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Local News

Mosquito Hotline Now Available

Due to an increase in the mosquito population following the recent rains, the City of Lubbock has established a Mosquito Hotline for citizens to use when requesting spraying in their neighborhoods.

The hotline number is 775-3110.

After several rings, a recorded message will ask for the caller's name, address and phone number. Everyone who calls will be put on a spray list, and the Vector Control crew will respond as quickly as possible.

Please speak clearly when leaving a message, and be sure to give a complete address.

Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association

"NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"

The Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association will be sponsoring their "National Night Out" on Tuesday evening, August 5, 2003, at the Mae Simmons Outreach Center, 1303 East 24th Street, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

With the theme "Neighbors Coming Together," a small item silent auction will be held. There will also be entertainment which will involve the Pleasant Grove Baptist Churches Youth Group from Tahoka, Texas.

The public is invited to come and help give Neighborhood Crime & Drugs a "Going Away Party." Refreshments will be available.

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 and Saturday 4pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday, 7:30
- Forgotten West Riders, First & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, 214 F. Ferguson Hwy
- East Lubbock Chapter A.A.P.C. Every Thursday at 4pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, 1303 East 24th Street
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni, 3rd Tuesday, 8-10pm, T.I. Black's Cafe
- Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association, Every Third Thursday, 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th Street (community center)
- West Texas Native American Association For lunch. Supper on alternating months prior to meeting. Meetings held on second Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm. Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- East Lubbock Chapter of T.I. Black's Memorial Park, Lubbock East Lubbock T.I. Black's Memorial Park, 1708 Avenue G, 7:00pm
- Texas Association of Black & Hispanic Community Leaders, 3rd Tuesday at T.I. Black's Cafe, 8:00pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30

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 CO: Southwest Digest
P.O. Box 2587
Lubbock, Texas 79408
or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at
902 East 23rd Street

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Black Group Calls on Jesse Jackson to Put His Money Where His Mouth is and Sponsor a Black NASCAR Driver

Jackson Received a Quarter-Million in NASCAR Donations by Claiming Blacks are Excluded from Stock Car Racing

Activists with the African-American leadership network Project 21 are demanding that Jesse Jackson support a promising black driver who currently lacks the financial sponsorship needed to advance in the sport.

Jackson has publicly complained that black drivers have been excluded from NASCAR. In 1999, according to the National Legal and Policy Center, Jackson told a conference attended by NASCAR's then-CEO "The fact of the matter is there is frustration because of exclusion. We were qualified to play baseball before 1947. We are qualified to race cars now."

Since then, Jackson's organizations have received a reported \$250,000 from NASCAR and NASCAR has pursued minority outreach efforts.

On June 24, a board member of Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH

Coalition renewed the attack on NASCAR, publicly charging that auto racing remains "the last bastion of white supremacy" in professional sports.

Given this continuing dissatisfaction, Project 21 is now calling on Jesse Jackson to take the money given to his operations by NASCAR and use it to directly support an up-and-coming black driver — a driver, for example, such as Herbie Bagwell, Jr. Bagwell, who has raced since 1988, was recently offered a race team for the upcoming Busch North Series after posting good testing times at the New Hampshire International Speedway. The sum that NASCAR gave Jackson, approximately \$250,000, could essentially finance a driver like Bagwell throughout the six-race series.

Bagwell told the racing web site catchfence.com that he has

not been contacted by any of Jackson's groups, but he has been contacted by NASCAR and encouraged to compete. Speaking on his race and racing, Bagwell told catchfence.com that he shrugs off people's pessimism: "I'm passionate about auto racing. So those who want to deter me from this goal had their words fall of deaf ears."

"As a devoted fan of NASCAR. I am troubled by Jesse Jackson's latest exploits," says Project 21 member Reginald Jones. "I never once have paused to consider the racial make-up of the drivers or other fans. Like white fans of the NBA, racial proportions are irrelevant to me. NASCAR is a juicy target because of its southern heritage and vast financial resources. Fans should be outraged by NASCAR's cowardice in the face of Jackson's latest hustle. People like me who have

supported the sport do not appreciate our money going to him."

Jackson's organizations have acknowledged that sponsorship of drivers is the key issue. As Project 21 member Deroj Murdock wrote in a May column for National Review Online, Charles S. Farrell, director of Jackson's Manhattan-based Rainbow Sports, has said: "No one has physically come up and said, 'You're black. You cannot race. But the lack of sponsorship is tantamount to saying, 'No, you cannot race in NASCAR.'"

Project 21 director David Almasi agrees with the diagnosis; but wonders why Jackson won't use the money his organization received from NASCAR to fix the problem. "What Bagwell and other black drivers need is sponsorship money. That's not a civil rights issue.

Jesse Jackson has been given the resources to help these drivers get to the track. When they start driving and winning, the sport will integrate faster than it already is now. Herbie Bagwell is not the only black racer out there, but he has the ambition to be a future champion."

NASCAR's gifts to Jackson have been a matter of national controversy since the Virginia-based National Legal and Policy Center publicly called upon NASCAR to sever its financial support for Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH organization several months ago.

Project 21 has been a leading voice in the African-American community since 1992. For more information: contact David Almasi at (202) 371-1400 x106 or Project21@nationalcenter.org, or visit Project 21's web site at <http://www.project21.org/P21Index.html>.

Zkia Stephenson Recognized

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Zkia Stephenson of Idalou, Texas, has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner.

Zkia, who attends Idalou Middle School, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America, history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy

winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievements," said Dr. George

Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The USA National Honor Roll Awards provide honor roll students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent, and ability.

Zkia is the daughter of Alien and Linda Davis of Idalou, Texas. Zkia is also the recipient of the All-American Scholar Award.

