended. Services started with Prayer and Meditation, followed by the Praise Team rendering a few selections. The scripture reading was read by Rev. Merielle McCutcheon and the Morning Prayer was given by Rev. Charles Wilson.

Pastor B.R. Moton's message was entitled "Learning to Jesus will Change Your Life". The message was taken from Luke 5:12-16. We thank God for Men of God that boldly stand and proclaim the truth. **THANK YOU PASTOR MOTON.** Keep those that are sick shut-in our prayers. May the spirit of peace dwell richly with families the may be grieving.

Thought of the Day
When you are in a place where God wants you to be, you will be healed.

If you are graduating from high school or college this year and a member of the New Hope Baptist Church, please give your name and address to Mrs. Kinner.

We would like to thank those that went to the Polls the past Saturday to exercise their right to vote. Overall, it was a low voter turnout. Please get out and vote in the June 26, 2004 runoff election. We would like to take this time to say that their are many positive thing on the horizon for North and East Lubbock. Please let your voice be heard by voting.

I open my heart and mind to be aware... how my ABCs will lift my spirit,

Almighty Creator of the Universe;
Beloved Father and God;
Create in me a clean heart this today.

Deliver me from the limitations of the ego.
Exalt Your presence in my mind.
Forgive all that I have held against you, my self and others.
Grant me peace this day.
Hold me steadfastly within the boundaries of your truth.

Inspire my heart to know you. Justify me in the presence of all enemies.

Knead my heart with words of kindness.

Let no harm befall me or my love oaes.
May all that I do this day glorify you.

Nourish me with you wisdom. Open my eyes to know your truth.

Purge my heart and mind to all things that are offensive to your law.

Quiet my soul in the midst of confusion.

Renew my connection to you. Save me from my secret fears, Teach me to trust you at all times.

Use all that you have given you to serve you,

Victory for your cause is my desire.

Walk with me so that my strength will never be diminished.

Xamine my heart continually, Your love and grace are my good fortune.

Zealously I commit my self to your will for my life.

National Tour Gives Lubbock A Shot At Fame Local Teens Can Rock, Dance or Smile Their Way To Stardom

WHAT:

The got milk? campaign, Rolling Stone magazine and MTV are teaming up to give local Lubbock teens a shot at fame.

The 100-city Shake Stuff Up tour is searching for America's top teen talent and hot new band. The free event will feature:

- A Battle of the Band competition where aspiring musicians from Lubbock will take the stage to win a cash prize and the chance to professionally record their music.
- Auditions to be the next Milk Mustache celebrity. The tour will choose one lucky resident from Lubbock, who will have a chance to be in a Milk Mustache ad alongside the band Simple Plan in Rolling Stone magazine.
- A dance sweepstakes where teens can show their best "milk shake" for a chance to win a trip to the 2005 MTV Summer Beach House
- A chance to win a year's supply of milk from Gandy's Dairy

WHEN/WHERE:

The free event will take place June 9th at the following location:

Battle of the Bands
Wednesday, June 9th from 5pm-9pm
South Plains Mall
6002 Slide Road

WHY:

Since nine out of 10 teenage girls and seven out of 10 teenage boys are not meeting their calcium requirements, the tour is spreading the word about the importance of getting four 8-ounce glasses of calcium-rich milk a day. The milk industry is also introducing new milk flavors like cookies 'n cream, cappuccino and root beer in convenient, portable containers to meet the demands of on-the-go teens.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Kete Black (312)988-2912, kblack@webershandwick.com

HUB FIRMS WANTED

MWM Architects, Inc. is seeking qualified and certified HUB Firms to join our proposed team for the College of Engineering Expansion and Renovation Project #02-17EE at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Scope of the work includes the renovation and potential expansion of the existing laboratory facilities.

We are considering subcontracting the following services: Structural engineering, M/E/P engineering, Civil Engineering/Survey, and Geotechnical engineering, and Construction Materials Testing.

Interested firms must submit the following qualifications to Leanne Messersmith by Tuesday, June 01, 2004.

- 1) Insurance information
- 2) Firm intro with contact info (max 1 pg.)
- 3) Three key staff resumes (max 1 pg. Ea.)
- 4) Relevant Project Experience List; and
- 5) Valid HUB Certificate

Minimum insurance requirements are: Structural and MEP (\$1 M), Civil (\$1M), other consultants (\$0.5M). Please keep total response to within 8 pages and in MS Word format with your company name and logo on each page.