Candidates for Texas Tech University President to Visit Campus

LUBBOCK - The Texas Tech University Presidential Search Advisory Committee anticipates inviting candidates for president of Texas Tech University to visit campus beginning the week of July 21, committee chairman Brian Newby said today (July 8).

Newby, of Fort Worth and vice chairman of the Board of Regents, said names of candidates to visit campus would be announced prior to their visits, as well as a schedule of public meetings.

"The committee feels very good about the process that has been used in this search. It is our goal to be as inclusive as possible and to seek comments from the Texas Tech community before the search ultimately narrows to a final candidate. We anticipate naming a president in a timely fashion in order for that

individual to assume responsibilities early in the upcoming academic year," Newby said.

"Seeking community input will ensure that our president has a broad base of support from day one, and also that the Texas Tech community is comfortable with our new leaders," Newby said. Candidates will visit the Lubbock campus. Times will be set up for the candidates to visit separately with students, faculty and staff. An open community reception will also be scheduled for each of the candidates.

The 21-member committee was named in April to assist Chancellor David R. Smith, M.D. in the selection of the 14th president of Texas Tech University. The committee will make its recommendation to Smith who will select the president.

School of Nursing Hosts Baby Shower

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's School of Nursing maternal/child class sponsored the Stork's Nest Baby Shower July 1 at the health sciences center.

The Stork's Nest is a cooperative national project of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and the March of Dimes. The Lubbock chapter of the Stork's Nest depends significantly on the generosity of the Lubbock community to donate maternity and infant supplies, which are used as incentives for women enrolled in the prenatal program.

The Lubbock chapter of the Stork's Nest plays a vital community role by increasing prenatal care for Lubbock women in reducing preterm births and neonatal complications, assisting women with prenatal care and teaching expectant parents infant care practices.



(left) Katie Pecks (right to left), Stork's Nest Coordinator, Lillinn Jefferson of Zeta Phi Beta and Capri Horien, TTUHSC nursing student enjoy browsing through some 1500 items that were donated to the Stork's Nest.

(right) TTUHSC nursing students (left to right) Damien Tarpley and Katie Tenczar deliver some donated baby items to the Stork's Nest Shower. The Maternal/Child and Community Health classes sponsored the shower.



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.



Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

Artistic Hosiery

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The great thing about the history of fashion, is that it keep repeating itself. In regards to the pantihose, we're definitely stepping back in time, and aren't we stepping pretty.

The artistic pantihose returns, bringing with it yesterdays glamour, elegance and style, for today's beautiful fashion conscious women.

This time around the art on hosiery is designed to enhance this season current fashions, especially the embellished suits. Ladies you're going to feast your eyes upon plenty of sheer and ultra sheer delights.

Rhymestone pantihose galore, stones in many colors and different shapes, arranged in unusual patterns.

In fact, it will not be difficult at all to select the exact same decoration



on your hosiery, that you have on you suit! How great is that!

The art work varies from beaded beads, to stars, to beautiful breath taking roses, or maybe a single rose, or better yet, a single black line down the back of the panty hose.....

Ladies, lets not be shy, what ever statement your suit is making let your pantihose make the same statement.

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Tip... Always wear a smile fashion, just for the fun of it.



CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

The hot weather didn't stop the activities of the New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning. If you are looking for a church home, then come by and visit the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue. It is the church where the People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor.

Come and praise the Lord at New Hope Baptist Church.

Last Sunday was Youth Sunday at New Hope. Sunday School began at 9:30 a. m. with all teachers at their post of duty. All students received thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a.m., all teachers and students marched to the main auditorium where high points of the morning lesson were discussed. It was another good lesson.

Services began at 10:10 a. m. until 11:10 a. m., with Meditation S Prayer. Beginning at 11:11 a.m., the Praise Team was in charge of devotional period. The morning scripture was read by Rev. Mercelle McCutcheon, and Rev. Cheryl Martin offered the morning prayer.

After several selections by the New Hope Choir, Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "An Encounter With Jesus." His scripture scripture text was St. John 4:26. Announcements for the morning were read by Sister LaVerne Williams. Brother Virgil Johnson welcomed all visitors.

The Annual Church Family Picnic of New Hope will be held Saturday, August 22, 2003, at the Booker T. Washington Park, across from the church location.

Annual Usher Day will be held Sunday, July 20, 2003, at New Hope Baptist Church, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

The public is invited to attend. Don't miss this blessed event.

The upcoming Oklahoma Bus Trip to the church home of New Hope's former members. Brother and Sister James and Willie Mae Sterling, will be held on July 26 and 27, 2003. All persons desiring to make this trip should turn their names into either Sisters Cynthia Hatcher, Branetta Cooper or Margaret Moton immediately.

Rev. Phillip Randal and members of the Johnson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Amarillo, Texas will be worshipping with the members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, July 20, 2003, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

Bethel is located at 2202 Southeast Drive, Rev. Danny Poe is pastor.

Let us continue to pray for and visit those among us who are sick and shut-in. Among them include Brother Clarence Ervin, a patient at University Medical Center, room 344, Sister Rose, Reddic and Sister Magaie Runnels.

God is always able!

Word comes to this writer of the death of Henry Jackson, a long-time resident of Lubbock who passed away last Saturday, July 12, 2003.

If you are unable to attend church services on Sunday mornings, then tune into the New Hope Services over Radio Station KJAK, 92.7 FM, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p. m.

LEGAL NOTICE

Guadalupe/Parkway Neighborhood Center will receive sealed bids until 24 July 2003, 3:00 p.m. at the project located at 405 North MLK Blvd. Lubbock, Texas 79403 for the following project:

Year 2003 Improvements (Interior Remodeling) For Guadalupe/Parkway Community Center

After the expiration of the time and at the place as noted, all bids will be opened privately. Bidders will be notified of the results of the bidding process on Friday, 25 July 2003 before 5:00 p.m.

The project will be paid by funding from the Community Development Block Grant received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The project must comply with all applicable Federal Laws and Regulations including the payment of Federal minimum wages under the provisions of the Davis Bacon Act, equal opportunity and under Section 3, Affirmative Action and Executive Order 11246.

The agency reserves the right to reject all bids, Beginning Monday, July 14, 2003, plans and specifications may be obtained at the offices of Grimes and Associates, Consulting Engineers L.P., 21403 FM 179/PO Box 65, Wolfforth, Texas 79382, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A Prepaid Conference will be held at 3:00 p.m. local time, 17 July 2003. All interested parties should meet at the Guadalupe/Parkway Neighborhood Center.

BIG GARAGE SALE!

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Avery/Johnson Wedding Vows Set

Ms. Erveta Avery and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Avery announces the wedding & their daughter, Germaine Antoinette Avery, to Kelvin Johnson, on Saturday afternoon, August 2, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. at the Saint John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Streets.

Lt. Colonel Gaston Takes Over Command

The Officers and Soldiers of the 553rd Corps Support Battalion announced the In Field Change of Command in which Lieutenant Colonel Mark F. Kormos relinquished his command to Lieutenant Colonel Patrick B. Gatson on Sunday, June 29, 2003, at 0900 hours in Tikrit, Iraq.

A Lubbock native, Gaston is the son of Dr. Sylvester Gaston of Lubbock.



CHURCH DIRECTORY



WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS.
"AMERICA INSANE WITH COCAINE"

ISAIAH 1:4a, AH SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVIL DOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD.

WE KNOW AMERICA LOVES MONEY, AND COCAINE IS BIG MONEY YOU SEE. THE GREED OF THIS COUNTRY, HAS PUT OUR CHILDREN IN THEIR MISERERE.

1 TIMOTHY 6:10 FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL: WHICH WHILE SOME COVETED AFTER, THEY HAVE ERRED FROM THE FAITH, AND PIERCED THEMSELVES THROUGH WITH MANY SORROWS.

NOW THE DEVIL IS JUST DOING HIS JOB, DRIVING AMERICA INSANE, AND THE DEATH PENALTY, SHOULD BE THE PUNISHMENT, SHAME, SHAME, SHAME.

(IF AMERICA WOULD DO THE DEATH PENALTY, FOR ANYONE DEALING DRUGS, THE DEALERS WOULD BE OUT OF BUSINESS, SHE WOULD STAMP OUT THAT SIN, THAT IS KILLING HER PEOPLE!!!)

EPHESIANS 6:10, FOR WRESTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES, AGAINST POWER, AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD, AGAINST SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES.

THE HIGH PLACES IS BIG MONEY PEOPLE, AS THE BLIND MAN CAN SEE, THE POOR MAN CANT BRING IT OVER; FROM ACROSS THE LAND AND SEA..... IS AMERICA ROBBING GOD OF HIS CHILDREN???

AMERICA WILL SPEND ZILLIONS OF DOLLARS, FIGHTING AROUND THE WORLD, BUT THERE IS A DRUG WAR AT HOME, THAT IS KILLING OUR BOYS AND GIRLS!!!

LUKE 23:23-31, JESUS SAID, DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM, WEEP NOT FOR ME, BUT WEEP FOR YOUR CHILDREN. FOR, BEHOLD(LOOK), THE DAYS ARE COMING, IN THE WHICH THEY SHALL SAY, BLESSED ARE BARREN, AND THE WOMBS THAT NEVER GAVE SUCK, THEN THEY SHALL BEGAN TO SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, FALL ON US; AND TO THE HILLS, COVERS US. FOR IF THEY DO THESE THINGS I A

GREEN TREE, WHAT SHALL BE DONE IN THE DRY TREE.

(IN THE GREEN TREE, WHICH IS JESUS; THOSE THAT WAS IN HIGH PLACES OF THAT DAY KILLED JESUS, EVEN WHEN HE WAS A BABY, THOSE IN HIGH PLACES SENT OUT MEN TO KILL THE BABIES IN THE LAND, MATTHEW 2:16, SHOWS THAT POWDER DON'T GIVE A DAMN; AND IS THE ROOT OF THE DEVIL'S EVIL!!!)

COCAINE CAN TAKE A MILLIONAIRE'S MONEY; AND DROP IT TO A DIME, IT TOOK THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON JOB AWAY, AND GAVE HIM TIME.

JAMES 1:14, EVERY MAN IS TEMPTED, WHEN HE IS DRAWN AWAY OF HIS OWN LUST, AND ENTICED.

COCAINE CAN MAKE A BUS DRIVER, AND MAKE HIM NOT RUN HIS ROUTE, HE WILL TAKE THE CITIBUS HOME; AND PARK IT IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE.

PROVERB 12:15, THE WAY OF A FOOL IS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES; BUT HE THAT HEARKENETH UNTO COUNSEL IS WISE.

COCAINE CAN MAKES A MOTHER, GOUGE OUT HER OWN BABY'S EYES, IT CAN MAKE AN 18 WHEELER DRIVER, RUN PEOPLE OFF THE ROAD FOR MILES.

JOHN 10:10, JESUS SAID, THE THIEF COMETH NOT, BUT FOR TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY; I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY BJ. MORRISON!! YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
'Suffering for Doing Good

"Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, do not be frightened. But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for evil." 1 Peter 3:13-17, NIV.