Email responses to lmessersmith@mwmllb.com or call 806-745-7707 for more information.



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CHURCH DIRECTORY



WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS
"TELL IT LIKE IT IS"

MATTHEW 7:12, JESUS SAID, ENTER YOU IN AT THE STRAIT GATE: FOR WIDE IS THE GATE, AND BROAD IS THE WAY, THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY THERE BE WHICH GO IN AT.

JESUS SAID, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND WAY OF LIFE, THE CHURCH BELONGS TO JESUS CHRIST, NOT THE PREACHER OR HIS WIFE'S.

1 TIMOTHY 3:4-6 ONE THAT RULES WELL HIS OWN HOUSE, HAVING HIS CHILDREN IN SUBJECTION WITH ALL GRAVITY; FOR IF A MAN KNOW NOT HOW TO RULE HIS OWN HOUSE, HOW SHALL HE TAKE CARE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD? NOT A NOVICE, LEST BEING LIFTED UP WITH PRIDE HE FALL INTO THE CONDEMNATION OF THE DEVIL.

***** YES THE CHURCH IS ROBBING GOD*****

YOU MAY WALK IN THE WAY OF YOUR HEART, OR IN THE SIGHT OF YOUR EYES, AND IF YOU DON'T TELL IT GOD'S WAY, THEN IT WILL BE ALL ABOUT LIES.

PROVERB 12:15, THE WAY OF A FOOL, IS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES; BUT HE THAT HEARKENETH UNTO COUNSEL IS WISE. A PREACHER TOLD ME BROTHER BJ MY DEACON WORKED 3YRS, AND UN- SAVED, BUT THEN ONE DAY HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO CHRIST, AND TODAY HE IS SAVED.

(THE UN- SAVED MAN HAS NO BUSINESS HOLDING AN OFFICE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD!!!

FOR THREE YEARS HOW MANY PEOPLE WALKING IN THE CHURCH, KNOWING HE WAS UNSAVED AND KNOW IT WAS WRONG, THE DEVIL GIVES THEM AN EXCUSE TO SAY I DON'T WANT JOIN THE CHURCH AND BE LIKE THOSE HYPOCRITES, NO MATTER HOW MUCH TITHES AND OFFERING THEY GIVE; GOD WANTS HIS HEART ONLY!!!

MATTHEW 23:13, JESUS SAID, BUT WOE (CURSED) UNTO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YOU SHUT UP THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AGAINST MEN: FOR YOU NEITHER GO IN YOURSELVES, NEITHER SUFFER YOU THEM THAT ARE ENTERING TO GO IN;

ANOTHER PREACHER TO ME, BROTHER BJ, YOU CAN'T TELL A MAN HOW TO RUN HIS HOUSE, YOU FOOL! THE MASTER LEFT RULES AND REGULATIONS; AND IT IS HIS HOUSE!!!

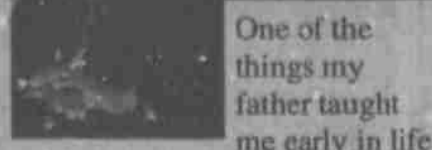
PROVERB 3:5,6, TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART; AND LEAN NOT UNTO YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM (GOD) AND HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR PATHS.

THE CHURCH HAS CHOICES, RIGHT AND WRONG GOOD AND EVIL, HEAVEN AND HELL, THE BROADWAY CHURCH IS NOT GOD'S, AND BY THEIR WAYS YOU CAN TELL!!!

JOHN 10:2-5, JESUS SAID, HE THAT ENTERS IN BY THE DOOR IS THE SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP TO HIM THE PORTER OPENS; AND THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE; AND HE CALLS HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME, AND LEADS THEM OUT, AND HE PUT FORTH HIS OWN SHEEP, HE GOES BEFORE THEM AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM; FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE, AND A STRANGER WILL THEY NOT FOLLOW, BUT WILL FLEE FROM HIM; FOR THEY KNOW NOT THE VOICE OF STRANGERS.

BY EVANGELIST EILLY BJ MORRISON II, YOUR BROTHER, IN CHRIST JESUS.

from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Who is the President? Bush or Cheney?