The concept of suffering in Scripture involves physical and mental pain and sorrows as well as affliction and agony brought on by a great variety of experiences. While Scripture reveals that some suffering is the direct result of human sin, it is

also presented as a tool for shaping Christlike character and lasting faith.

The story is told of a couple in the Midwest who had went through a wind storm where the winds exceeded seventy miles per hour. After the storm was over the couple walks around the block to see how much damaged had been rendered to their neighbors property. They notice on the block where they lived a huge tree had fallen on top of a neighbor's van. The van looked like a new one. However, it was totaled by the tree. There were lots of other big trees in the yard still standing and doing fine, but one thing was different. The tree that blew down was hollow. The center had rotted away. The heart was gone. It could not stand from the force of the wind.

Faith is like this. True Christian faith is more than a shell of performance. We need a heart that is filled with hope in Jesus Christ. The core of our being should be a

strong conviction about the love of God. If we have a hollow faith, the winds of the world will blow us away. We will not have the durability to stand in the high winds of life.

Jesus warned us that His followers would be persecuted for doing good: Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you (Matthew 5:0-12).

Peter pointed out that, as a general rule, doing good does not result in harm or punishment. But even if the exception to this rule prevails and undeserved suffering results from doing good, those who belong to Christ are blessed for doing what

is right and should therefore have no fear. Christian should fear God, not other people.

Peter suggested to Christians in verse 15 (NIV) that they could conquer their fear if they "set apart [sanctified] Christ as Lord." This done, the believers should always be read "to give and answer," to offer a defense for the hope that they have. But this should be done without arrogance and with a clear conscience.

When Christians keep a clear conscience and suffer without just cause, they shame those who slander them and draw commendation from God. Peter pointed out that doing good normally does not result in harm, but he suggested that it may be God's will at times for the believer to suffer for doing good. He holds that this is certainly better than suffering deservedly because of doing evil. Remember, if the Master suffered, the servant must expect suffering as well.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"A Prayer Of Healing"
Father, we come before you boldly and confidently knowing that you are not a man that you should lie and that you watch over your word to perform it. Therefore, Father, we bring before you these who are sick mentally and physically. Father, by the authority of your word, we know without a doubt that that it is your will for us to be completely whole and restored in the Name of Jesus.

We know, Father, Satan — the god of this H world — comes against your handiwork. We know that you are the God of Miracles, the God of Love, Power and Might. Through your redeeming plan, what Jesus did on the cross and in the pit of hell for us. We, your people, are redeemed from the curse of the law. The law of the Spirit of Life in Christ: Jesus has made us free from the law of sin and death. We are seated with Christ in heavenly places far above all Satanic forces. So we bring nil people before your throne of Grace who have been attacked

mercilessly, mentally and physically by Satan and his cohorts. We intercede in behalf of them and their families and loved ones.

Satan, we speak to you and to the principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and wicked spirits in heavenly places, and we bind you and loose them from their assignments against these people in the mighty name of the Lord Jesus. You can no longer harass or hinder these people who have the opportunity this day to make Jesus their Lord and Saviour. We bind doubt, unbelief, fear, tradition, discouragement, depression, and oppression from operating against the parents, children, and all individuals.

Father, we pray for born again; spirit filled people in position of authority - administrators, teachers, doctors, nurses, preder,oes, attendants and volunteers. We pray that men and women of integrity, blameless and complete in your sight remain in these positions, but that the wicked cease to trouble,

and the treacherous be rooted out. Father, we pray for laborers of the harvest to go forth preaching the good news to the lost and to the Body of Christ.

We pray that you quicken your people to your word that they be filled with wisdom and revelation knowledge concerning the integrity of your word, speaking faith filled words and doing faith filled actions. We pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, divine health, the fruit of the recreated human spirit, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and deliverance. May they know that Jesus is our source of every consolation, comfort and encouragement, and we are to be sanctified spirit, soul and body.

We confess that we are redeemed from the curse of the Law, redeemed from every sickness, disease, alcohol, malady, affliction, defect deficiency, deformity, injury, and every demon. We speak restoration to damaged brain cells and activation of dormant brain cells. We speak normal intellect for one's age. We speak creative miracles

to the parts of the body. We speak healing to wounds. We speak words of life and say that they shall live in victory in this life and not die. We speak perfect soundness of mind and wholeness in body and spirit. We say that tongues are loosed and speech is distinct. We say ears hear and eyes see in the name of Jesus. We say demons are cast out bowing to the name of Jesus. We speak deliverance to bodies and minds.

The world's diet make us sick! By your stripes we are healed! We commission God's ministering spirits to go forth as they harken to God's word to provide the necessary help for and assistance to those who we are praying for. Nothing is too hard or impossible for you. All things are possible to us who believe. We pray for more intercessors to stand with us. Let our prayer be set forth as incense before God. Praise Go!!

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Church School 9:30am
Morning Worship 10:50am
Evening Worship 6:00pm
Wednesday Bible Study 12:00 Noon and 6:00pm

"God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Man Our Brother"
Pastor: Danny R. Poe

In Remembrance...



**OSCAR
"BOSSIE"
JONES**

Funeral services for Oscar "Bossie" Jones were held last Saturday afternoon, July 12, 2003, at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church Brother Willie Griffin Lubbock Cemetery under the direc-

tion Burial was held in the city of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Jones passed away Monday, July 7, 2003, at the Covenant-Lakeside Hospital.

He was born in Bryan, Texas on September 6, 1920, to Frank and Emma Jones. He moved to

Lubbock in 1945. He preceded in death by his parents, and a brother,

He is survived by an aunt, Lula Pierce of Dallas, Texas, three nieces: Bertha Rainwater, Reva Alexander and Katie Bartee of Lubbock, Texas; five nephews: Frank, Jr., Curtis, Oscar, Stephen, and Anthony Jones; many other relatives and friends.

Legal Notice

Request for Proposals:

Competitive Sealed Proposals

**Administration Building Stone Restoration
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The Texas Tech University System
Lubbock, Texas
Project No. 98-33B**

The RFP and further information can be obtained by accessing the **Texas Marketplace**
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For additional information contact the Texas Tech University System Project Manager Richard A. Richeda. Contact via phone (806) 742-2116, Fax 806-742-2241 or e-mail: rick.richeda@ttu.edu.

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Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Question: How do you choose a good mate to marry? - continued

Answer: Love is not enough. I have had a number of people ask me about this statement that I made in the last issue. I am not referring to the perfect love that God has for us. I am referring to the love that we humans have for one another that is influenced (or more accurately stated, tainted) by circumstances outside of the love relationship.

Issues such as; culture, role expectation, education, and individual family values. When we say that we love someone it is influenced by these factors. This influence remains a part of the love relationship until both parties have developed their own functional or dysfunctional family relationship or until they have rejected the influence of their mate's culture and the relationship has been terminated. Be certain that you do not underestimate the influence these factors have on a marriage.

Consider the influence of culture. Culture is the customs, rules, expectations, traditions and language of a specific group of people. It may be

defined also by a geographic location. Culture does not include race. If you are in a relationship where the women still do the cooking and cleaning on Thanksgiving Day while the men go to the family room and watch the Dallas Cowboys whip up on the Washington Red Skins (praise the Lord) and you don't want to participate in this family tradition you are headed for a collision. As a modern woman you believe the men ought to share in the work but your partner and his family

does not; you are going to have some problems. Not only will you have some problems with him, you are going to have problems with the families of that culture. Who, in turn, will make his life more difficult because they want to know why he picked a woman who didn't fit their expectations. He is getting grief from both sides and depending on the character of the man this relationship is possibly headed for destruction.

This is a small example of what can influence a marriage. Unless one or the other adopts the culture of the other this relationship cannot long endure. Consider the example of Ruth. When she had lost her husband she then made a decision to assimilate

into the culture of her mother-in-law, Naomi. "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die I will die and there I will be buried." (Ruth 1:16,17a).

Love is not enough. A person must consider all the things that make up the person they are in a love relationship with. The culture is significant in the shaping of the person. If you ignore it you risk getting into a relationship that has significant problems.

Grace and peace,
Gerald P. Jackson



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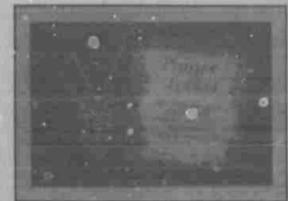
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- 4 catfish fillets (4 to 6 ounces each)
- Olive oil
- Cajun seasoning
- 1 medium green bell pepper, cut in rings
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

MICROWAVE potatoes, covered, on HIGH (100%) power 10 minutes or until tender. Brush cut sides of potatoes and both sides of fish with oil, sprinkle with Cajun seasoning.

HEAT grill to medium-high (400° to 450°). Place Reynolds Wrap Release Non-Stick Grill Foil sheets on grill rack with non-stick side (as read on foil) facing up toward food. Arrange fish and vegetables on top. GRILL covered 8 to 10 minutes, turning once, until fish flakes easily and vegetables are roasted. REMOVE fish and vegetables from foil sheets, allow remaining juices to cool before handling foil. Squeeze lemon juice over fish.

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Yield: 8 pretzels
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shredded cheese. Simply add the pepperoni to the dough. Divide the dough into strips, shape into pretzels, top with cheese and bake. A fun recipe to make and eat. A great healthy snack idea: Dip baked pretzels in marinara sauce for an added zip.

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Freedom Celebrations in Lubbock Very Huge Success!

by Eddie P. Richardson

We had the Juneteenth Freedom Celebration which was very successful in remembrance of the Emancipation Proclamation signing, reaching the great state of Texas 30 months after the actual signing. Now this historic signing, by the sitting President of the United States of America, Abraham Lincoln, we still celebrate it today in order to keep the memory and this occasion alive. Let's not forget the Annual Fourth of Broadway. It is a

means of all U. S. of America citizens to celebrate America's independence from the British.

This year, spirits were high in patriotism, beginning with the Annual Parade, various booths on Broadway, and the Evening Celebration in Mackenzie Park. Everyone, in this writer's opinion, had a very good positive mental day. This kind of patriotic attitudes was just great. It would be so wonderful if this spirit was alive 24/7 in all American cities. If it was, then America would truly be America. All Americans would have a great twelve months!

On the negative side of the coin, there were those who left a bad picture of what this holiday was all about. There were those who left their debris or firecrackers

and other fireworks all over the area. This is not what this holiday is all about. But they did, and let's hope it will never happen again.

But through it all, we as Americans, should be proud of both freedoms which makes the U. S. of America what it really is. Sure, things are not perfect, and may never be, but they are better than years back. At least, we have an opportunity to grow on the positive things in our own posture.

This writer, loves the United States of America, and will continue to do what can be done to enhance the Greatest Nation in the history of Mankind!

Nuff Sed, Why Not?



In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

My mother was an avid gardener and gardening has held my interest from the time that I was about 10 years old, when my mother gave me a 6' X 61' corner of her garden to make mine. With her help, my harvest was just enough to make one pot of gumbo. I was proud of it. During this time of my life, I also harvested plums and berries from which I made wine. These were my years of youthful adventure. I was always happy with the outcome of whatever fruit or vegetable I tried to grow.