One of the things my father taught me early in life

was if you are the leader you must be the leader. You must listen to what others have to say, however, the ultimate decision lies with you. You must take responsibility for you are the leader. He would quote the famous lines of President Harry Truman: "The buck stops here!" My father words of wisdom in leadership have followed me all of my life. His words ring in my ears when I see the failed leadership of another because they depend on another who is not in charge.

Many of my friends across America are in agreement that the cause of the major problems of America now is the failure of President Bush to step up to the plate and be the Commander-in-

Chief. Many agree the fall of President Bush will not be the war in Iraq, rather, the political autocracy and chauvinists' ideology of his vice president who many really believe is running the show. The silent moderates who support the President see those around him more damaging to America than those who have a conservative view.

They see these people in high places as having a "cultural imperialist ideology" [The imposition of a foreign viewpoint on the blind-eyed Republican Party conservatives and blacks who have a love affair with the Democrat Party].

This writer four or five years ago warned of a new system of governing in America coming to play through a "caste system" based on the old South Africa's apartheid but including middle class white Americans.

The idea is still to use "Bubba" to divide and conquer but on a more sophisticated scale. The outsourcing of American jobs is much more than an economic one! White people need to wake up! Your brother will soon have you eating neck bones with little meat on them. Have you checked to see how far you are in debt at this moment?

Eighteen years ago this writer was assigned to the head church in African Methodism in the Northwest Conference here in Lubbock. The assignment took place a year after a General Conference that was held in Kansas City, Kansas. A new bishop was assigned to Texas who was academic qualified but lack the ability to step up to the plate and lead. Consequently, his subordinates took control and a systematic disregard for law and polity of the African Methodist

Church took place in Texas in the leadership and an economic burden placed on the people to this day. A leadership that allowed subordinates of questionable moral integrity to call the shots and would destroy the African Methodist people of God in Lubbock and the State of Texas.

A failed leadership! An unfaithful God! A failed leadership! A new Church: Smith Temple Community Church.

Who is the President? Bishop Bush or Presiding Elder Cheney? Or will it be President Kerry and Vice President John McCain? President Bush needs to quickly stand up to the plate and do his job. Hats off to Marc McDougall for stepping up to the plate and leading Lubbock!

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are saying it will take the efforts of a city wide unity to win the city wide war. Our separate efforts will not stop the tide of increasing evils in our city. If we as a people remain isolated from each other, all of this will continue to become a reality.

It was Jesus who said, "A house divided against itself shall not stand. To the humble, God will give grace. The only way to change, and change we must, we cannot speak to sinners with deep and lasting credibility of God's forgiveness while harboring enmity and strife against our fellow man. What value is it to be able to define the love of God. If, by our lack of love toward others, we bring dishonor to the Almighty.

The Lord is cleaning out His places of worship by re-arranging some of them. We are living in a time when thousands of dollars are being spent on saving the whole.

While many people are

dying, because they are unable to get the necessary medical attention they need. No money? This is the problem.

There are debates about the pledge, the words "Under God." Every knee will bow and confess that Jesus is Lord. The last part of the pledge is what needs to become a reality. Where it says:

"With liberty and justice for all." Isaiah 54:13-17 And all your citizens shall be taught by me, and their prosperity shall be great. You will live under government that is just and fair.

Your enemies will stay far away. You will live in peace. Terror shall not come near. If any nation comes to fight you, it will not be sent by me to punish you. Therefore, it will be routed. For I am on your side. I have created the Smith who blows the coals beneath the forge and makes the weapons of destruction. And I have created the armies that destroy, but in that coming day, no weapon turned

against you shall succeed and you will have justice against every courtroom lie. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord. These are the blessings I have given you, says the Lord.

Thanks for reading. If you get an opportunity, write to us:

Outreach Prayer Breakfast: P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. We'd love to hear from you. May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

Smiles don't cost you anything. Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Also, our bereaved families. God is able!

Our drive by prayers are always needed. So when you drive around the community, please do so.

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

Local quilter helps bring St Jude patients' dreams to life

More than 3,500 quilts donated and \$1.1 million raised through Quilt of Dreams Promotion

Memphis, Tenn. — Chuckie Peterson of Lubbock, Texas, has made a patient's visit to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital a bit happier and a lot warmer.