As my youthful years faded into adult years, I tried making a garden around my garage, as city life in the northern part of the United States did not provide the land space for the kind of gardens you can make in rural and rural urban areas such as my current residence. I saved many trips to the grocery store, however, when I harvested, collard greens, Swiss

chard, tomatoes, cucumbers, okra, carrots, cabbage sprouts, garlic and onions. The soil was bountiful and my harvests were great. I was able to preserve some of these items to eat through the winter months. Changing cities made a big difference in my harvests.

Living on the South Plains of the United States is definitely a different kind of gardening. There is a lot of cliché dirt and one needs to water it for at least a week in order to be able to break up the soil. Once done, and kept watered regularly, a pretty good harvest of many vegetables and fruits are possible. After a few years, the cliché and the 100 degree temperatures diminished my zeal for gardening. I even turned to putting artificial flowers in my yard.

Later, as I returned to my childhood gardening area to live, I was still putting artificial flowers in my yard. A couple of years ago, I planted some flowers and a couple of seeds of collard greens, a couple of peppers and a tomato or two. With a little luck, I had a small harvest; a couple of meals; a little more than with my first garden.

Finally, my longing for a really good harvest led me to a tiller and

the largest garden that I have ever had. Unfortunately, some of my seeds just did not raise themselves up through the soil. A day after I planted, we had the worst rain storm of the Spring and have continued to have rainy weather and some of my seeds washed away. The seeds that have come up have been surrounded by the tallest prettiest grass that I have ever seen. When asked about my garden, I say, "Oh, the grass is doing very well!" To preserve what seeds that have come up, I have put a new twist into gardening; a weed whacker. I used a weed whacker to get most of the grass out of my garden as a hoe and I never were good friends. Now, my plants can breathe and grow without the grass, though I must admit that I did chop off a few tomato and okra leaves in the process. I have already harvested some tomatoes, a few collard greens and some peppers. I saved some money while getting exercise in the garden. It is time that we all get 'in cinque' and do ourselves a favor with some organically grown food and healthy exercise.

Child Support Evader David Tello

Owes: \$49,479

Attorney General Greg Abbott needs your help to find Child Support Evader David Tello, one of the Most Wanted Child Support Evaders in Texas. Tello, who was named to the Attorney General's Top Ten List of Child Support Evaders in March 2002, owes \$49,479 for his two children's care. Tello has gone underground to elude officials and willfully avoid arrest.

In the original divorce decree from 1990, Tello was ordered to make child support payments of \$62.50 a week. Tello, who had the ability to pay and did not, was placed on 36 months probation in 1993 for getting more than \$8,000 behind on his child support pay-

ments. Tello did not follow the terms of the court order, and an arrest warrant was issued in October 1995 to revoke his probation.

Due to an indictment by the Bexar County Grand Jury in December 1999, Tello is also wanted on a felony warrant for criminal non-support. Tello now owes more than \$49,000 in unpaid child support because of missed payments and interest on unpaid child support.

Tello may be hiding in San Antonio, and is most likely working for cash to avoid garnishment of wages to pay child support.

Contact the Attorney General's Office at 1-866-EVADERS (382-3377) to report information that

may lead to the arrest of David Tello.

The Child Support Evaders on the top ten list are being singled out because they have the ability to take responsibility for their children, but refuse to do so.

Incarceration is the only option for parents who flagrantly ignore a court's order to pay child support. The Attorney General's Office helps parents who lack the ability to pay child support by referring them to job training and employment services.

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MAKING OUR BLOCK LOOK BAD?.... Hopefully this person will take a look of what has been happening in this area and if they be honest with themselves they'd be most appreciative CONCERNED PEOPLEwere present for the march.... More on the NEXT MARCH next week The upcoming one will be NUMBER 78!

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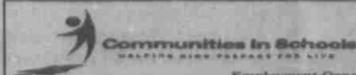
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Detroit, Michigan — Funeral services for a Lubbock's man sister, Mother Hattie Lee Henderson, were held Wednesday, July 2, 2003, at the True Gospel Baptist Church where Pastor Clarissa Dallas is host pastor. Officiating was Pastor Robert L. Smith of God's Universal House of Prayer.

Pallbearers were Mark Downs, Stanley Cureton, Maurice Downs, David Johnson, Hilliard Perry, Jr., James Lewis, Jr., Maurice Reedy and David Sams.

Flower bearers were friends of the family.

The sister of Abraham Spires of Lubbock, Texas, she was born to the late Rev. Charlie and Mammie Warren on January 8, 1917, in Enterprise, Alabama. Hattie was one of five children to this union, two brothers, Henry and Grady, and one sister, Ella Mae, preceded her in death.

At an early age, she accepted Christ at her fathers church. Hattie lived and was educated in Enterprise, Alabama. Later, she moved to Florida in 1931 where she was united in holy matrimony to Grady Stephens who preceded her in death. To this union, four children were born. Later, Hattie married the late Thomas Henderson, and to this union one child was born.

In 1946, the family moved to Detroit, Michigan, residing on the Eastside. She was employed for many years as an Adult Mental Care Center.

Hattie proudly and diligently cared for her children daily and on Saturdays, she put in even more time washing, pressing and braiding the girls' hair in preparation for Sunday church service. Not only did Hattie provide and care for her four girls and her son - the late Pastor James Henderson - but for others who were in need even the generations following. "There was nothing like Grandma, House."

A remembrance of Hattie Lee Warren-Henderson's life would not be complete without a celebration of her devotion to God and service to her church. Hattie united with God's Great Spiritual Kingdom

under the leadership of the late Bishop S.L. Lockett, where she served as a nurse for many years and also played the drums.

In 1984, Hattie moved her membership to God, Universal House of Prayer under the leadership of her son, the late Rev. James Henderson, where she continued to serve as a Nurse, President of the Mothers' Board, and a member of the Executive Board. In 1993, Pastor Robert L. Smith was called to God, Universal House of Prayer, where Mother Hattie Henderson served faithfully under his leadership as his personal nurse, and lent a hand where ever she could for the support of the ministry until her health failed her.

She passed away Monday, June 23, 2003.

She is survived by one brother, Abraham Spires (Gwendolyn) of Lubbock, Texas; four daughters: Louise Sams, Carline Downs, Bobbie Gordon of Detroit, Michigan and Johnnie Lee Smith (Herbert) of Opa Loca, Florida; twenty-nine grandchildren; sixty-five great-grandchildren; forty-two great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Gary Law Firm Sponsors 36th Appreciation Celebration for Indiantown's Rev. J.L. Gary

INDIANTOWN, FL (July 2, 2003) - Prominent attorney and cable television executive Willie E. Gary and his partners sponsored a day of celebration on behalf of the Rev. J.L. Gary, who has served the Evergreen First Baptist Church in Indiantown for more than 36 years.

The day began with an 11 a.m. church service in Rev. Gary's honor at the Evergreen First Baptist Church followed by a Gospel dinner and concert featuring Voices of the South, Legacy, the St. James Baptist Church Male Choir and DJ Mighty Mike.

More than 500 people attended the church service, concert and dinner to pay tribute to the achievements of Rev. Gary. Each partner in the Gary law firm spoke during the service in honor of Rev. Gary and his work ministering to the great people of Indiantown.

"It was a glorious day of celebration," Willie Gary said. "To honor someone for a lifetime of

service to God's calling of the ministry is just incredible. For more than 36 years, my brother has preached the word of God to the people of Indiantown and today, they are here - we all are here - to say thank you for a job well done."

Rev. Gary arrived at Evergreen First Baptist Church in April of 1967. He took on the additional responsibilities of ministering to the congregation of St. Matthew's Baptist Church in Fort Pierce, FL in 1980.

He has served as the president of Congress No. 5 of the South Florida Progressive Association. He also serves as the Association's 1st Vice Moderator, Chairman of the Home Mission Board and member of the Board of Constitution. He is a member of the Minister's Association of Martin County and the Chaplain Board of Martin Memorial Medical Center. He is a member of the Progressive Baptist State Convention of Florida and the National Baptist

Convention.

His younger brother, Willie E. Gary, is known in legal circles as The Giant Killer, for taking on some of America's most powerful companies winning billions in verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients. In addition, he is chairman & CEO of the Major Broadcasting Cable Networks (MBC), the nation's only African American owned and operated 24-hour cable TV network, as well as MBC News; The Urban Voice, a 24-hour news network devoted to African Americans.

In 1994, Gary and his wife, Gloria, founded The Gary Foundation to provide college scholarships and educational support to at-risk students, who wish to attend college. The Gary's have also supported many of Historically Black Colleges and Universities by donating hundreds of millions of dollars to more dozens of schools throughout the country.

Seniors: Living Trusts Are Not for Everyone



By Greg Abbott
Attorney General
of Texas

Our office has heard reports about unethical sales of living trusts. Some victims have paid as much as \$1,800 for a living trust on the advice of door-to-door sales

persons. Too often, the sale is made without regard for whether a living trust really is in the client's best interests. The fact is, for a majority of seniors, a living trust is NOT preferable to a will and a durable power of attorney.

A living trust is a legal document that usually is created for the purpose of allowing another person to assist you in managing your assets while you are alive, and for distributing your assets after you are gone.

A living trust is different from a "living will" (now called a "directive to physicians and family or surrogates"), which expresses your health care wishes about being kept alive or not if you are seriously injured or terminally ill.

A living trust involves three parties: the grantor, the trustee and the beneficiary. As grantor, you transfer ownership and control of your money, property, and other assets to the trust, which is managed by the trustee for the benefit of the beneficiary.

You can serve as the grantor, trustee and the beneficiary of the trust. You can also name another person or an institution such as your bank to serve as the trustee

for you. This option is typically used when you are facing a debilitating or terminal illness that may impair your judgment.

If you are currently serving as your own trustee, the successor trustee will distribute the remainder of the trust after your death. The distribution of your assets after your death will be governed by the directions you provide in the trust document.

Some sales people often lead victims to believe that probate proceedings are overly lengthy and costly, and a living trust should be used in order to avoid probate. In fact, the probate process in Texas is one of the least expensive and simplest in the United States. Also, remember that a living trust is not the only way to avoid probate.

"A living trust will reduce death taxes on your estate" is a frequently used, misleading statement. Most Texans will not face estate taxes. If your estate is subject to taxes, you can use a will to accomplish the same tax savings as a trust, usually at a much lower cost.

Living trusts are not appropriate for the majority of seniors. In fact, for some people, the expense of creating, administering, maintaining and funding a living trust can outweigh the benefit of having a living trust.

In deciding if a living trust is right for you, be sure not to succumb to high-pressure sales tactics. Be wary of phrases like "once in a lifetime," "act now," and "don't let this pass you by." Whether a living trust is an appropriate estate planning tool depends on your personal financial situation, health condition

and goals. For example, living trusts are often appropriate for someone who is facing a serious incapacity like Alzheimer's. You should discuss the benefits and drawbacks with accountants, attorneys and financial planners who are experienced in this area and whom you trust before taking any action.