Peterson created a quilt for a St. Jude patient through the Hancock Fabrics/St. Jude Quilt of Dreams promotion. Peterson's quilt, titled Rainbows in Paris, not only brightened a child's day, but also won first place for most original by a Hancock employee in her district. The quilt was donated to a patient receiving treatment at St. Jude or will be used for an additional fundraising effort to support the hospital.

The Quilt of Dreams promotion began in May 2003, when Hancock Fabrics unveiled 20 new fabric designs based on the artwork of St. Jude patients. The fabrics were sold in Hancock stores nationwide with 30 cents of the purchase price per yard going to the hospital.

After capturing the dreams of St. Jude patients, Hancock asked their customers and employees to create quilts using the St. Jude fabrics and the children's dreams. As a result, more than 3,500 quilts were donated from across the United States and more than \$1.1 million was raised through the Quilt of Dreams promotion.

Upon receiving the quilts, Hancock judged them for uniqueness and best use of theme. First place winners were awarded in every Hancock district and ten quilts designed by Hancock customers and employees were named as national winners.

St. Jude patients in Memphis, as well as patients receiving treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's four domestic affiliates and 17 international clinics, will be given the quilts specially made for them. FedEx will handle all international shipping free of charge for the hospital.

Hancock has already begun planning for next year's promotion. New St. Jude patient dreams are being gathered and new fabric created. The 2004 promotion will begin in the spring.

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St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Sunday Morning Services began at 10:00 AM with Sunday School. The lesson was taught by Minister Nina Davis.

The Morning Worship Services began at 11:15 AM. Deacon Edward Williams and Sister Oretta Moore led the devotion. The Senior Choir provided the morning selections, and they were enjoyed by all.

Minister Nina Davis delivered the morning message. Her subject was "Examples of Faith." Her scripture text was Hebrews 11:1. An inspiring message it was.

Pastor Canady was ill and not able to be in service.

Thought for the Week:

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Focus on the Family Applauds FDA Decision on "Plan B"

Ruling "sound medical judgement and common sense"

Colorado Springs, Colo. - Focus on the Family Senior Bioethics Analyst Carrie Gordon Earl issued the following statement today in response to the Food and Drug Administration, decision to not allow over-the-

counter sales of "Plan B" commonly known as the "morning-after pill". "Despite intense lobbying by radical feminist groups and pro-abortion forces, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration placed the

health and safety of American women and teenagers ahead of political ideology with its announcement yesterday.

"The FDA's decision to reject Bart Laboratories' request to sell 'Plan B' over-the-counter without medical supervision represents sound medical judgment and common sense. Focus on the Family is relieved that the FDA comprehended the potential risk to young women and fulfilled its appointed role to protect them — despite immense pressure to do otherwise.

"The proposal would have allowed teenage girls (or younger) to purchase the drug without parental involvement or knowledge. The effects of repeated use of the drug, especially on developing adolescent bodies, are unknown. 'Plan B' consists of two high doses of oral contraceptives — pills that are usually available only by prescription after a medical examination and with continued physician oversight. It simply does not make sense for higher doses to be exempt from the same supervision — regardless of the age of the female." WASHINGTON - The U.S. Small Business Administration today announced a new procurement program that will boost federal contract opportunities for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses. The interim rule will be published tomorrow and is effective immediately. The Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council concurrently released regulations implementing the program.

"President Bush has made it a priority to reach out to all of Americans entrepreneurs, and we have a special responsibility to make an effort for those who sacrificed for our safety and freedom," SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto said. "We have made a strong effort to do precisely that. Federal contract dollars to service-disabled veterans increased from \$298 million in fiscal year 2002 to \$510 million in FY2003. But we want to do more. The regulations being issued today will ensure that those great Americans who served our country proudly continue to have fair and open access to contracting opportunities."

The new rule will amend the relevant sections of the Code of Federal Regulations, adding provisions that will allow contracting officers to restrict contract awards to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses when there is a reasonable expectation that two or more service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses will submit bids at a fair market price. It also allows awards of sole-source contracts to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses when there is not a reasonable expectation that two or more service-disabled veteran-owned firms will submit bids and the anticipated contract price does not exceed \$3 million, with the exception of manufacturing contracts where the contracting threshold is \$5 million.