You should also be cautious about allowing a living trust salesperson to see your assets and your net worth because the salesperson may use this knowledge to sell you inappropriate investments. If you are subsequently contacted by a salesperson offering annuity products, you should be aware that there are several types of annuities, many of which are not appropriate for seniors as a tool for financial planning.

You can find more information on living trusts and other forms of advance planning on the Senior Texans Section of our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us. Be sure also to visit the State Bar's Web Site at www.texasbar.com for information related to this subject.

If you believe you have been victimized by a living trust scam, you can file a complaint in the Consumer Protection Section of our Web site. You can also request a complaint form by calling the Consumer Protection Division at (800) 621-0508. Information on this and other topics is available on the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Smilez's and Southstar's Unique Flavor

Welcome to Orlando where life ain't always a sun soaked, holiday vacation. Where bailers, players, pimps and gangsters hit the steamy streets, looking for action. Where the rhythms of east, west, north and south collide in a wondrous, cultural gumbo. Where SMILEZ A SOUTHSTAR, the most promising MC's to emerge from the sunshine state in a long while are 'bout ready to forever change your perception of southern fried hip-hop with their debut album, CRASH THE PARTY.

"What makes our music so unique is that we've been influenced by everybody," says the animated, baritone-voiced Southstar. "Living in Orlando, we get to hear the Jay-Z's, the Cash Money's, the Trick Daddy's, the Dre's. Everything comes together here."

"We rep for the streets, the hoods, the clubs, from coast to coast and everywhere in between," adds Smilez, the smooth, game-spitting half of the duo.

Born in the Bronx, Smilez honed his rhyme skills performing for the sick and elderly at the hospital where his mother worked, in addition to testing his mettle on the hard knock streets of the legendary Boogie Down. At 17, his mother moved the family to Orlando so Smilez would stay out of trouble. Continuing his passion for words and wit, Smilez began showcasing his skills in local battles and on mix tapes, and opening up shows for rappers like Mobb Deep, Ja Rule, Busta Rhymes, and Terror Squad, earning a reputation as an MC whose street-toughened rhymes and biting humor made him as nice as they come.

Meanwhile, Southstar was also building a devoted following among Florida's rap fanatics. Born to Chinese and Filipino parents in Hawaii, Southstar's family moved to L.A. when he was a baby. But by the time he turned 12, they fled to New Jersey after the devastating Northridge earthquake of '91 destroyed the fam-

ily business. At 15, Southstar moved once again, this time further south, to the palm tree-lined hoods of Orlando. It was here that he would immerse himself in the surprisingly competitive Orlando hip-hop scene, spitting his fast-paced, LA-Jersey flow in the same ciphers as Smilez, opening up shows for Jadakiss, Mr. Checks, The Beatnuts, and Cuban Link, and doing street team promotion for various major record labels to learn the business side of the industry.

"We had heard of each other from playing ball, and we did a freestyle together on a local DJ's mixtape," says Smilez. "The chemistry was there."

But it was long-time friend and famed Bostonian producer Dakari (who was in-house producer for T. C. Records, and has rocked tracks for N'Sync, 0-Town, LFO and 95 South), who brought the two together, and the two hottest young rappers in Florida officially became Smilez & Southstar. "It's crazy. We saw that we had the same personalities. The same energy, the same goals... We even would be thinking about the same things," laughs Southstar about the duo's first encounter.

With the help of Dakari and promotions company StreetDwellaz, Smilez & Southstar snagged a coveted deal with Ted Field's ARTISTdirect Records and immediately began work on their debut album. And so, in between Smilez's tireless shifts working at a local Orlando hotel and Southstar's retail job, the hungry MC's spent late nights and early mornings in the studio creating CRASH THE PARTY.

Of course it doesn't take more than a cursory listen to realize that the verbal dexterity and lyrical wordplay exemplified by Smilez & Southstar on their debut joint is good enough to compete with anybody in the rap game. And that means anybody.

Check out Smilez on the battle rap banger, "Alright": "Any dude sayin' he open like me/ Is on a cold table getting surgery!"

Or hear Southstar brag on the Latin guitar-driven, "What Can You Do": "I.V.'s in my arm cause I'm so ill!"

Indeed, the lead single, "Who Wants This?" (produced by Dakari) with its addicting hook, hyper-fast snare shots, velvety flows and reggae interlude is certain to have radio stations and clubs alike touting the group as more than just up and comers.

But club jams ain't all that's in their arsenal; Southstar raves about "Gully," the hard-knock street anthem which lets all haters know that this duo is 'bout their business when it's time to get dirty. "We came from the streets. And no matter what, that's who we are. The lyrics on this song are crazy and the flow is gully!" Southstar explains.

The epic, symphonic "Tell Me," produced by Orlando's own DJ Nasty, is a brutally honest confession about getting hurt by a female. "This is us trying to figure out why we'd been hurt, through the song. Everybody's been through it but not everybody is strong enough to talk about it."

For those of us who've ever lost someone close, whether it's death, jail or unforeseen circumstances, there's the moving, "Now That You're Gone," on which Smilez, whose mother passed recently and Southstar, who lost his son to a still birth, give particularly heart rendering performances over a riveting piano and guitar progression.

CRASH THE PARTY is a tightly constructed, whirlwind of an album, with songs for the block, the dance floor, the cars, the ladies and family. It not only hits Orlando onto rap's ever-growing map, but establishes Smilez & Southstar as a lyrically gifted tandem that ain't going nowhere but up.

"It's very crazy how complete it is," remarks Southstar about the group's first album. "You can throw it in and not have to worry about changing the CD. It's a journey through our life and yours."

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