The interim rule allows small businesses to self-certify as service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. Any challenge to a firm's status as a small business or standing as a service-disabled veteran-owned small business must be referred to the SBA for resolution. The SBA will rely upon existing Department of Veteran's Affairs or Department of Defense determinations regarding status and will help enforce penalties for false representation.

For more information about all of the SBA's programs or small businesses, visit the SBA's extensive Web site at www.sba.gov.

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CITY OF LUBBOCK – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Lubbock's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), 2004-2009 Consolidated Plan

On May 12, 2004 the Community Development Service Board voted to recommend to City Council the following projects for FY 2004-2005. Comments on the Consolidated Plan, and funding recommendations will be accepted through June 25, 2004. Comments may be sent in writing to:

City of Lubbock
 Community Development Department
 Attn: Todd Steelman
 P.O. Box 2000 Lubbock, TX 79457

The Lubbock City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to allow citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed use of 2004-2005 Federal Housing and Urban Development Funds and the 2004-2009 Consolidated Plan. The scheduled time and date for this hearing is:

June 9, 2004, 5:00 p.m.
 City Council Chambers
 Municipal Building
 1625 13th Street

— 2004-2005 PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES BY GRANT —

AGENCY	PROJECT	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	AGENCY	PROJECT	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED			
Community Development Block Grant								
City of Lubbock	Para-Transit	\$300,000	City of Lubbock Community Dev.	Housing HEEL UP Program	\$163,488			
City of Lubbock Parks	Summer Satellite Youth Program	\$50,000	City of Lubbock Community Dev.	Street Paving	\$300,000			
Community in Schools	Pathway to Expansion	\$15,750	North/East Lubbock	CDC Infrastructure	\$250,000			
Lubbock Area Coalition For Literacy	Literacy Outreach	\$900	North/East Lubbock	CDC Micro loan Program	\$100,000			
Lubbock Boys & Girls Club	Summer Day Camp	\$19,350	Administration		\$476,170			
WorkSource	Childcare	\$31,300	Direct Delivery		\$556,045			
African American Chamber	Business Incubator	\$9	Indirect Cost		\$70,000			
Bridge of Lubbock	Bridge to Success	\$0	City of Lubbock Community Dev.	Sidewalks	\$0			
Bridge of Lubbock	Meals & Direct Assistance	\$0	High Plains Community Capital	Gap financing	\$0			
Catholic Family Services	Childcare	\$0	Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation	Individual Development Accounts	\$0			
Children's Advocacy Center	Family Support	\$0	Link Ministries	Sidewalks	\$0			
Children's Home of Lubbock	Family Care	\$0	North/East Lubbock CDC	Homebuyer Down payment Assistance	\$0			
Christian Women's Job Corps	Childcare	\$0	Total CDBG		\$2,082,000			
Christian Women's Job Corps	Self-Sufficiency	\$0	HOME Investment Partnership Program					
City of Lubbock Parks	Computer Training	\$0	City of Lubbock Community Dev.	Housing Reconstruction	\$900,000			
East Lubbock Coalition	Children's Health Initiative	\$0	City of Lubbock Community Dev.	HOPE Acquisition/Rehab	\$300,000			
East Lubbock Development Corp.	Safeguard Youth Mentoring Program	\$0	Community Housing Resource Board	Community Housing Resource Board	\$50,000			
Full Armor Ministries	Sister to Sister Mentoring Program	\$0	Community Housing Resource Board	Community Housing Resource Board	\$196,295			
Guadalupe Economic Services Corp.	Housing Counseling	\$0	Kelly Properties	New Construction	\$130,000			
Lubbock Area United Way	Success By Six	\$0	North/East Lubbock CDC	North/East Lubbock CDC	\$56,100			
Lubbock Boys & Girls Club	Fitness Authority Youth Program	\$0	West Texas Community Impact Corp.	Interim Construction	\$45,742			
Lubbock Boys & Girls Club	Kids in Action Youth Arts Program	\$0	10% Admin		\$130,863			
Lubbock Cotton Kings	Youth Education & Recreation	\$0	City of Lubbock Community Dev.	American Dream Down payment Initiative	\$253,035			
LULAC	Business Incubator	\$0	Community Housing Resource Board	Handicapped Housing	\$0			
New Hope Christian Counseling Center	Family Counseling Services	\$0	Millennium Realty	New Construction	\$0			
South Plains CORE/Windmill	Job Training Hospitality skills	\$0	Total HOME		\$1,972,035			
South Plains CORE/Windmill	Job Training Tech Skills	\$0	Emergency Shelter Grant					
South Plains Food Bank	Youth Summer Job Training	\$0	Alcoholic Recovery	Shelter Operations	\$8,000			
South Plains Food Bank	Kids Cafe	\$0	Ask House	Shelter Operations	\$10,000			
Teen Publications	Job Training Bikes for Families	\$0	Lubbock Interfaith Hospitality Network	Shelter Operations	\$10,000			
YWCA	Disabled Adult Recreation Challenger	\$0	Salvation Army	Essential Services	\$12,000			
YWCA	Disabled Youth Recreation Challenger	\$0	Salvation Army	Homeless Prevention	\$10,000			
YWCA	Childcare	\$0	Salvation Army	Shelter Operations	\$15,000			
YWCA	Stubbs Job Training Center	\$0	Vandellia Church of Christ	Homeless Prevention	\$16,178			
City of Lubbock BAND	Coalition Employment Expansion Proj. 1/2K Insulated	\$234,000	Women's Protective Services	Essential Services	\$12,000			
City of Lubbock Community Dev.	Housing Barrier Free	\$100,000	5% Admin		\$5,220			
City of Lubbock Community Dev.	Housing Emergency Repair	\$100,000	Managed Care Worker House	Renovation	\$0			
City of Lubbock Community Dev.	Economic Development - Larger Loans	\$100,000	Women's Protective Services	Renovation	\$0			
City of Lubbock Community Dev.	Housing Title Loan Repayment	\$125,000	Total ESG		\$104,388			

The Public Hearing is available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance please contact Todd Steelman, 775-2297, or write him at P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock Texas, 79457, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.





Editorials • Comments • Opinions



In Cinque

by Zenetta W. Howard

The more I observe college campuses, the more I realize that college 'ain't what it used to be! Then I wonder if this is good or bad. There was a time when the average student had to work a part of his way out of college. In the process, he learned the academic subjects and learned work ethics as well. Further, he appreciated what he accomplished and was proud of it. He also learned how much to play because he had to balance work and study.

Pride is hard to find these days in the work place and college campuses are no exception. If you call an office on a college campus and finally connect with someone who perhaps should be able to entertain your questions, you may be disappointed. They

either cannot adequately answer your question or will transfer you to someone else who also cannot answer your question. It is possible to be on the telephone at least a half day trying to get an answer to a simple question. If you go in person to get an answer, be prepared to walk or drive from one building to another. When you find the person who can answer your question, your answer will usually be very vague because they can never pin anything down to a specific entity. Once what you needed to know has come to pass, you can get an answer. Of course, it will be too late to do you any good anyway.

This "ex-post facto" way of handling business at colleges not only speaks to the absence of pride in daily affairs, it speaks to the lackadaisical manner in which the concern for student well being, growth and achievement is demonstrated. Young students can go astray in modern colleges because no one gives a care about what they do. If they

do well in the academic area, it is because they had a single-purposedness of mind before they left home and embarked upon the journey of higher education.

Most students fresh out of high school are not ready to be turned loose in a society of hip-hop party goers/party throwers, class-cutters/class cutters, and rampant immorality. Peer pressure is very strong and has a very great effect on the new student who really wants to fit in. Most of these students need counselors who will not wait until the student comes to them, but should schedule time for intimate chats on a regular basis to guide these young students to help them to adjust to their purpose for being in college. The drop-out rate will be lower than is currently predicted when colleges return to the endeavor of educating the whole student. It is time for us to get "in cinque" and let our colleges know that we expect a continuation of education, not degradation of our children.

Letter to the Editor

You know, when I think back to the 60's I remember the policies of the bus companies of America, and how Black people had to go to the back of the bus to sit down. I now ask myself why is that not still happening? I know why.

Black people stopped riding the bus and started carpooling, riding bicycles, and walking. No one was riding the buses, so the policy of the bus company was changed.

Now with the price of a gallon of gas being what it is today, I just

wonder if we would stop buying gas and start riding the bus, carpooling, bicycling, and walking what would happen to the price of gas in about a week? If they can't sell the gas what would they do? You know we could try this. You may not have all of the comfort for a while but can you give up a little comfort for a while? If so lets organize.

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